

# NEWSLETTER

16th November 2018

## Darwin Class Update

What a fantastic start to term two we have had in Darwin Class. Already, we are working super hard and have been enjoying our amazing learning. In English, we started the term by visiting Windmill Woods and creating our own Enchanted Wood Fairy Tales, adding some lovely descriptions. Last week, to mark the centenary of the end of WW1, we wrote our own Remembrance Day poems, drawing on the knowledge gained from discussions we had in class, with the help of our resident expert Mr Digby, and the language that was used in various war poems we read in class. This week, we will be finishing our Maya inspired text and writing our own final chapters.

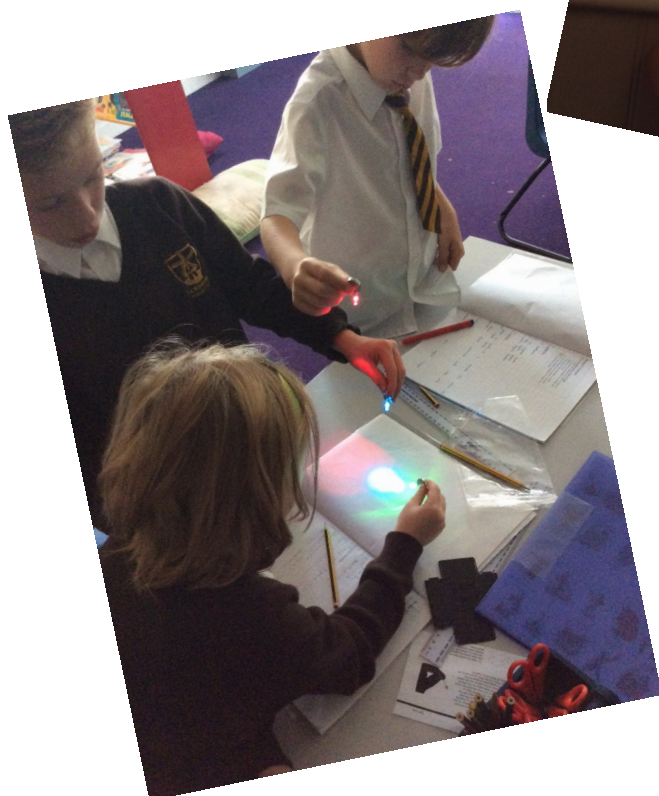


During Maths this term, we have continued to work on the column method for both addition and subtraction of numbers up to 3 digits. This is something we have all worked extremely hard at as it is a difficult concept to master.

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## Darwin Class update continued...

In Science, our investigations into light have continued. We have fully embraced becoming scientists and have furthered our knowledge of light, looking into the areas of reflection and refraction. We have made and investigated the uses of periscopes and have studied the spectrum of light including the colours that make up white light.



In Topic, we have improved our researching skills and have researched the city of Chichen Itza in great detail. From this, we have created tourist posters, using a little bit of artistic licence! We are all very excited about our trip to the Maya Exhibition at the British Museum next week.



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## Reand and Discover Tunbridge Well's Champions

We were absolutely delighted to be presented with the Summer Reading Challenge trophy for the Tunbridge Wells District. For the second year running, more of our children completed the Summer Reading Challenge than any other school in the district. Over thirty schools took part; we are now the ones to beat! Thank you so much to Susan Rogers, from Kent Library Services, for presenting the award to us and to Julie Griggs for celebrating with us too.

Well done and thank you to everyone who completed the challenge - we are very proud of you!



## School Photographer

On 20th November, the school photographer will be coming in to take individual photographs of the children. Should anyone wish to have family groups / sibling photos taken, please bring your children in to the hall before school starting at 8.20 a.m. Thank you.

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## P & F Update

We are fast approaching that magical time of year again, and there are only two weeks until our Christmas Fayre. There will be something for all the family, including stalls, crafts, activities, not to mention a visit by Father Christmas! It really shouldn't be missed! Grotto tickets are available from Eve Hallett so make sure you get yours fast before the slots run out.

