



Summer Term

Friday, 3rd July 2020

Christian Values

Our Christian Values are more important than ever during these uncertain times. Our on site "bubbles" have been added to our class lists below. This week we are pleased to recognise the following for their endeavours:

Walter B PERSEVERANCE	R	For trying really hard with his home learning
Lily B RESPECT	1	For her hard work made beautiful by her excellent handwriting
Archie M PERSEVERANCE	2	For working so hard with his home learning
Alicia R PERSEVERANCE	3	For continuation of great perseverance and resilience with all school work, in particular her reading
All of Class 4 LOVE & PERSEVERANCE	4	For showing such love and perseverance when writing their Indian animal poems
Sophia M PERSEVERANCE	5	For being observant and spotting mistakes
James H & Seth W PERSEVERANCE	6	For showing dedication in catching up with work
Jasmine M PERSEVERANCE	Ap	For great effort in her writing
Murphy W	Bo	For working so hard to join up his handwriting
Poppy B PERSEVERANCE & COURAGE	An	For being keen to start her times-tables maths test
Rosanna K COURAGE	Bu	For showing courage joining our group this week

Dear Parents/Carers,

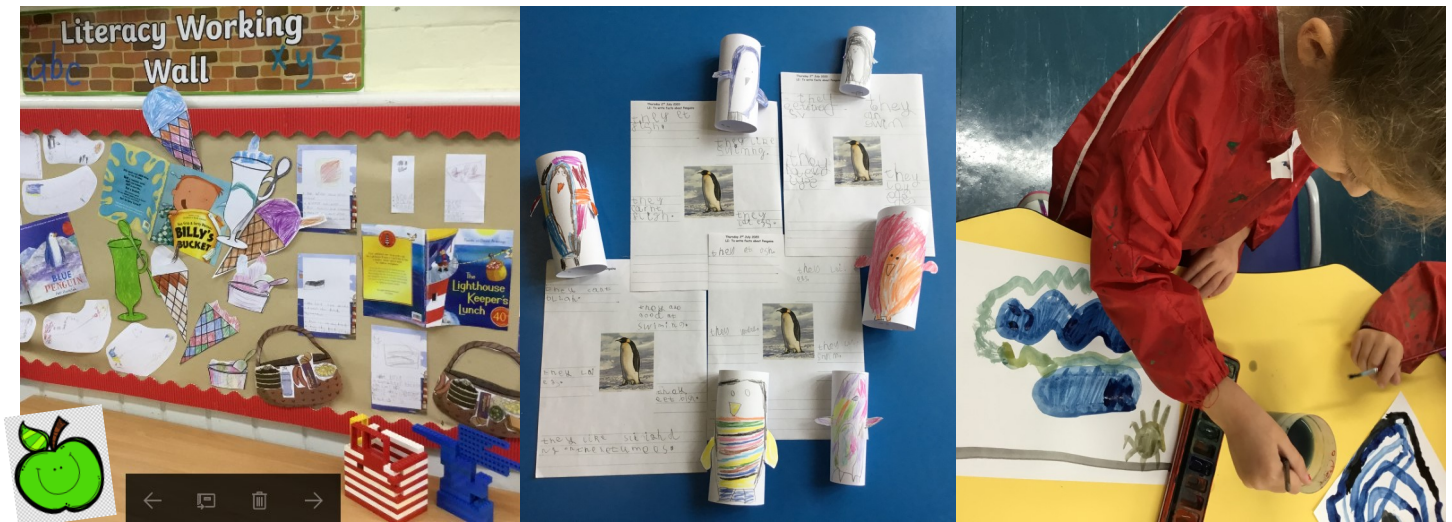
One of the better aspects of life during this Pandemic has been seeing unexpected surprises in many different ways. Whether it is the surge of relief when a difficulty is resolved, the happiness of finally being able to safely see friends or family members, the joy of receiving a letter, gift or message to break the humdrum routine, each of these—and many more—provide a glimpse of **hope** and, sometimes, **humility**—when we recognise someone busier, seemingly more important, or senior takes notice. This week, I enjoyed a clip of the Princess Royal reading a story in support of 'Save the Children', a charity she has supported for many years. You can see more on Save the Children's social media links, but it's a lovely example of someone eminent taking time to recognise and support others, in a way that gives no sense of their importance or role.

