



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

It has been a very special week of assemblies and acts of worship. Many of our musicians have been able to showcase their talents through separate piano and clarinet assemblies and every Year group joined today's entertaining and inspiring Poetry Assembly.

Our Year 1 children brought us together on Wednesday for our Mother's Day act of worship. The Year 1 Mums, who were lucky enough to be able to attend, told us how much they enjoyed the service and the special classroom time, shared with their child, after the service had finished. We wish you a very happy Mothering Sunday and know that you will join us in thinking of, and praying for, those who will be honouring the memory of Mums who are no longer with us.

Our core value for March continues as 'love'. We invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. *'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love.'* Romans 12 verses 9-10.

Kind regards

Hannah Puller & Sharon Saunders

Co-Headteachers



GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following children who received Golden Book certificates last week:

YEAR R

Benjamin L
Daniel O-T
Audrey W
Lucy W

YEAR 1

Sophia W
Ariadni F
Lilac names to follow next
week

YEAR 2

Millie B
Edward H
Aleks P
Neve C

YEAR 3

Copper Beech and Silver
Birch whole classes—
enthusiasm during
'Egyptian Day'
Carter C
Sophia K
Theo B

YEAR 4

Matty B
Jessica H
Jasmine T
Leo G

YEAR 5

Scarlett W
Joe F
Chloe A
Hector K

YEAR 6

Jackson A
Oleh K
George C
Amoné J



WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm Lady Boswell's welcome to Mrs Natalia Webb, who joined us this week in The Orchard.

ONLINE SAFETY

With our children growing up in a digital world, helping them to keep safe online is critical. As a result, we wanted to share the following article with you. We hope that you find the resources and information on offer useful.

Vodafone Digital Parenting Magazine Issue 10

The latest edition of Digital Parenting Magazine is available to [view online](#) or schools can [order up to 500 magazines](#) to send home for parents/carers to read. In this resource, Vodafone have put together articles and expert advice on a variety of online safety topics to help parents be better informed and keep their children safer in the digital world.



Vodafone have also developed their [Digital Parenting Pro](#); an interactive resource which provides helpful information about what parental controls and safety settings are available across the most popular apps, games and devices. This is a useful resource to signpost parents/carers to upskill themselves and take steps to keep children safer when accessing the internet and technology at home.

Alongside this, Vodafone have also created a "[Digital Family Pledge](#)", which is another interactive resource designed for families of children aged 5-13 years, to support parents/carers in starting a discussion and setting appropriate 'house rules' on how technology should be used and acceptable behaviour online. Pledges can be made by individuals or the whole family and cover a range of issues including:

- Quality screen time
- Being kind online
- Healthy social media
- Happy gaming





In recognition of their hard work with their times tables, the following KS2 children were, last week, awarded a TT Rock Stars certificate:

YEAR 3 –Cara E and Dexter M

YEAR 4—Anna M & Leo C

YEAR 5—Rachel A

YEAR 6—Jagger B and Emelia M



KING AND QUEEN PHOTO CUT OUT BOARD

We wondered whether any of our 'arty' parents might be willing and able to create a King and Queen/Royal photo cut out board for us to use as a part of our Coronation celebrations. Photos left, are just for information—feel free to create your own design and combine the royal couple!

We would, of course, purchase all necessary materials for this project. If you are able to offer your help, please email hpa@ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk Very many thanks.

SEVENOAKS LOAVES AND FISHES FOOD BANK

As a part of their RE studies, our Year 5 children have been considering the commandment to 'love thy neighbour'. They discussed why 'loving thy neighbour' is important and practical ways that they can do this.

With a visit from a representative of the Sevenoaks Loaves and Fishes Foodbank, the children were inspired to donate food items to this cause, which is providing much-needed support to families in the district.

[For more information about the work that this food bank does, click here.](#)



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MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

With the approach, this weekend, of Mothering Sunday, our Year 1 children led a Mother's Day act of worship.

The children brought smiles to all our faces with Mother's Day themed songs and poems, accompanied by actions.

After the service, the Year 1 Mums, Nans and mother-figures, who were able to attend, visited the Willow and Lilac Classrooms to share some special time and a cake and card made especially for them.



YEAR 2 KENYA WORKSHOP

This week, Year 2 enjoyed a Kenya workshop led by Mrs Rands-Webb. They flew to Kenya on Monday, landing in Nairobi. They then went to a market where the children had the opportunity to barter for goods using Kenyan shillings. They then went on safari, and were lucky enough to see the 'Big 5'. They visited a Maasai village and the boys took part in a jumping competition. Year 2 then flew back to School, just in time for collective worship!



MUSIC SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following violinists on their recent exam success:

Benny M – Grade 2

Annabelle O'G—Grade 1

Myla P – Grade 2

Hannah H – Grade 3





LOVE DANCE

Congratulations to our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Dance Club members. This week they took part in two Love2Dance shows at The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks.

Performing both street and contemporary dances, our performers were given the honour of closing the shows. We understand that it was a sparkling event and that our dancers positively shone. Thank you to dance teacher and choreographer, Miss Johnson.



RED NOSE DAY

Thank you for supporting our Red Nose Day.

It was wonderful to see the School looking so vibrant, with both children and staff sporting red clothing. The School Councillors were thrilled with the response, and are proud to have played a part in supporting this worthwhile cause.



POETRY ASSEMBLY

Today saw our second whole-school Poetry Assembly of this academic year! All classes 'took to the stage' to recite and perform, to the rest of the School, their class poem of choice.

