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THE SQUIRREL

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EVERY
child
IS AN
artist

-Picasso

It has been so lovely to have the sun shine and it looks settled for a little while. I think we have all got our fingers crossed that our two week half term holiday will be bathed in sunshine and visits to the beach. I have not braved the water just yet. Just talking about the sun, it is really important that the children have sun cream on before they come to school and have a good sun hat and plenty of fluids for the day. I am now an avid wearer of Factor 50 after having a little minor op on my nose due to not wearing sun cream enough. I do love the sun but we all have to be careful. I really cannot believe we have only six days until half term and only 39 school days left until the end of the school year. It is going far too quickly.

Tomorrow in school, we have interviews for teachers and as the final date approaches for resignations I will soon be able to share with you classes and the teams for next year. It usually comes out around the 20th June, so not long now. I have often thought of changing the classes before the summer term so that the children experience the transition to their new classes this side of the summer holidays. However, this is always dependant on if new teachers are available to start earlier, which has never been manageable before, but maybe this year it might be something that we can consider. Mrs. Sutton will be conducting the interviews tomorrow and it was lovely to meet her on Monday and start sharing all the wonderful things about Lanesend. I know Mrs. Sutton is going to arrange some times after school to come and meet with the team and families and, as soon as I have these dates, I will share them with you so you also get to meet the new Headteacher. I am sure you will welcome her openly into our Lanesend family and that she will lead the school brilliantly on its next adventure.

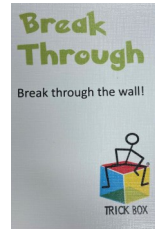
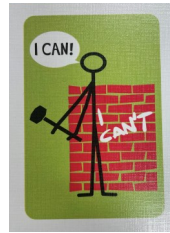
We have now received the drone footage and a short video of our celebration afternoon. We are just checking it through and then we can share it with you all. It looks great and I am really pleased with it. I keep remembering bits from the Coronation Festival in the Field afternoon and all the moments of joy that were had. It was lovely.



Our CRUI footage from our Coronation event

We ended last Friday with a lovely trip for our Year 6s for their post-SATs treat and many more moments of joy. The children took their SATs in their stride and we were very proud of them. Year 2 are completing their quizzes brilliantly too. I have spoken to some Headteacher colleagues and many of their children got very upset with the SATs, but our children did not, which is just brilliant and shows great resilience and 'Stickability'.

It was lovely walking a little bit of the Wight on Sunday for Walk the Wight and to see so many of our families walk too. I was talking to Miss Hopkinson and I think next year we will be on for at least half, maybe all of it! It is such a great community event that raises funds for such an important service in our community. My thanks to all the children and families who took part to help raise funds to enable our loved ones to be cared and looked after. Secretly, I am hoping we are still top of the leader board and we will hear from the hospice shortly.



Our Lanesend
Walk the
Wight team

Year 1 had such a great time at the Quay Arts Centre and came back buzzing and they have used a lot of the inspiration in their art learning yesterday and today. They are hoping to recreate a rainbow in the same style as the artist, Paul Woods. Year 4 are off the Quay Arts on Tuesday 23rd May and I hope they also have a great time. Well done to the choir who performed at Osborne House on Tuesday for the King's Coronation event. It was fantastic!

Our choir performing at
Osborne House on
Tuesday



This week has been Mental Health Awareness week and I have been sharing some quotes with the team about good mental health. I am hoping next week we will also run a wellbeing survey for the children as part of their mental awareness to ensure we are supporting children in awareness of their own mental health. There is an awful lot of support around and if you need any support please pop in to the TAC team and they can help and signpost to different organisations.

We do have our Time Tables Bee inter-house competition next week so I am taking this opportunity to just remind all families and children the importance of learning these and what an important life skill it is. It becomes part of our every day so please, please, please help your child with their tables. It really does make all the difference to their maths confidence.

