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Dear Parents and Carers

Another week in school has flown by! Last week we celebrated our school **Science Week** which was very much enjoyed by all the children.

All year groups completed a variety of experiments; plant growing, jelly investigations, playdoh making, jumping colours, making slime, making salt crystals and exploding volcanoes. Years four, five and six even had staff from Valley Park Secondary School to come and help with one of theirs. We have a few photographs to share with you:

Our **EYFS** children are really enjoying growing beans! The first photo is when they were planted and the second photo is the second week growth. Each week they will be observing them very carefully. Children will spend time discussing what they can see, taking photographs, making their own drawings and measuring how big they get (hopefully not too big!!!) all whilst enjoying Jack and the Beanstalk!!!



In Year One, we investigated whether adding different fruits to jellies affected the time in which it took to set.



Year 2 enjoyed making exploding volcanoes during science week. We used bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to make the volcanoes erupt!



In Year 3, we investigated what happens when you place kitchen roll between containers with liquid and containers without. We learnt about capillary action and colour theory.



In Year 4, we looked at different chemical reactions that occurred when we made slime.

"This is the best experiment ever!"
(Year 4 child)

Year 5 had a super session with Valley Park teachers and pupils learning about the scientific processes of evaporation and filtration, making salt crystals that develop over time. The children are looking forward to these evaporating fully and the crystals forming as we hope!



Year 6 also enjoyed their science lesson with our Valley Park visitors!!!





Easter raffle:

Each class are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Raffle. Tickets are on sale this week (£2 a strip) from your child's class. Money raised will be donated to See Ability.



Parents Evenings:

All parents should now have received letters and the link to sign up to our upcoming parents' evenings. If you have any difficulties accessing the link or signing up please contact your class teacher.

Parents evenings will take place in both halls with children's books available for parents to look at in classrooms. Please can all parents ensure that their children do not play with or disturb any classroom resources when visiting the classrooms. If parents are not sure where to go please do ask a senior member of staff who will be present in both halls.

World Book Day:



The children had a fantastic day in EYFS and Key Stage 1 for World Book Day. We all enjoyed seeing each other's costumes in assembly. A huge thank you to all the parents for your help and support with these.

EYFS enjoyed lots of activities around the story of Superworm by Julia Donaldson. We enjoyed watching a live storytelling session with Jane Considine, the creator of our Book Talk and Sentence Stacking lessons in English. Year 1 also joined in with a workshop with Axel Scheffler, the illustrator for our favourite books by Julia Donaldson. We created a large collage linked to the story of the Queen's Hat by Steve Antony. We have loved learning about London!

The children got to choose which teacher they would go to at the end of the day for a story time session in year 1 and 2, Mrs Summerton's choice of The Diddle that Dumbled was very popular!

Year 2 also enjoyed a book tasting session, with the tables set up as a picnic whilst they wrote book reviews.

School Reading Bus:

We are very excited to tell you all that our school reading bus has now arrived and is in situ!!! We are now planning the next stage of the project which will involve the exterior décor and internal refurbishment before we start fundraising to stock the bus with lots of exciting and motivational books for the children to enjoy.

The Bus Arrives!



The bus appeared coming down Egremont Road towards us. Would it fit through the gates?

Carefully the driver moved through the gates and down the path. It did make us stop and stare to see a bus driving down the path.

The driver carefully reversed the bus into its final place with the help of Mr Hill. It looks good sitting along the path just by the Y1 playground.

It was really exciting to see the bus arrive – we're looking forward to see our brilliant reading bus take shape.



Theatre Performance at the Hazlitt Theatre: Easter Holiday Period

We have two year six students and one member of staff who are taking part again in the Scout Gang Show production to be shown at the Hazlitt theatre during the Easter holiday.

All of them have been putting in a lot of time and commitment along with the Scout volunteers since the rehearsals started in September. Please see the flyer below for information on how to book for this amazing performance!

Maidstone Scouting Presents

Maidstone Gang Show

Hazlitt Theatre, Earl Street, Maidstone
9th April - 13th April 2024
www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk
Box Office - www.hazlitttheatre.com

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MAIDSTONE

Book your Tickets NOW!!

Maidstone Gang Show is a family variety show performed by a cast of over 75 talented performers from Maidstone Scouting.

Come and celebrate our return to the stage. Packed full of modern songs, dance routines with comedy and sketches featured throughout.

Maidstone Gang Show is great entertainment for all the family.

Tickets are exclusively available from the Hazlitt Theatre.

Book online at www.hazlitttheatre.com
by phone - 01622 758611
or in person from the Box Office

Further information available at www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk

Performances

Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th April - 7:30pm
Saturday 13th April - 2:00pm & 7:30pm

Tickets - £15.00*
* Price of tickets does not include P&P

Scouts

Maidstone East and Maidstone West Scout Districts are both registered Charities

Dates for your diaries:

25th March Year 4 Trip to Horton Kirby
26th March Parents Evening
27th March Parents Evening
27th March PHSE Parents Meeting 9am
27th March PHSE Parents Meeting at 9am

28th March Spring Dash

On Thursday 28th March, we have our spring dash. The children are welcome to wear colours that they associate with spring. Please ensure they are wearing trainers so that they can do their dash.

28th March End of Term

15th April Start of Term 4
29th April Year 3 Trip to Bedgebury
29th April Author visit to KS2
30th April Year 2 Castles and Knights Workshop
1st May EYFS Trip to Tyland Barn
3rd May Football Dash (pm)
6th May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Woolcombe
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carer

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP OPEN TO CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 to 6

Active Future Maidstone, working in partnership with Kent Holiday Activities & Food Programme are running an Easter multi activity 4-day programme. We will be running the event again from Madginford Village Hall, Maidstone, ME14 8LH. The programme is FREE to all children who qualify for pupil premium, via free school meals (will have received an E Voucher)

This camp is open to children in Years 1 to 6 and will run from Monday 8th April through to 11th April.

Times: 10.00 am - 2.00pm

Drop off and Registration period: 10.00 am – 10.15 am

Collection period: 2.00pm

Children can be booked onto multiple or individual days.



This is being run by the great coaches from Active Future Maidstone and each day will be full of fun activities and competitions. Fresh fruit and a hot nutritious lunch provided every day (included in the programme)

A typical day may look like the following but is subject to change:

10.00 am – 10.15 am: Early drop off period and Registration

10.15 – 11.00 am: Street games such as bulldog and a variety of tag games

11.00 am – 12.00 pm: A Carousel of activities including Nerf Battles, Active Nutritional Games, Traditional Sports such as Basketball, Football, Cricket, Rounders and lots more.

12.00 pm – 1.00 pm: Lunch and Free Play.

1.00 pm – 2.00 pm: A Carousel of activities including Arts & Crafts and Non-Traditional Sports such as Ultimate Frisbee, Handball, Den Building, Quidditch and lots more.

2.00 pm-2.15 pm Collection time

If you have an E Voucher all you need to do is log onto the Holiday activities app and book your children on (single day or multiple days available) Places are limited so book as soon as you can.

We do have places available for those children not utilizing E vouchers, for more information on costs email Mike Dyson (Managing Director) on the following email afmaidstone@activefuture.info with details of your child's name and what days you wish to book them onto. Or alternatively call 07434 793372