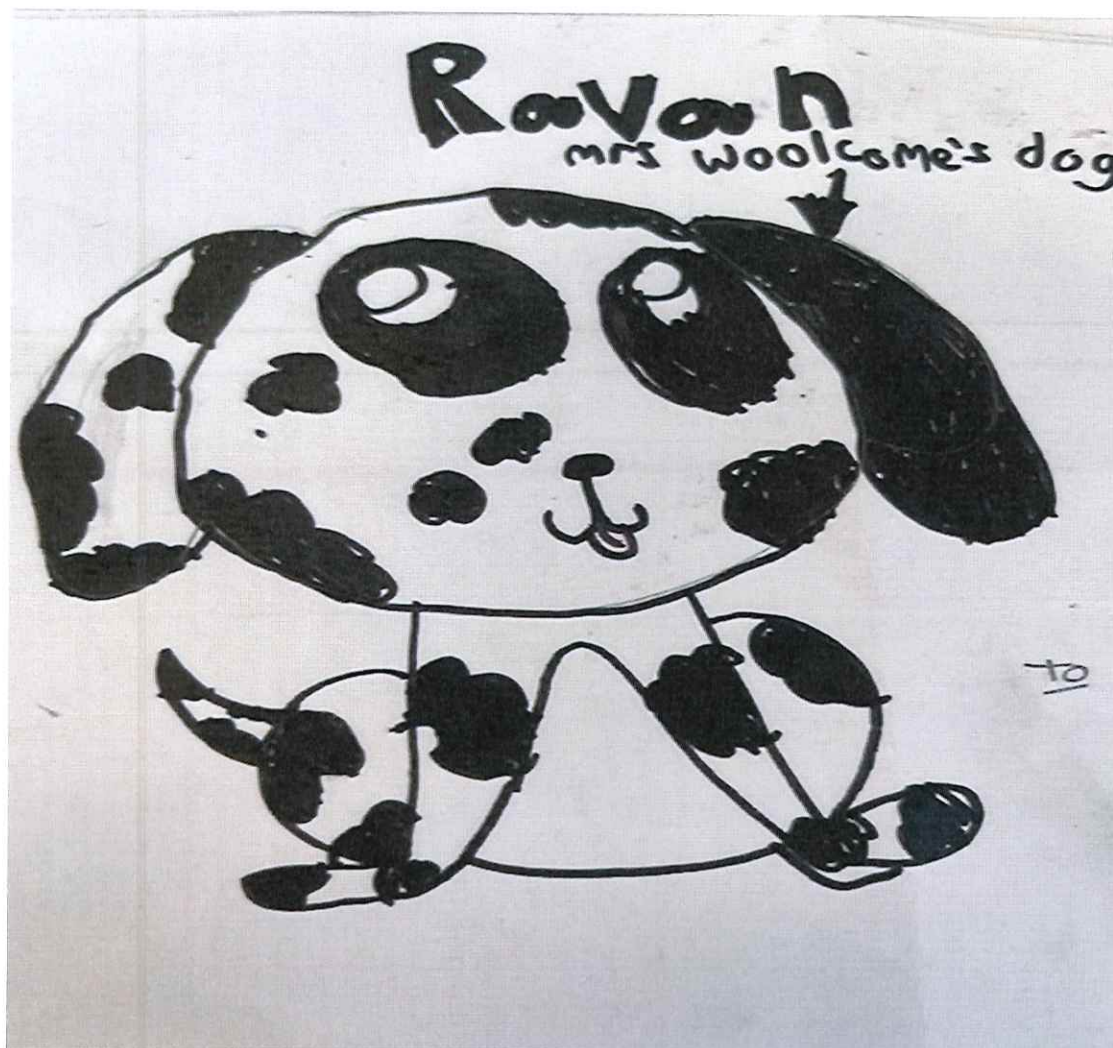


Dear Parents and Carers

Another term has come to an end and it has been very busy indeed. The children enjoyed a fantastic Science Week organised by Mrs Fisher and an exciting World Book Day organised by Miss Chaplin and Mrs Cross. The term has culminated in the arrival of our Reading Bus!!! We held our first Inclusion Coffee Morning and look forward to organising these on an ongoing basis. **The next Inclusion Coffee Morning will take place on: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024** with Mrs Farrell/Mrs Hodges (SENCOs) and Mrs Avis our school Family Liaison Officer.

The children and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed Ravenears (Raven) visits !!! This fantastic picture is by Mia in Miss Perkins Class (Year 3)





Next term we will be holding our final Community Week which we are really looking forward to. This concludes our three Community Weeks that have taken place during the year. A big thank you to Mr Day and Miss de Costobadie for all their hard work with this. **Community Week takes place the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May.** We look forward to sharing the completed projects with you all.

#### 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](http://www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk)  
Box Office - [www.hazlitttheatre.com](http://www.hazlitttheatre.com)

 **scouts**

 **HAZLITT THEATRE**  
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 **MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## 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](http://www.hazlitttheatre.com)  
by phone - 01622 758611  
or in person from the Box Office

Further information available at [www.maidstonegangshow.co.uk](http://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

#### Safeguarding:

We have had a few concerns this term with children accessing WhatsApp and hope the information below will be useful to parents and carers. Children have reported that they can feel pressure to respond to messages even when they do not wish to be part of the chat or are just busy doing other things.





