

Sports Leaders 2019-20

A little later than usual in the year (due to Mr Allen's broken leg!), here are our Sports Leaders for this academic year:



Congratulations to Enjgell, Riley, Jasmine and Macy (6W), Kacy, Hattie, Thomas and Sam (6S), Jude, Lilia, Mercie and Bobby (6I), Seth, Megan, Joe and Isla (6G). The children have excelled in a range of sports including football, rugby, cricket, netball, parkour, cross country and athletics. They will be assisting the coaches throughout the year.

START EARLY

DRIVE SLOWLY

REACH SAFELY

We are running a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' competition.

The competition is to design and make a poster about how to be bright outdoors in the dark. Please label your entry with your name and class.

There will be one winner from each year group who will be awarded a prize.

We are also selling 'Be Bright, Be Seen' items for your coats, bags and shoes. These will be 50p each.

Make sure you stay visible this winter to keep you safe.

Tegan and Bradley, Year 6

Romeo and Juliet - stories change, kids don't!



Following our success of all things Shakespeare at the Theatre Royal, The Elite Commercial dancers along with Mrs Seeney and Ms Websper, went off on Thursday, to the first dance competition of the year; run by Thanet PasSport, at St Lawrence College.

The dancers had worked on a modern retelling of Romeo and Juliet through street dance, choreographed by Mrs Seeney and ex student Ashton. The dancers expressed the story beautifully using a combination of lifts, fast footwork, intricate moves and clever choreography. They were professional, exciting to watch and well rehearsed. This energetic routine combined with their excellent story telling skills helped make them fierce competition for the other 6 schools.

All schools had very strong entries, with a range of dance styles and story lines to showcase. The competition was judged by three judges who marked the pieces independently on a criteria that included fluidity, style and content.

Once the marks were tallied, St Peter's had won with 266 points closely followed by Holy Trinity, whose entry was a solo piece by a Year 6 pupil called Tilda, who danced with both skill and emotion in a lyrical style.

A massive congratulations and thanks to Mrs Seeney, who always sends our dancers out looking professional and slick. We are really lucky to have her! Look out for more arts news, coming soon.

Letters home this week-

Whole school:

- Operation Encompass letter (email)
- Christmas Dates letter (email)

Year 3:

- iPad introduction and information (paper and email)

Year 3 French lesson

This term Year 3 enjoyed a French lesson from Mrs Holman. They all seemed to really enjoy learning new French words.

A big thank you to Mrs Holman for giving up her free time to come into school.



Reminders

iPad Reminder for all pupils

- Please can all children remember to bring the iPads into school **every day** next week. They must be fully charged and switched on. Thank You.
- **Year 5** - Please note: Kingswood next payment is due today (22/11/19). Please pay online or at the school office.
- **Year 3 parents and carers** – there will be an iPad information meeting at 9am next Wed 27th Nov for those wishing to know more about this year's iPad scheme.

Star of the Week

3W: Jonas R – for some amazing ideas in literacy this week!

3H: Lucia G – for a well crafted story describing an 'Escape from Pompeii'.

3T: Poppy Y – for great focus and improved confidence in maths this week.

4NB: Anabel O'K – for working so hard and being so helpful and polite.

4S: Lilly-May M – for gaining increasing confidence and showing passion for her literacy story.

4E: Daisy W – producing excellent, descriptive English work.

5S: Poppy D – for quiet, keen and conscientious learning this week, and every week.

5W: John P – much improved attitude to learning and thoughtful ideas in literacy.

5B: Matilda G – for her sensible, mature attitude and great approach to her learning.

6I: Evie S – for an excellent attitude towards her work especially in English.

6S: Layla B – for a super attitude to work and some pleasing recent artwork.

6W: Evie P – for great focus in lessons, always doing the right thing and being a lovely person.

6G: Luca B – for his excellent effort and work in English.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

A Midsummer Night's Dream write up from Mr Landeman, former GCSE drama examiner: 'A Dream Comes True'.

Before a word was spoken, it was clear that this performance would be in a different league to those from earlier in the evening. Bright, imaginative costumes were exactly right for the play itself and for the bare, black-draped stage and the audience at once had something worth looking at. When that first word was spoken, like all that followed, it was clearly projected to even the furthest corners of the Theatre Royal. Now the audience was certain something special was about to happen. The opening speech by Theseus sets the tone for this play, supposedly written by Shakespeare for the wedding celebrations of a court noble, and the actor in this case created a sense of occasion. One could almost feel the audience leaning towards the stage in anticipation and they were to be fully rewarded.

It is rare to see Shakespeare performed well by young amateur actors, but this company rose effortlessly above any such modest expectations, taking the audience with them on a journey through this necessarily condensed version. Characters were clearly identifiable not just through costume and make up but through the ability of the actors to individualise them. The audience laughed in the right places and for the right reasons, whether prompted by a facial expression, a line of dialogue or a visual joke. The performers consistently demonstrated their understanding of the play and the needs of an audience through unwavering concentration and exceptional control of movements and of stillness when required, for instance in changing the setting from royal court to woodland glen to fairy kingdom by using their physical shape and positioning. Narrative links were effectively used to keep the audience in touch with the story and the use of song and music played live added to the richness of this production and echoed elements of the original seventeenth century performance.

This was a truly ensemble piece with equal importance given to all so it seems unfair to pick any individual performers out. However, the main source of humour in the play stems from the group of labourers known as the Mechanicals and they stand or fall on their Bottom. Here we had an actor prepared to take on this clowning role and play it for every laugh he could get and his success demonstrated the degree of confidence and competence shown by the whole cast only developed through hard work in rehearsals and excellent directing by their teacher, Ms Jayne Websper.

Dates for the Diary

Term 2

Wed 27th Nov 9am - iPad information meeting for Year 3 parents

Thurs 28th Nov – Open Day for Year 2 Parents and Children (9.30am and 6.30pm) No need to book.

Fri 29th Nov - (6W & 6G) visit to Turner Centre

Fri 6th Dec - (6I & 6S) visit to Turner Centre

Mon 2nd - Thurs 5th Dec- Christmas Shop.

Thurs 5th Dec - Choir to sing at Buckmaster

Friday 6th Dec - Santa's Grotto at St. Peter's

Mon 9th Dec (AM) - Year 5 & 6 trip to Pantomime

Mon 9th Dec - Triple Threat drama performance for parents 4pm

Wed 11th Dec - 3H Nativity 9.30am

Wed 11th Dec - 3W Nativity 1.30pm

Thurs 12th Dec - 3T Nativity 1.30pm

Fri 13th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 13th Dec (PM) - Year 4 Christmas parties

Fri 13th Dec (AM) - Years 3 & 4 trip to Pantomime

Fri 13th Dec (PM) - Year 6 to the Baptist Church-Christmas Unwrapped

Mon 16th Dec - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Service- St. Andrews Church 1.30pm – All Welcome

Mon 16th Dec (AM) –Year 5 Christmas parties

Mon 16th Dec (PM) - Year 5 Film afternoon

Mon 16th Dec (PM) - Year 6 Christmas parties

Tues 17th Dec (PM) - Year 3 Christmas parties

Tues 17th Dec - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Service-St. Peters Church 1.30pm – All welcome

Wed 18th Dec - Christmas Dinner for pupils

Wed 18th Dec – End of term 1.30pm Finish

All Christmas events and activities on separate letter which was emailed this week.

All school events can be found on our website under 'events' – please check back weekly for additions and changes to our events – we are a busy school!