On Tuesday, some of the children in Year 3 are off to the Royal Agricultural Education County Show. Unfortunately, they could not accommodate the whole year group so the teachers did the 'Dojo randomiser' to chose which children will attend. Last year they got to see the current Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh which was such a wonderful moment. Unfortunately, I do not think Royalty is attending this year, but I know they will have a great time! Also on Tuesday, we have a very special visit from Ash Randall, freestyle footballer and Guinness World Record holder, to come and meet the children and inspire them to have an interest and how practise brings success.

Pupil Progress Reports will be generated next week and will be with you by the end of the week. As always, if there are any concerns do let us know.

We end the week with an R.E. Day and we say goodbye to Vicki Wallis from the TAC team, who is off to start a new life and job on the mainland. We will miss her, but we are also really pleased for her too.

That is it for this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Caroline Sice, Headteacher



FOR YOU

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Attendance Last Week:

95.8%

YEAR 6 FRANCE Families: Please do not forget to apply/bring in your child's GHICs. Thank you.



Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 23rd May—Year 4 Quay Arts Trip

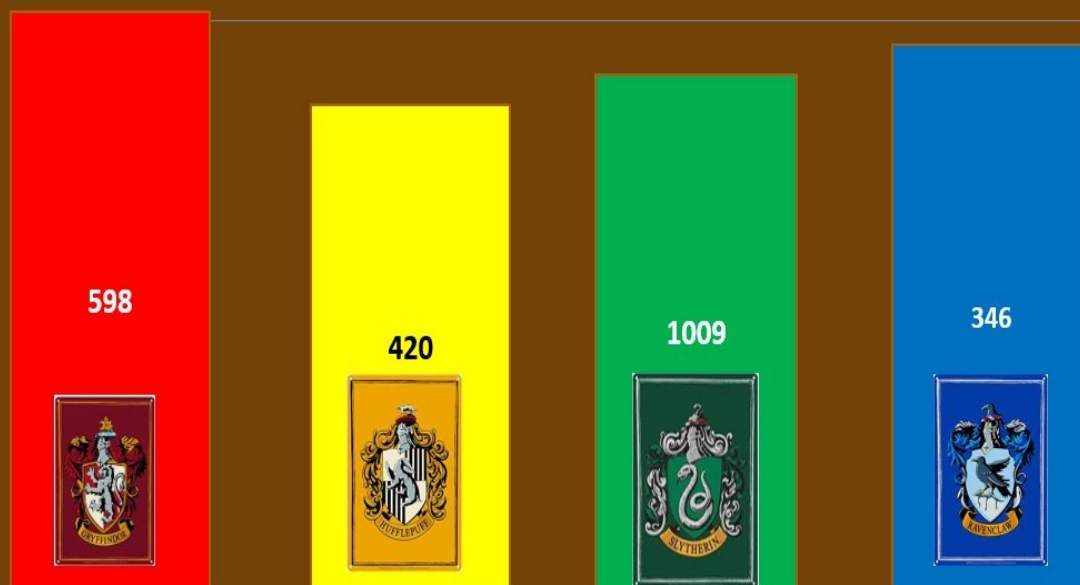
Tuesday 23rd May—Ash Randall Footballer in

Friday 26th May—Watersports Year 5

Friday 26th May—Last Day of Term

Monday 12th June—Return for Summer Term 2

This week



Lanesend Conversation Starters...

Use these prompts with your children at home to start a conversation about their week in school...

Reception— Talk to me about... Art week, colour mixing to create a colour wheel, making fish kites, shapes, Sonia Delaney Ballet, music.



Words to use...primary colours, mixing, rotating shapes, tangrams.

Tips for the week... Practise making pictures by rotating shapes.

We have been reading... The Rainbow Fish

Year 1 — Talk to me about....our trip to The Quay Arts Centre. Ask me about the art we saw by Paul Wood.

Words to use...art, gallery, abstract, sculpture.

Tips for the week...help me practise doubling single digit numbers this week.

We have been reading.....How Do You Make a Rainbow?

Year 2 — Talk to me about ... Kandinsky 'Concentric circles'.

Words to use.....colour mixing, primary colours, secondary colours, light, dark, shades, tones

Tips for the week...Remember reading a little every day helps with fluency and to develop a love for reading.

