



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

The cold weather has not deterred us from continuing to venture outside our classrooms this week with a number of classes being out and about. We value these enriching learning opportunities and I thank the staff for their efforts. An inter-house sports event also helped everyone to get active and warm!

#### Inter House Sports Challenge

Mr Castle and Mr Morris, our Sports Coaches, led an inter-house sports event in school on Monday. Each class visited the hall for their activities. The activities were levelled up appropriately for each age group and included a range of athletics skills such as running, throwing and ball skills. The children in each class worked hard to earn points for their house team. The overall winners were Lighthouse! Well done to everyone for their efforts!

#### Class 2 trip

Class 2 ventured out of school again this week, on Monday, for a walk around St Margaret's Village. Miss Fordham reports 'We looked at different landmarks around the village including a park, doctors surgery and hair salon. We will be comparing the village to the town of Dover in the next few weeks'.

#### Class 1 trip

Class 1 enjoyed a fun-filled and busy day at Dover Museum on Wednesday. Miss Moloney reports 'First, we had a toy handling workshop where we had the chance to look at, and play with, old toys. We looked at the materials they were made from and compared them to modern toys. After that, we had a clay workshop with an artist. We followed a set of instructions on how to make a teddy bear and we used simple tools to add details such as eyes, nose and fur. Finally, we saw the Bronze Age boat which is 3,600 years old! What a fun and tiring day we had!'

#### Class 5 trip

Class 5 had a great day visiting the beach as part of their Geography field trip this week. Mr Oliver reports 'We began our trip leaving the school gates to discover huge fields that the farmer had recently planted. We noticed how we walked past flint walls and chalk banks before glimpsing a fantastic sea view overlooking the bay. We passed dense woodland as we walked down towards the beach following the chalk footpaths that had been eroded by recent rains. As we admired the views from St Margaret's Road and Goodwin Road, we realised that the land seemed to dip down into a hidden valley before rising up again to form the top of the famous cliffs. We noticed how many houses seemed to be perched on the steep slopes of the valley around The Pines Calyx. Once on the beach, we were able to appreciate the expanse of sea erosion upon the chalk white cliffs above. We had great fun collecting a variety of different coloured stones and smooth sea glass that had been washed up along the shoreline. As we returned to school, the children all agreed that it was fantastic exploring our local environment!'

#### The Edward Showler Foundation

You may remember from our newsletter dated 1<sup>st</sup> December we asked for support for one of our families with their charity fundraising event. I am pleased to let you know that Tobie raised £1,356 in aid of The Edward Showler Foundation. Please see some before and after photographs of Tobie and some words from Ellie Showler mother of Edward Showler later in this newsletter.

Happy weekend everyone.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### Star Awards

w/e 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Class R – Adalyn  
Class 1 – Logan  
Class 2 – Daniel  
Class 3 – Tommy  
Class 4 – William  
Class 5 – Edie  
Class 6 – Ruby



### Whole School Attendance

15/01/24 - 19/01/24

93.8%

05/09/23 – date

95.7%





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Class 4 have had a busy start to the year, kicking off with our Family Assembly about the artist Vincent Van Gogh. Thank you to all our parents who supported the children in practising and learning their lines ... a great job! We will continue to learn more about Van Gogh as we take a walk to St Margaret's Bay to sketch the landscape. We will use the drawings and photographs that we take to paint a picture in the style of 'A Starry Night'.

In our English, we are reading a text called 'To the Edge of the World'. We have looked at the key features of traditional tales, including repetition of key phrases or speech, fronted adverbials and most importantly, the Power of Three. How many traditional tales can you think of that include three characters or events?

We have been focusing on our multiplication and division facts in Maths, looking at the patterns and relationships between the digits in the 3, 6 and 9 times tables. Please keep practising them at home on Times Table Rockstars.

Thank you for your on-going support,  
**Mrs Byatt**

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

- Class 1 Forest School sessions all week

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

- Class 6 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January**

- Deadline to respond to Class 5 Swimming

### Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

£2.45 per day

[October-23.pdf \(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk\)](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

### TOBIE'S SPONSORED SHAVE-OFF

Swimming instructor Tobie Lumley kindly agreed to shave-off his luxuriant beard just before Christmas, to raise funds for the Edward Showler Foundation.

Tobie submitted to the razor at an event held at St Margaret's Holiday Park on the 9th December. Tobie's wife, Louise and son Albert together shaved his beard off in front of an audience of friends and family and raised a whopping £1,356. Brilliant! Leaving a fresh faced and younger looking Tobie behind.

Ed was a young doctor working at the Royal Free Hospital in London and had just started his specialist training in haematology when at the age of 27 he was diagnosed with metastatic Clear Cell Sarcoma. He died 8 months later.

Ed's Foundation is funding a 4 year research programme at the Cancer Institute at University College, London specifically into the sarcoma that killed Ed, Clear Cell Sarcoma. The research is providing really valuable information about this very rare and little researched sarcoma that was not previously known and in the next few years it is hoped to find better treatments and maybe a cure.

So thank you so much to Tobie for being an amazing good sport and to everyone that supported the event and sponsored Tobie. The research would not be happening if it wasn't for all the very kind people who have donated and supported Ed's Foundation.

Thank you  
Ellie Showler

