



### A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-HEADTEACHERS...

Next Monday, 16th January 2023, is officially 'blue Monday' (the name given to a day in January deemed to be the most depressing day of the year). We are pleased to say that there is no sign of such malaise or despondency here at School. One of the many joys of working in a primary school is the ever-present irrepressible excitement, energy and optimism that young children bring to almost everything that they do!

With excitement in mind, with effect from this term, we are pleased to be piloting Forest School for some of our older pupils. Terms 3 and 4 will see the children from Sycamore Class enjoying the opportunity to try lots of different activities in the Lady Boswell's Forest School, including den building, bushcraft, whittling, camp fires, bug hunting and pond dipping. Our thanks to the parent volunteers who are enabling this to take place. We very much look forward to sharing news and pictures of the children's Forest School journey with you. Equally as exciting, but considerably less messy, Year 6, today, took part in their Victorian Day. We look forward to telling you all about it in next week's Newsletter.

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. 'For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth).' Ephesians 5 verses 8&9.

Best wishes

*Hannah Puller & Sherron Saunders*

Co-Headteachers



## GOLDEN BOOK CERTIFICATES

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

### YEAR R

Neil B  
Toby R  
Akkad A  
Max M

### YEAR 1

Willow whole class—  
settling in well to Term 3  
Ulyana W  
Harry Y

### YEAR 2

Jamie B  
Zoe C  
Isabel J  
Amelia L

### YEAR 3

Copper Beech whole class—  
impressing staff members  
during first swimming lesson

Costi O  
Ralph C  
Ivy B

### YEAR 4

Holly and Sycamore  
Class—representing the  
School so well on their trip  
to London

### YEAR 5

Penelope R  
Sienna B  
Josh A  
Vika B

### YEAR 6

Oak whole class—  
returning to School with  
such enthusiasm and  
positivity  
Tabitha S-M  
Amone J



# welcome

This week, Holly Class have been excited to welcome Thomas D to their numbers.

## CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR FOM



Very many thanks to those of you who made an online donation to FOM this Christmas.

The total raised was £157.00.

We very much hope, at Easter time, with your help, to be able to raise further funds to offer support to our friends at the Mountain of Praise Church Orphanage in Dondo, Mozambique.

## ONLINE SAFETY—USEFUL INFORMATION

We are always striving to encourage our pupils to be mindful of the importance of staying safe online, and to provide them with information to enable them to do so. The SWGfL (South West Grid for Learning), a charity dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology globally, have published a pamphlet on how to best to keep safe whilst using online software and games. With a new generation of young people starting to use multiplayer games, we wanted to share this pamphlet with you. It provides advice on reporting and blocking, online socialisation and much more.

Click [here](#) to access this pamphlet.

In addition, we wanted to share with you some recently published parental guidance, from the NSPCC, on the use of VR headsets. Please click [here](#) to access this information.

## YEAR 4—'THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE



Continuing with their English topic of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, Year 4 created their own stunning Aslan mosaic.

In the allegory of The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Aslan represents Christ. In the book, Aslan dies to save Edmund's life and his subsequent resurrection are clear references to the life of Christ.

The Holly and Sycamore classrooms are now guarded by this stunning Aslan mosaic created by the children in oil pastels.



## DO YOU HAVE A CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023?

Just a polite reminder that, if you have a child due to start school in September, 2023, that the Primary Admissions application process closes at midnight on the 16th January.

For more information on the application process, please click [here](#).

## YEAR 2—'HEALTHY HUMANS'

Earlier this week, Year 2 made fruit kebabs as part of their learning on the topic 'Healthy Humans'. The children designed their fruit kebabs, ensuring that they were as appealing as possible and that they contained a range of fruit. Unsurprisingly, they very much enjoyed eating the kebabs as their break time snack!



## FOREST SCHOOL – YEAR 4

Forest School is a good way to learn practical skills and to develop confidence and resilience in a natural outdoor woodland environment. We are spoilt to have a stunning Forest School on site, which backs onto Knole Park, allowing the children (when quiet) to be joined, on the other side of the fence by some furry friends!

A group of our Year 4 children enjoyed their first Forest School session this week, led by Miss Harris. They learnt new skills and got very muddy!

Palm drills were used, hammocks were hung, mud faces were splattered onto tree trunks and den building took place! This is the first of 6 sessions for this group of children, who showed fantastic engagement with this new style of learning. Again, our thanks to our parent volunteers; this wouldn't be possible without you!



We hope that you enjoyed last week's first Primary News 'Take Home' page. This article is what we will be discussing next week, in School. Please feel free to discuss this with your child. They are then welcome to bring in and share any thoughts or comments that they may have.

# TAKEHOME

16 - 22 January

## In the news this week

Many of us are increasingly reusing, repairing, and upcycling items, instead of throwing them away and replacing with new ones, according to experts. Upcycling shop, the Repair Café in Wales believes, that because of the cost of living crisis, people are making the most of what they already have. Throwaway culture has been the norm since the 1950s but now appears to be declining.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think repair cafés are a good idea?
- > If there were a repair café near you, would you use it? What types of things might you take?
- > Do you have any repairing skills? Is it something you would like to learn?



Do we throw things away too easily?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



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

# Homes for Ukraine

Can you offer a spare room for six months?

Find out more about welcoming a Ukrainian family at our host events:

**Wednesday 18 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

at Swanley Link, BR8 7AE

**Thursday 19 January 6.30pm to 8.30pm**

at The Vine Evangelical Church, Sevenoaks, TN13 3AT



To find out more email [homesforukraine@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sevenoaks.gov.uk)

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