We have been reading... The far away tree, The worst witch.

Year 3 — TALK TO ME ABOUT... Questing Blake

WORDS TO USE... lines, spontaneous, gestures, emotions, portray, watercolour

TIPS FOR THE WEEK... Always check your level of formality when writing a letter.

WE ARE READING... The Twits and The Legend of Sally Jones (Finished!)



Year 4 — Talk to me about the PowerPoint presentation I made and ask me about the tools and skills involved.

Tip of the week, remember to save any documents you are creating on a computer, then make a back up too!

We have been reading 'The Silver Spoon of Solomon Snow'.

Year 5 — Talk to me about... the impact of the Greek civilisation on our lives today.

Words to use... Archimedes, Homer, Alexander the Great.

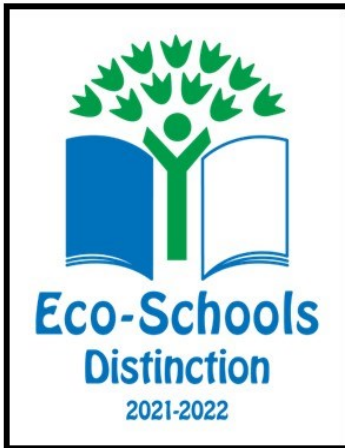
Tips for the week... Use a comma after a subordinate clause or to mark a relative clause.

We have been reading... 'Who Let The Gods Out' by Maz Evans.

Year 6 — In Year 6 we are learning about the Causes of the Second World War in our history lessons and creating beautiful reports based on the information we have learnt in our English lessons.

We have also started an Art unit exploring how colours are made.

Talk to me about the causes of World War Two and the difference between hues, tones, tints and shades.



Living on the beautiful Isle of Wight and with it starting to look a bit like summer this can only be a good thing. Embrace the outdoors.

A two-hour dose of nature per week boosts wellbeing

2
hour

New research has confirmed physical and mental benefits of spending time in nature



Looking After Your WELLBEING ONLINE

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.



SKILL OF THE MONTH



Speaking

The oral transmission of information or ideas



Books to read and share with your child

Look out for these story books which all include Speaking as a theme in your local library. Read, share and enjoy with your child.

- Too Shy for Show and Tell by Beth Bracken
- Too Loud Lily by Sofia Laguna
- Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson
- The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister
- The Crayon Box that Talked by Shane Derolf
- Decibella and her 6-inch Voice by Julia Cook
- Little Beauty by Anthony Browne
- Penguin by Polly Dunbar
- One Word From Sophia by Jim Averbeck
- The Clever Stick by John Lechner



Skill of the month...


<https://www.skillsbuilder.org/homezone/speaking-getting-started>

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

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GET IN TOUCH!

Solent Netball Club
Contact **Chris Grimes** 07969504734, cmg1504@googlemail.com

Tuesday Ryde Academy	BEE Netball Years 1-6 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6pm - 7pm
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Shorwell Netball Club
Contact **Ann Selby** 07785750265, easelby47@gmail.com

Monday Ryde School (winter) Seaclose Park (summer)	Years 3-7 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Years 7-10 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Additional Sessions Years 3-10	Wednesday Seaclose Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm	Saturday Ryde Academy 10.30am - 11.30am

Classorama

Naturezones' Creative Programme for Schools

For the entire class or individual pupils

Recycalogical
Sat 27th and Sun 28th May
&
Spring Competition

Summer Competition

Using your knowledge from science lessons create something to inform our visitors about Native British plants.

Entries should be submitted by
5th July



After School Clay Club

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Tuesday 12th or Thursday 14th Dec



Recycalogical

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Naturezones—Blackwater

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Your mission:

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You may wish to submit a photograph of art
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informative piece of
writing the greatest
increase in effort
shown, and for the
most learnt while
completing the
mission



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Please nominate a pupil for each of our 'effort shown' and 'most learnt' prizes. Ensure all entries
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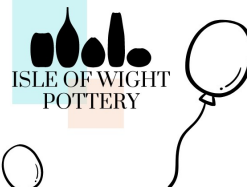
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