## Keep your child safe on WhatsApp

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### What are the risks?

- › Bullying, particularly in group chats
- › Seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred
- › Settings that allow messages to disappear after 24 hours or 7 days. This could make it harder to track bullying, and your child might share things they wouldn't otherwise because it'll disappear
- › Sharing their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person
- › Spam or hoax messages
- › Being exposed to strangers through group chats

WhatsApp says the **minimum age** to use it is **18**, but younger children can still use it easily.

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### 6 steps to help your child use WhatsApp safely

#### 1. Keep their personal information and location private

By default, WhatsApp shows profile photos, status and when you last used it to all users.

Encourage your child to only share this information with their contacts, and be careful about who they talk to on the app, as anyone could pretend to be a child online.

To check and change these settings:

- › On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp (the cog icon), then Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to
- › On **Android**, tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to

WhatsApp also has a feature that you can use to share your 'live location' with others. Tell your child to keep this turned off, or to only share their location with people they trust.

To check this:

- › On an **iPhone**, go to phone Settings (the cog icon) > WhatsApp > Location, and tap to change if you need to
- › On **Android**, go to privacy settings as above, then scroll down to 'Live location', and tap to change if you need to

#### 2. Remind your child to be careful about what they share

It's easy to forward messages, photos and videos to others on WhatsApp. Even if your child sets a message to automatically disappear or deletes it after sharing it, the person they send it to could still screenshot it, forward it to someone else, or save it.

So before they share anything, tell them to ask themselves: "Would I want others to see what I'm about to send?"

#### 3. Remind your child they can leave group chats

If they see something they're not comfortable with in a group chat, or are in a chat with someone they don't know and are uncomfortable with, they should leave the group. To do this:

- › On an **iPhone**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit group
- › On **Android**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit

#### **4. Make sure your child knows how to report and block people**

When they first receive a message from an unknown number, they'll have the option to report it.

If someone in your child's contacts is upsetting them or making them uncomfortable, they can report or block them at any point (WhatsApp won't tell the user they've been blocked/reported).

To do this:

- › On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp, go to Account > Privacy > Blocked > Add New..., then find the contact they want to block, and tap the contact
- › On **Android**, tap the 3 dots icon, then Settings, then tap Account > Privacy > Blocked contacts, tap the icon in the top right showing a person and a plus sign, search for the contact they want to block, then tap the contact to block them

To report issues like offensive or abusive content or spam:

- › On an **iPhone**, open the chat with the user you want to report, tap the contact then then tap Report Contact > Report And Block
- › On **Android**, open the chat with the user you want to report, then tap the 3 dots icon, then > More > Report

#### **5. Encourage your child to watch out for spam and hoax messages**

These can appear to come from contacts, as well as people they don't know. Tell your child to watch out for messages that:

- › Ask them to tap on a link, or specifically to click on a link to activate a new feature
- › Ask them to share personal information like bank account details, date of birth or passwords
- › Ask them to forward the message
- › Say they have to pay to use WhatsApp
- › Have spelling or grammar errors

#### **6. Tell our school about any bullying they experience**

Look for signs they your child may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep.



### Special Mention:



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Madginford Primary School entered the Upper Key Stage 2 Mixed netball tournament. The team played and represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating great skill and sportsmanship. 18 teams took part, and we were beaten in the semi-final. It was a very close game, with a draw at full time. Unfortunately, we lost to a golden goal being scored in extra time.

### Parents Evening:

Thank you to all of you for your support with our parents evenings. We hope you found them valuable and that they provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and progress of your child.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Start of Term 5

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 3 Trip to Bedgebury

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Author visit to KS2 (pm)

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April Inclusion Coffee Morning 9am KS2 Hall

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April Year 2 Castles and Knights Workshop

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May EYFS Trip to Tyland Barn

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Football Dash (pm)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May Crazy Hair Day

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May Class Photographs (whole school)

Week commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May KS2 SATS (Year 6)

Week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May Whole School Community Week

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 2 Trip to Horton Kirby

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May PHSE Parents Meeting 9am KS2 Hall

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May End of Term 5

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June Start of Term 6

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Year 4 Multiplication Check

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June EYFS Hearing & Vision Screening (re-tests)

Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Phonics Check

Week commencing Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 PGL France

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June Year 3 Rock Day

Week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June PGL UK

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June Year 1 Trip to Port Lympne

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Sports Day (reserve Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July in case of bad weather)

Week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July Sports Week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July Reports to Parents/Carers

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July Teddy Bear Dash (pm)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Year 6 Prom

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July End of Term

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fayre

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Start of Term 1 ( Academic year 2024/2025)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Woolcombe', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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 8<sup>th</sup> April through to 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:afmaidstone@activefuture.info) with details of your child's name and what days you wish to book them onto. Or alternatively call 07434 793372