



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

As you will have seen from our Parentmail of Wednesday, our McKinley House Captains announced to the rest of the School that, with immediate effect, their House would be renamed Denali House. The reasons behind this change have been discussed at length with our older children. It has provided us with an opportunity to look at the cultural and historical issues behind this particular change and also a chance to consider the impact that historical events have had on indigenous peoples of other nations too. We were incredibly proud of our Denali House Captains, Harrie and Benny, who spent time researching this change, and who delivered a considered and thought-provoking presentation to the entire School. They also produced two beautiful prayers, which they shared in morning worship, both of which can be seen towards the end of this Newsletter.

With other cultures and traditions in mind, our Early Years children have been investigating the Lunar New Year. We look forward to sharing some pictures with you next week.

Our core value for January continues as 'honesty', and so we invite you to talk to your child about the following Bible passage linked to this value. "...*Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.*" Ephesians 4 verses 24-25.

Best wishes

Hannah Puller & Sharon Saunders

Co-Headteachers



welcome

This week, we have been pleased to welcome to Lady Boswell's, TA, Miss Courtney Cox. She is working in Sycamore Class.

BABY NEWS

We are excited to inform you that Mrs Shead had a little boy this week. Our congratulations to Megan, Lewis and Scarlett Shead on the arrival of baby Bertie.



Below is the set of RULER feeling words that we have been focussing on this week and will continue to focus on next week. Following on from the last set of words, we are now thinking about 'kindness'.

The words are:

- EYFS— Kind
- Year 1— Caring
- Year 2— Thoughtful
- Year 3— Considerate
- Year 4— Attentive
- Year 5— Courteous
- Year 6— Hospitable

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

After half term, we will be enjoying a 'Book Fortnight'. More information will follow regarding plans for this celebration of all things literary. This event will encompass, not only World Book Day (2nd March), but also our annual Travelling Book Fair.

We know how much our parents, carers and children enjoy browsing the books on offer and together, making a selection. Purchases made at the Fair help us to buy more books for the School, and all sales make a huge impact in helping us to stock our libraries with new and exciting publications. This year, we will be running the sales on Monday, 6th and Tuesday, 7th March from 3.20pm to 4.30pm.

It is not possible for us to fully staff the check-outs for the Fair and would be enormously grateful for parent/carer help. If you are able to help at one-or-more of these sessions, please email hpa@ladyboswells.kent.sch.uk. DBS not a requirement.



YEAR 6—VICTORIAN DAY



Last Friday, Year 6 had their belated Victorian Christmas workshop, which had to be postponed due to the snow in December.

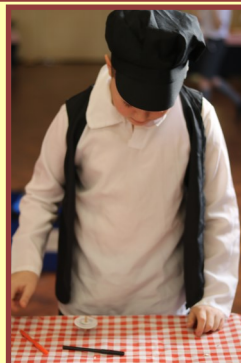
Both pupils and adults really got into the spirit by coming into School in costume. The children were expected to behave impeccably and were given strict rules to follow such as "hats off, sit up straight and only speak when you are spoken to," in true Victorian style.

The morning was spent with the children in free-flow hands-on activities, making everything from leather bookmarks, ribbon-laced baubles, spinning tops, cork boats, candles, spice bags, decorative cones, and Christmas cards. They also had the chance to learn the skill of book-binding. Our thanks to our parent volunteers for sparing the time to support the children across the day.

Before lunch, there were stories about Victorian times - including how the Metropolitan Police first came into being and why our police officers wear blue (to differentiate them clearly from the military who in those days wore red). The pupils also heard how many of our current traditions - including Christmas trees - came from Germany, brought to the UK by the Royal Family.

The afternoon was spent in group work to build up to a Music Hall variety show including: juggling jesters, poets, singers, dancers and a play - with a dash of mind-reading thrown in for fun!

The children got a real sense of a Victorian Christmas and had a very enjoyable and memorable time!



KS1 CROSS COUNTRY TOURNAMENT



On a crisp, cold morning earlier this week, our KS1 children took part in the annual KS1 Cross Country Tournament.

Year 1 and 2 children competed in separate races around the School field, each group being led by a Year 6 'pace setter'. All of the children put in great effort and were keen to represent their houses to the best of their ability.

The overall winners were K2 House. The following children took 1st place; Eve S and Monty M (Year 1) and Avery W and Arthur W (Year 2). Second places went to Emily L and Rupert D (Year 1) and Tilly M and Ethan M (Year 2). Third places went to Sophie W and Jeremy B (Year 1) and Lucy W-S and Noah S (Year 2). Congratulations to every child that took part.





YEAR 5 PRESS CONFERENCE

Year 5 took part in a press conference this week.

After researching the 2004 Boscastle flood, they became journalists. They had the opportunity to put their questions to a Police officer, a Meteorological Office representative and a shop owner about their experience of the floods, the rescue operation and the cause of this disaster. They gathered further information and quotes and will be putting together their newspaper reports next week. We very much look forward to reading them.