If any parents would like to help us run this event, please see a member of the Committee, or leave a message in our P&F post box in the school reception. Even an hour helping us out at events such as these makes a massive difference to us.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	97.73
Nightingale	97.83
Darwin	100
Pankhurst	96.15
Shakespeare	94.23
Churchill	97.92

Two weeks in a row! Well done Darwin Class this week 100% attendance.



Darwin and Potters had NO LATES. This means that Darwin have Pup and Ted next week and get nearer to winning the class end of term treat!

Punctuality has improved dramatically, compared with Term 1 last year. Well done everyone.

Of the 63 late marks so far this year, 25 of these are for just a few children who are regularly late. Let's keep improving.

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## Children in Need By Oliver and Harrison

**Last Friday, in the hall, year six raised money for Children in Need. There were lots of stalls: penalty shootout, guess the sweets in the jar, cake stall, toy store, treasure hunt, splat the rat, doughnuts on a string, colouring table, pompoms (made by Elsa and Darcie) and merchandise. All together year six raised over £200. Thank you so much to everyone who donated prizes, toys and cakes and to everyone who attended and supported the event. Thank you, Mrs Lawrence, for helping us to organise the event and all the parents who helped.**



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## Gates on the Playground

For the safety of all our children, we have decided to lock the playground gate between the shelter and the nursery at 3.30pm every day. This will allow all children time to collect their belongings and head home. Now that the field is wet, it is more likely that after school clubs will run on the playground instead: we do not want to risk unsupervised children getting knocked over or hit by balls during this time. It is also very hard for our staff to run clubs if other children are playing unsupervised in the area. The gate will be re-opened at 4pm when clubs have finished.

## Breakfast Club

In consultation with parents and Mrs Lawrence, we are delighted to tell you that breakfast club will now open at 7.45am. This will allow parents more of a chance to get to work early if they need to. Breakfast will still be served between 8am and 8.20am. We have decided to keep the cost at £3.00 which means that an hour of childcare and a cooked breakfast is exceptional value for money. Do sign up for a trial day if you would like your child to see what is involved. We would like to remind everyone that the cost is payable in advance or, in an emergency, on the door. Unfortunately as reasonable as the cost is, we cannot cook breakfasts for free.

## Football Competition

Well done to the football team who took part in the football competition on Tuesday this week at Dulwich Prep School in Cranbrook. They finished third overall! Well done to John, Alfred, Oscar, Deven, Rhys, William, Ryan and Thomas. Thank you to the parents who took children to the competition and stayed to support the team! A big thank you to Mr Digby for escorting the children.



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## Diary Dates

19th Nov	KS2 Trip to London
20th Nov	School Photographer - Individual Photos
30th Nov	<b>Shakespeare Class Assembly</b> P & F Christmas Fayre (after school)
7th Dec	P & F Children's Christmas Shopping morning
10th Dec	Flu Immunisation Years R-5
11th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
12th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
13th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
14th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
17th Dec	Whole school trip to Pantomime Carol Concert St. Nicholas Church - Evening
18th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec	Read and Discover Celebration assembly KS1 and KS2 Parties
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
3rd Jan	Term 3 begins -Children back to school
14th Jan	Year 6 Bikeability week
8th Feb	P & F Disco 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
18th Feb	February holiday
25th Feb	Term 4 begins -Children back to school
4th Mar	Book Week
6th Mar	Book Fair after school
7th Mar	Book Fair After School
8th Mar	Book Week Dress Up Assembly
12th Mar	Year 6 Memory Book Photographer visiting Parent Consultation Evening
13th Mar	Parent Consultation Afternoon
14th Mar	KS2 Trip to Bethany School-Peter and the Wolf
15th Mar	Comic Relief Day
29th Mar	P & F Mother's Day Sale
5th April	Easter Service Mission Church P & F Easter Tombola after school End of Term 4