It is very easy to feel overwhelmed by difficulty, or the position and privileges of others. Far better for our self-esteem and that of our children, to find inspirational role models whose actions and attributes do not belittle, or disenfranchise, others in any way. Sometimes a hard task in itself! Examples of humility can also be seen in service—with those who willingly give their time, energy and help to support others. So, whilst we are all anticipating a closer-to-normal return to school in September, thank you to the staff and Governors who will work through the Government Guidance to ensure we adhere to the requirements; further thanks to the parents, families and friends for supporting our children during this difficult time; and thank you to our children for continuing to shine brightly in all they do at home & school. Have a safe and happy weekend, Miss Minnis



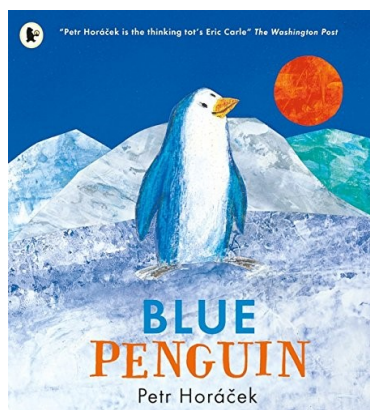
Class News

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APPLES have been really enjoying their seaside topic and the books linked to their learning. This week, they particularly enjoyed learning about Penguins and watching them live at the Edinburgh zoo! <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/penguin-cam/>

YEAR R BUTTERFLIES have been busy investigating creatures of the sea this week. Year R have been looking at the story of "Blue Penguin". We have had a fantastic week of penguin making activities. We made a waddle of penguins with one blue penguin hiding among them and an arctic scene with penguins that rock to and fro.



Well, our two intrepid characters from the adventure have finally found their way home and the competition is at an end. The places on the leaderboard changed frequently with the final results being: Florence and James tied for first place on points scored, with Ana following up - only one point behind! Mrs Sweeney got a commendable 4th place after giving the pupils a headstart for the first week.

Well done everyone!

DID YOU KNOW - This is the first time since WWII that Wimbledon has not taken place. Here is another Wimbledon special fact for all you quizzers out there:



1976 Wimbledon Men's Tennis: Sweden's **Björn Borg** beats **Ilie Năstase** of Romania 6-4, 6-2, 9-7 for the first of 5 straight Wimbledon titles

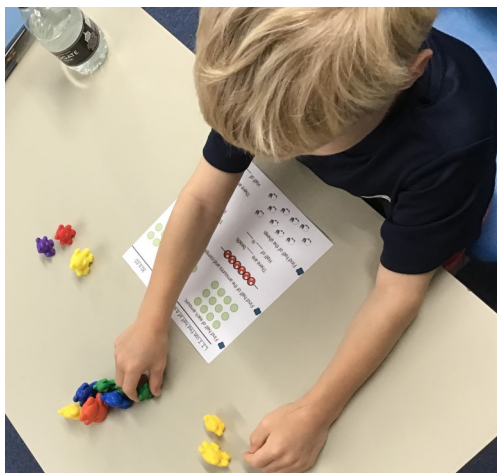


Year 1 Butterflies have been looking at Sharks and have written amazing sentences full of adjectives. We all joined together and made shark bookmarks and shark puppets with fierce snapping teeth.



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BOATS have been learning about half and quarter. We used counting bears and sorted these into equal groups.



ANTS have enjoyed a musical interlude this week with some fun 'call and response' activities arranged by Mrs Robinson. We hope to make use of these with our families at home too. Here's the online keyboard to have a go at some 'tuned call and response' for you...


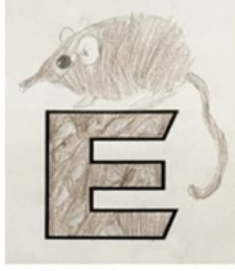

<https://www.imusic-school.com/en/tools/online-piano-keyboard/>



TimesTablesRockStars: Thank you for continuing to support your children with this initiative. Well done to all those who battled in the UKS2 boys vs girls challenge. Girls won! Thank you also to everyone in Y4 who have taken part in the TimesTables SoundCheck. It will help us with our preparation for the national timestables tests next year. **There is still time for Y4s to spend 5 minutes testing skills over this weekend if you haven't managed it yet.**

Upper Key Stage 2 (UKS2)

After working hard on the challenges posed by the language in classic texts, UKS2 are now testing their inference and deduction skills with our new Class Reader - 'Love That Dog'. It's a fascinating narrative about a reluctant boy's journey through poetry. We have been using our poetic and artistic skills for a 'secret' project that we will share with you another week. But here's a teaser...

