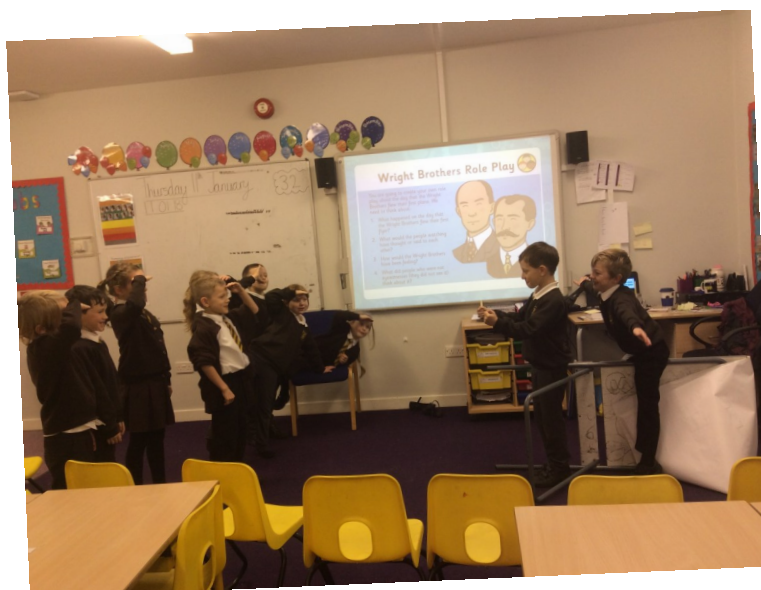


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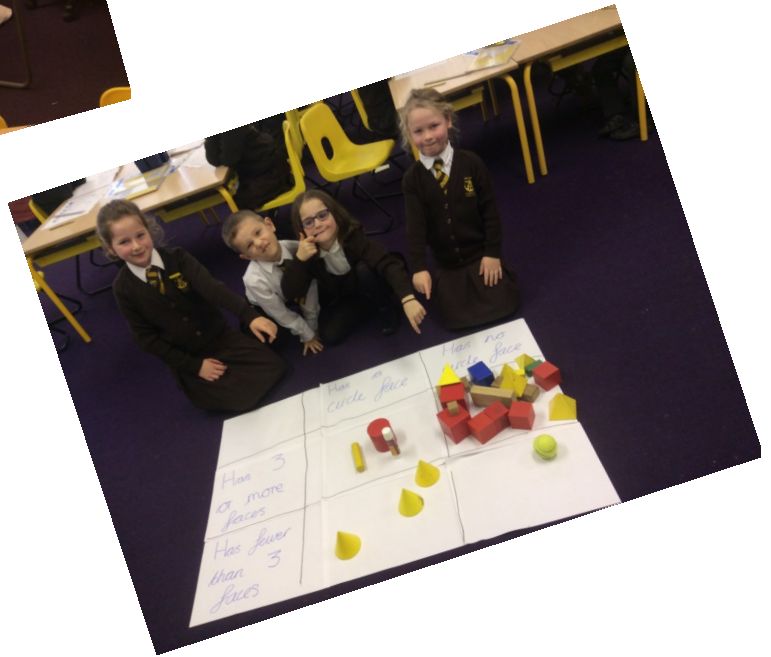
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Nightingale Class Update

What an exciting term Nightingale class have had so far! We have been busy learning all about the history of transport. We built our own hot air balloons, we've recreated through role play the Wright Brothers first flight, and we even became engineers and assembled our own cars. Our transport theme continued into our English lessons, where we have been writing some brilliant extended pieces of writing. We emerged ourselves in to the life of Amelia Earhart and wrote detailed biographies of her life. We watched excerpts of the film 'Up' and planned and wrote our own adventure stories, and next week we plan on designing our own cars and writing letters to Mr Mercedes Benz persuading him to choose our design. How our hands ache from all the writing!



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Nightingale Poem

In science we have learnt about the amazing Arctic polar bear,
How he is endangered and what we can do to show we care,
In PE, with Miss Heath, we have been learning gymnastics,
Balances, rolls, jumps and tumbles - it's been fantastic,
In maths, we are masters of many tricky equations,
Adding, subtraction, division and tricky multiplication,
In phonics, we've mastered split diagrams and more,
Using them in our writing is no longer a chore,
In music, we have been singing in the style of the blues,
We've been finding the rhythm, pulse and beat in our dancing shoes,
With all these wonderful things our brains are bursting at the seams,
We just love being a part of the Nightingale team!

KS2 Super Science

Geology, Mixtures and Separation

This term's Key Stage 2 science started with a BANG this week when the teachers demonstrated what happens when you drop seven Mentos sticks into a bottle of diet cola, and more importantly... why. Shakespeare also tested dissolving spatulas of salt into water and ethanol with some very interesting results. Over the course of this term and next we will be watching and carrying out a range of exciting experiments to investigate solubility, chromatography, the structure of the earth and even making edible soil and ice cream!



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Amazing Athletes



We had such a fantastic afternoon on Thursday. Every child took part in two track events and two field events. There were some incredible performances all round demonstrating sporting prowess, endurance and athletic abilities. The team looked super smart in the new kit. We competed against Marden, Sissinghurst and Collier's Green. Overall we came third, winning many of our events and winning the speed bounce event overall. Well done to all our super athletes and thank you to all the parents for your support at the event and with transport.