YEAR 3—ELECTROMAGNETS

In science, the children in Year 3 are studying forces and magnets. So far, they have looked into the different types of forces and investigated the strength of different magnets. This week they created their very own electromagnets using a battery, copper wire and a steel nail.



RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH—NEXT WEEKEND

The RSPB are, again, inviting everyone to join them in their 'Big Garden Birdwatch.

'Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony, or your local park will play a vital role in helping us understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up for your free guide and let's look out for birds together on 27-29 January.'

For information on how you can be a part of this important event, please click [here](#).



YEAR 4—FOREST SCHOOL



This week our Year 4 Forest School attendees enjoyed time around the fire pit cooking marshmallows and making s'mores!

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 ...

- > Do you watch any influencers online? Talk to others in your home - do they watch influencers?
- > Are there other well-known people that you admire or look up to? What are they known for?

A drink called 'Prime Hydration' has arrived in the UK and as quickly as it arrived, it sold out. The creators of the drink are online influencers KSI and Logan Paul. After opening, some shops saw pushing and shoving as people tried to get their hands on the drinks, with many deciding to limit customers to one bottle per person. The craze did not stop at the supermarket shelves; on eBay the drinks were up for sale for thousands of pounds each. The founders of Prime, KSI and Logan Paul, have a combined YouTube following of over 40 million people.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



DENALI HOUSE CAPTAIN, HARRIE'S PRAYER



Dear God,

Thank you for helping us to see that it is time for us to recognise that Mount McKinley, as we have called it, should in fact be known as its original and intended name, Denali.

Lord help us to always honour the indigenous names of landmarks and countries. Thank you for the awareness of our errors in renaming these places. Let us understand the importance of using the original name and the respect that this shows.

Amen.



DENALI HOUSE CAPTAIN, BENNY'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the beautiful mountains
and seas,

Thank you for the tasty fruit which
grows on the trees,

Sorry for pollution harming all your
wildlife,

Please let us respect others names as
they are special to everyone,

Please let us know what is the right
thing to do,

Let us be guided by your wisdom,

Amen.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA ...



CALLING ALL UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you're anything like us, you're bound to have one or two unwanted or duplicate Christmas presents lingering in the house. We would very much like to take these off your hands to use for future raffles, prizes, hampers etc.

If you would like to donate any items (excluding food items), then please leave them in a carrier bag in the PTA shed (by the bike rack at the main entrance to school).

Thank you in advance for your donations, which will go to good use!



TESCO
Community Grants

Calling all Lady Boswell's School families to get voting! We are delighted to announce that Lady Boswell's PTA have been selected, as one of three charities to be awarded a cash boost from the Tesco Community Grants. Voting will commence around mid January and will continue until 31st March at Sevenoaks Riverhead store. Customers will cast their vote using a Community Grant Token given to them at the checkout each time they shop – if you do not get given one, please ask!

Please help our school's bid by voting when you enter any of the Tesco shops above. The winner will receive £1,500.

Thank you for your continued support.

DIARY DATES

TERM 3—DIARY DATES		TERM 4—DIARY DATES	
	Parent Prayer Meetings —9.00am 13 & 17 January and 10 February		Parent Prayer Meetings — 3, 17 and 31 March
	Term 3 swimming —Copper Beech, Sycamore and Holly Clas- ses—5/12/19/26 Jan and 2/9 Feb		Term 4 swimming —Silver Birch, Sycamore and Holly—23 Feb and 2/9/16/23/30 March
23/1/23	School Clubs commence (Activities Extra dates may vary)	20/2/23	First day of Term 4
24/1/23	Year 6 Anti-crime workshop	20/2/23 —3/3/23	Book Fortnight—more information to follow
3/2/23	NSPCC Numbers Day—please see Parentmail of 11/1/23. £1 donation in return for dressing up in aid of NSPCC	21/2/23	9.15am Lent Service—Year 5 parent/carers invited to attend
4/2/23	PTA Parents' Quiz Night	22/2/23	Year 4 history workshop
6/2/23	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week commences	23/2/23	Year R—'Life Long Ago' workshop
7/2/23	Safer Internet Day	2/3/23	World Book Day—more information to follow
9/2/23	Enrichment Afternoon—more information to follow	6 and 7/3/23	3.20pm Travelling Book Fair Sales—more information to follow
10/2/23	Last day of Term 3	10/3/23	Bentley Class Photos
		15/3/23	9.15am Mother's Day Service— Year 1 parents/carers invited to attend
		15 and 16/3/23	Love2Dance Shows—more information to follow
		24/3/23	School clubs finish (please note that Activity Extra club dates may vary)
		28/3/23	Prayer Day in School—more information to follow
		29/3/23	10.00am Easter Service at St. Nicholas Church for KS2 children —all parents/carers welcome to attend
		31/3/23	Last day of Term 4

QUIZ NIGHT

Lady Boswell's PIA
proudly presents

Quiz Night!

Saturday 4 February 2023

7.30pm - 11pm (Quiz starts at 8pm)

£15 per person

(price includes the Quiz, a drink on arrival and the option of a Fish & Chips supper (alternatively Sausage & Chips or a Vegetarian Sausage & Chips).