Sophie's Mouse Poem:	Flo's Elephant Shrew Poem:	Kiana's Parrot Poem:
<p>Along came a little mouse Looking for some cheese. 'Share mine,' the little girl said. The mouse exclaimed 'Yes please!'</p>	<p>Next she saw an elephant shrew Who cried out "Please help me, A scaly lizard is following And wants me for his tea!"</p>	<p>A parrot came limping past, His expression dull and dry. 'Silly parrot,' said the girl 'Birds don't walk, they fly!'</p>
		
<p>Thank you little girl. I now feel so much better. For a token of my thanks, Please accept this letter.</p>	<p>The girl chased away the lizard. The shrew jumped with glee. "How can I ever thank you? I know, please take this E"</p>	<p>'Why, thank you,' said the parrot, 'My legs were beginning to tire. But take this letter from me, As your need is more dire.'</p>

Submit your stories today

Now open: 500 Words: Black Lives Matter
story-writing competition

Join [500 Words](#), the world's largest story-writing competition for pupils aged 5-13, and one of your pupils could be in with a chance of winning an unforgettable day out with Virgin Radio.

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Teachers: please also register as a competition judge!

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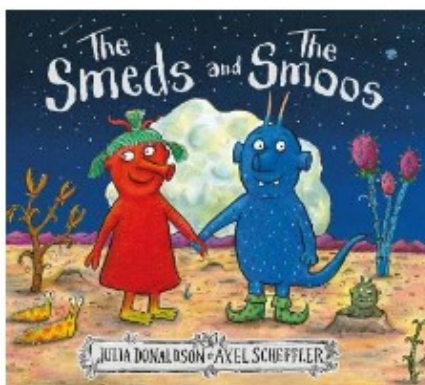
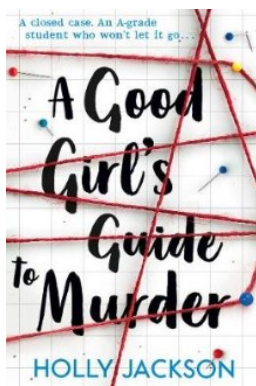


Looking for Reading Inspiration?

2020 British Book Awards Winners

British Book Awards Children's Fiction Book of the Year was *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.

British Book Awards Children's Illustrated/ Non-Fiction Book of the Year was *The Smeds and The Smoods* by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler.



Looking after children and young people during the coronavirus outbreak

Visit the [Every Mind Matters](#) website to find 10 top tips for helping to look after mental health during this time. Remember - you are not alone! If you need help or directions to resources, email office@chevening.kent.sch.uk.



TOPPSTA

MORE Summer Reading Challenges



In addition to the [Kent Libraries "Silly Squad"](#) summer reading challenge, Toppsta (a brilliant [website](#) full of reviews of children's books) has produced a summer reading challenge which you might like to use at home to motivate your child to continue reading over the holidays. Reading is a vital skill which has been prioritised by the government both in the National Curriculum and their return to school guidance. The attached pack contains a reward chart you could choose to use, a fun reading bingo which you can submit to Toppsta to win a gift voucher and lots of themed and age appropriate book recommendations.

Chevening Together - Reflections of Hope and Courage Book

Congratulations to everyone involved with this great initiative inspired by Mrs Edwards.

With over 120 contributions, this truly is a wonderful, reflective team effort and a joy to read. We have made the e-book version

free to download as the intention was always to share our thoughts and ideas. (However, if you would like to make a contribution to school funds, it would be very welcome so that we can fund other initiatives which benefit the children and community.)

You can download files suitable for tablets, phones, e-readers and pcs here...

<https://nadeemqureshi.wixsite.com/acheveningadventure/cheveningtogether>

