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NEWSLETTER

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Darwin Class Update



Wow, time flies when you're having fun! That is exactly what has been happening in Darwin Class this term. We have been so incredibly busy with all our fabulous learning. In Maths we have already mastered how to measure in mm, cm and m. We then furthered our understanding of measurement and used it to work out the perimeters of many objects in our classroom and on the playground. Along with this, we are already well on our way to mastering fractions – we even got to make jam sandwiches to help us with our understanding.



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Darwin Class Update Cont...

In English, we have been drawing on our Coast topic for the themes of our texts. We have created further adventures for the Snail from the well-known book, The Snail and The Whale. Last week we created fantastic sea creature shape themed poems. This week, we are exploring underwater wildlife further and writing non-chronological reports on a chosen creature that we find interesting and would like to know more about.

Our love of Topic is also flourishing this term. We have moved on to our Geography topic of Coasts and are enjoying learning about the coastline around the UK. We have also learnt about the coastal features that are caused by erosion and how these are formed. We will be looking at the features formed by deposition next week and will be making our own coastal features out of clay.



Darwin Class's thirst for learning continues into Science. This term we are learning about Living Things and Their Habitats. So far, we have planted our own broad beans; we will watch them grow and dissect them each week to see the changes taking place inside the bean.



We have used the acronym Mrs Nerg to remember the seven life process es that classify something as living. This week, we have been learning how to use microscopes



to look at microorganisms. We are even attempting to grow our own microorganisms, taking swabs of our classroom; to grow our own bacteria. We are also lucky enough to welcome some tadpoles into our classroom, we are going to love watching the metamorphosis process happen right before our very eyes!

Year 6 SATs Next Week

Monday	Grammar Punctuation and Spelling 10.45am	45mins
	Spelling 11.50am	15mins
Tuesday	Reading Test 10.45am	60mins
Wednesday	Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic 9.45am	30mins
	Maths Paper 2 Reasoning 10.45am	40mins
Thursday	Maths Paper 3 Reasoning 10.45am	40mins

KS2/Y6 SATS begin on Monday 13th May.

If you have a child in year 6, at the end of Key Stage 2 they will take National Curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics. The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify whether they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data as well as to-provide key information for new teachers at secondary school.

The Key Stage 2 tests will be taken on set dates unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to five school days afterwards.

All tests here at Sandhurst will be administered with Mrs Norman, along with a fantastic team of staff and parent members who will either support the class or individual children. Most tests will be held between break and lunch. If children would like to bring in an additional snack and drink to have before their tests, they are more than welcome.

Over this weekend, please do allow your children to get plenty of sleep, rest and fresh air so they are fit and raring to go for the week ahead. We want every child to show off their learning to the best of their abilities.

Special School Lunch - Thursday 16th May



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Achievements



Well done to Alice on her gymnastics award.

Congratulations Rosie for earning distinction in your latest Stagecoach exam with an amazing 91/100!



Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	98.3
Nightingale	93.5
Darwin	98.1
Pankhurst	100
Shakespeare	100
Churchill	95.5

Fantastic attendance and punctuality this week for both Pankhurst and Shakespeare classes who share Ted and Pup this week with 100% - only a couple of weeks left to win the termly class treat!

The heat is on...

Diary Dates

13th-16th MaySATs Week13th MayFull Governing Body Meeting

15th May KS1 Trip to Bodiam Castle

17th May Year 6 Reward trip

19th May P & F London Beach Sunday Lunch

20th May Sports Week

22nd May Year 5 & 6 'Growing Up' talk

23rd May KS2 Inter-house Sports Afternoon

 $Year\ 5\ Kent\ Test\ Meeting\ 3.30p.m.$

24th May Sports Day

End of Term 5

3rd Jun Children back to school

18th Jun Year 5 parent consultations re: Kent Test

19th Jun New intake visiting p.m.

21st Jun Inset Day-children not in school

28th Jun Sponsored Welly Walk
2nd Jul KS2 Kidenza Workshops

4th Jul Move Up afternoon
5th Jul Reports to Parents

8th –12th Jul Meet the teacher after school 8th Jul Full Governing Body Meeting

9th Jul KS2 Trip to Port Lympe

12th Jul Leavers Assembly Mission Church

P & F Slip and Slide

13th Jul P & F Camping

16th Jul Year 6 Dinner 6.30 p.m.18th Jul Attendance Assembly

19th Jul Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 9.00 a.m.

 $End\ of\ Term$

22nd Jul INSET Day (children not in school)
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