The children enjoyed performing and listening to a huge range of poems:



EYFS – **Dinosaur Dinosaur** by *Unknown*
Lilac – **Wonderful Mother** by Pat O'Reilly
Willow – **My Home-baked Mum** by Angela Yardy
Year 2 – **The Big 5** by Fliss Teague
Year 3 – **Creative Writing** by Gervase Phinn
Holly – **Sick** by Shel Silverstein
Sycamore – **Dog in the Playground** by Allan Ahlberg
Cedar – **Gran, can you Rap?** by Jack Ousby
Hawthorn - **If** by Rudyard Kipling
Oak – **The Pied Piper** by Robert Browning
Elm – **ABC** by Dr. Seuss

Lots of fun was had by those in attendance. A huge well done to all the children and thank you to School staff who have helped the children to prepare and perfect their poem since Book Fortnight. The poem titles and poets will be displayed in both Key Stage library areas for the children to see, should they wish to read them in their own time. What a wonderful celebration of poetry we had!

A MESSAGE FROM THE ECO-COUNCIL ...

The Eco Council has received a reply from Aquafresh about our whole-school, Eco Council-led petition requesting that they make their packaging more eco-friendly! They thanked us for our letter and assured us that they are looking into ways to make their packing 'greener'. We will see how this develops! It was great to receive a response and to hear that our feelings and wishes were taken seriously.

THE BIG CLEAN UP EVENT 25th/26th MARCH 2023

You may have seen the banner promoting this event by the bottom gate. There are no prizes this year - but we're just hoping that our whole School community will head out with gloves and sacks and pick up litter in time for a beautiful and safe spring season! Of course, children should be accompanied by an adult, avoid busy roads (wear hi-vis attire if possible) wear protective gloves and never pick up glass or cans which could be sharp.

Please send a photograph of your efforts to Mrs Rands-Webb (via the School Office) to be awarded an Eco Warrior certificate next term!

WORLD EARTH DAY 21st APRIL 2023

On the first Friday of Term 5, children are encouraged to come to school (walking or cycling if possible!) wearing brown, blue or green (or combination of these) and bring £1 which will go towards new Eco initiatives in School. These will include hedgehog homes for Forest School, more bird boxes to go around our site, wildflower seeds to be planted around our site, aquatic plants to oxygenate the pond, 'Pond' and 'Garden' signs - to raise the profile of these areas.

The Eco Council thanks you in advance for your support!

CleanUp
Sevenoaks

Litter Picking Weekend
25th & 26th March 2023

Visit
www.cleanup.uk.com
for more
information
on how to join in
and stay safe

www.cleanup.uk.com

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The banner features a large green tree character with a smiling face and a small acorn character holding a pitchfork. The background is dark blue with white text. At the bottom, there are logos for Sevenoaks and Sevenoaks Town Council, and a white rectangular box.

This article is taken from Primary News and will be discussed in School next week. Please feel free to discuss this with your child at home. They are then welcome to bring in and share any thoughts or comments that they may have.

In the news this week

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you seen a guide dog? How did you know it was a guide dog?
- > In what ways do you think a guide dog will help someone who is blind or partially sighted?
- > Why do you think lots of people volunteered to help raise guide dogs?

Sight loss charity, The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, has launched an appeal for volunteers to help raise and foster guide dogs. Guide dog users rely on their companions for help inside and outside the home, and for many, for their independence. In a recent documentary shown on the BBC, journalist Sean Dilley told of his relationship with his guide dog, Sammy, who recently retired. After the programme aired, the charity had close to 5,000 people stepping forward to volunteer. Before the Covid 19 pandemic in 2020, there were over 4,800 guide dog partnerships and now there are 3,695. More than one in five people who had a guide dog before then now do not.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

20-26 March



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How important are guide dogs for those in need?

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others



DIARY DATES

TERM 4—DIARY DATES		TERM 5—DIARY DATES	
	Parent Prayer Meetings — 3, 17 and 31 March		Parent Prayer Meetings —to be confirmed
	Term 4 swimming —Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly—23 Feb and 2/9/16/23/30 March		Term 5 swimming —Copper Beech, Silver Birch and Cedar—20/27 Apr and 4/11/18/25 May
24/3/23	School clubs finish (please note that Activity Extra club dates may vary)	17/4/23	First day of Term 5
25 + 26/3/23	Sevenoaks 'Big Clean Up' event—see Eco Council article earlier in this Newsletter	18 & 19/4/23	Parent Consultation Evenings—more information to follow
28/3/23	Prayer Day in School—more information to follow	21/4/23	World Earth Day—children invited to attend School wearing brown, blue or green in exchange for a £1 donation
29/3/23	10.00am Easter Service at St. Nicholas Church for KS2 children — all parents/carers welcome to attend	24/4/23	Year 6—Safety in Action—more information to follow
31/3/23	Last day of Term 4	25/4/23	3.00pm PTA AGM - all welcome. More information to follow
		25/4/23	3.30pm Open Classroom
		1/5/23	Bank Holiday
		5/5/23	Coronation celebrations. 3.20pm parents and carers invited to join us for a picnic on the field—more information to follow
		8/5/23	Bank Holiday
		9/5/23	Adult Mental Health Awareness Week commences
		9/5/23	KS2 SATs week
		14/5/23	PTA Fun Run—please note the revised date. More information to follow
		15/5/23	KS1 SATs commence
		15/5/23	'Walk to School' Week commences
		15/5/23	STEM Week
		24/5/23	9.15am Pentecost Service—led by Year 4. Year 4 parents and carers invited to attend
		26/5/23	PTA 'Break the Rules' Day—more information to follow
		26/5/23	Last day of Term 5