New Librarian Badges

We were delighted to present our incredible, hard-working librarians with their new and improved badges today! Thank you for your continued hard work.



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Bikeability

Congratulations to our year 6 children who completed their Bikeability level 1 and 2 this week.

Not only did you impress with your cycling skills, control and safety...your resilience and determination against the elements (strong winds and constant rain) was highly commendable.

Well done to all and thank you to the parents for organising bikes and equipment.



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Super Swimmers' Certificates

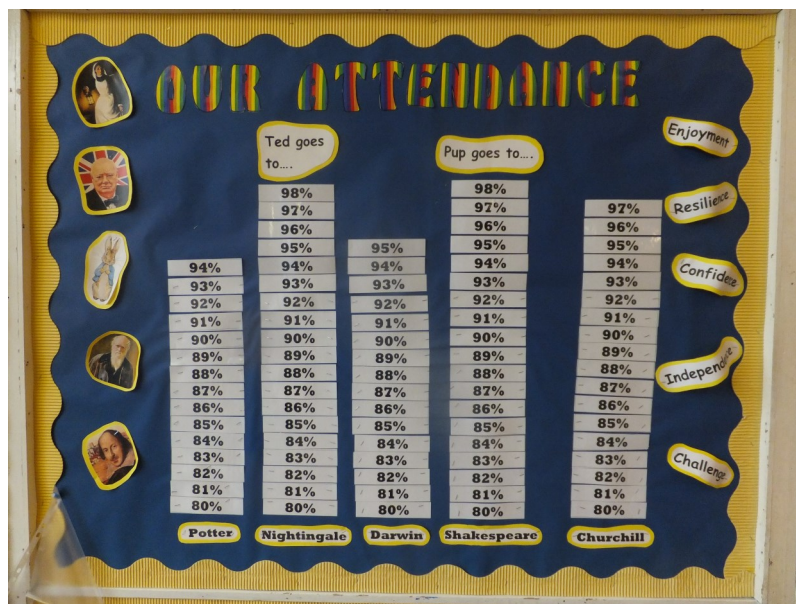
Our super swimmers, from last week's gala, were awarded with their certificates today. Well done to you all.



Attendance and Punctuality

Mrs Norman has made a great display showing attendance and punctuality. The children are now able to see how well they are doing compared with the other classes.

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	87.7
Nightingale	94.8
Darwin	88.5
Shakespeare	95.3
Churchill	96.5



Well done to Churchill class who win Attendance Ted and Darwin class who win Punctuality Pup this week.

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Local Events

Booking Forms available from the office foyer.



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Homewood Masterclasses

Saturday 3rd March 2018 9am - 12noon
£10 per session Years 4, 5 and 6



Homewood Miners - (Minecraft) work in teams or individually creating new worlds and completing tasks



Fun with Pastry - Make fun creations with puff and shortcrust pastry to take home for everyone to enjoy.



Meet the Farm animals - Become a farmer for the morning and enjoy feeding, grooming, cleaning and meeting the farm animals.



Hair and Beauty - learn the art of plaiting hair, nail painting and face painting and make your own hand scrub to take home.

Please choose ONE activity from the list above and complete a booking form with payment attached and return to Lynn Castle at Homewood School or for more information contact: l.castle@homewood.kent.sch.uk

Governor News

Following our last meeting of the full governing body, I am delighted to inform you that George Parkin has been appointed as the Chair of Governors.

I am sure you will join me in thanking our outgoing Chair of Governors, Simon Fisher, for the positive contribution that he has made to the school over many years as a parent and a governor. We wish him and his family all the best for the future.



Christingle Service

Christingle Service - Sunday 4th February at 10a.m.



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Diary Dates

6th Feb	Internet Safety Day
9th Feb	P & F Pancake Day
12th Feb	Holiday
19th Feb	INSET day - children not in school
22nd Feb	KS2 Anglo Saxon Day
26th Feb	Book Week
28th Feb & 1st Mar	Book Fair After School
2nd Mar	Book Week Dress Up Assembly
8th Mar	BBC Ten Pieces Concert KS2 Trip
9th Mar	P & F Mother's Day Sale
13th Mar	KS2 Anglo Saxon Walk
	Parent Consultation Evening - 4-6.30 p.m.
14th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon-3.30-5.50 p.m.
19th Mar	Back to The Future Roadshow
28th Mar	Easter Service - Mission Church
29th Mar	Last Day of Term
16th Apr	Term 4 begins - children back to school
4th May	School Photographer - Class Photos
14th May	SATs Week
18th May	Year 6 Reward Day
21st May	Sports Week
25th May	Sports Day
28th May-1st Jun	Holiday
4th Jun-8th Jun	Year 6 - Residential Journey to France
15th Jun	Father's Day Sale
22nd Jun	INSET Day - children not in school
5th Jul	Reports to parents
6th Jul	Move Up Afternoon
9th Jul	Meet the teacher week after school
12 Jul	Year 6 Performance to parents
13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Church Assembly
14 Jul	P & F Camping Day
17 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
20th Jul	Leavers Assembly
23rd Jul	INSET Day- children not in school
24th Jul	INSET Day- children not in school