

NEWSLETTER

Message from Mr O'Regan

A massive thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan Coffee Morning today- **£184.11** was raised through your generosity.

I was delighted to see so many of you at our meet the teacher events this week- it is so lovely to be able to invite you all in to see the excellent learning and friendship. Thank you for your feedback and I hope to be able to continue to develop opportunities to celebrate your child's successes.

There was a buzz of very excited children this Wednesday following the completion of the new playground markings. This was made possible by The Magdalen & Lasher Charity and the dedicated site team who worked on this project.



Well done to Finn and Rocco who were awarded the Excellent Learning and Friendship tie for their dedication to improving their knowledge in all subjects.



Golden Bugs

Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

KS1: Reuben, Isaac, Joseph and Jack

KS2: Lucas, Fletcher and Yusriyah

Keep reading, keep smiling!



Year 1 Phonics Stay and Learn

We are excited to be starting up our 'Stay and Learn' sessions once again this year, allowing parents and carers to visit the classrooms to learn more around how certain knowledge is taught.

Our first 'Stay and Learn' this year is for Year 1 Phonics and will happen on Tuesday 28th September from 8:45am to 9:15am. Parents and carers can remain on site until the start time of the event and then be welcomed into the classroom for 8:45am to be given an overview of how Phonics is taught at West St Leonards. The remainder of the time will be spent allowing you to practice these strategies with your child within the classroom through the use of engaging activities. Needless to say, these strategies will also be highly supportive when reading with your child at home and further support their confidence and love of reading as they feel themselves become a much more proficient reader over time. We look forwards to having you attend.

Phonics

Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and to **Reuben** and **Sneha** our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the 'down and retrace' letter family. Click [here](#) for videos to support the correct formation.

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it.

Who will be the next Handwriting Heroes?

Good luck everyone and happy handwriting!



Roald Dahl Story Day!

We are all incredibly excited to welcome back our annual Roald Dahl day to remember the life and work of the late and great Roald Dahl on Thursday 30th September 2021. Whether it's cartwheeling oompa-loompas, extremely enormous crocodiles, golden-ticket-bearing (but not always kind) children or incredibly revolting rhymes that are your favourite - today is the day that we will be enjoying them! Reading is a sacred knowledge in our school and the enjoyment of books is of the utmost importance so we can't wait to see you dressed up as your favourite Roald Dahl character on Thursday 30th September. Please make sure that your outfit is comfortable and safe for wearing all day.



Breakfast and After School Club Bookings

Please remember the cut off for booking your child's breakfast and after school club place is **Wednesday 23:59** the week before. Children will not be allowed to attend the club unless a place has been booked and their name is on the register.

If you have any queries regarding booking a place for breakfast or after school club please email finance@wslprimaryacademy.org.uk



The Children's Commissioner's The Big Ask...and The Big Answer

Earlier this year, the Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and the Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard.

You can read the full report [here](#).

Year 5 Archery Workshop

To celebrate the learning and end the topic with a fantastic finish for Year 5, we have booked an archery workshop that will take place at school on **Wednesday 6 October 2021**.

The children will get to learn, experience and understand the skills needed to be a real life Robin Hood.

To support the costs of this event, we ask that parents and carers pay the voluntary contribution of £8.04 by **Tuesday 28 September 2021** via ParentPay. If we do not get enough payment then the trip will sadly have to be cancelled.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.



Politeness Cup

Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to Phoebe (R) and Emery (Y3).



Phoebe



Emery

Recommended Read (Lower KS2)

The Magic Finger | Author: Roald Dahl

"I saw red.

And before I was able to stop myself, I did something I never meant to do.

I PUT THE MAGIC FINGER ON THEM ALL!

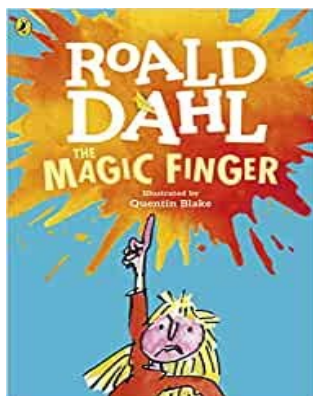
Have you ever been so cross that your skin seems to tingle? Have you ever been so mad that you seem to see red? Have you ever been so downright furious you get hot all over?

If you have then you might be feeling the first tingles of the Magic Finger. I've got the Magic Finger and when I get cross then the forefinger of my right hand seems to tremble and a flash of lightening comes out of me and then strange things begin to happen".

The story follows an eight-year-old girl and the Gregg family on the farm next door. Mr Gregg and his sons love to hunt animals which infuriates the girl. Her rage causes her to put the 'Magic Finger' on them. She loses control and curses people with a bolt of magic that shoots from her finger. The following day, the Gregg family awake to find they've shrunk to the size of birds and have ducks' wings in place of arms. Furthermore, a family of ducks has grown man-sized and have human arms in place of wings and they take over the Greggs' home!

The girl regrets her past actions regarding her gift, but as the story progresses we see her learn to gain self control, making this a great book to teach the need for empathy. The Greggs learn, not only how the ducks feel at being shot at, but also what their lives entail daily, trying to survive. It teaches children to fully consider others before acting carelessly or cruelly against them.

This little book has the perfect blend of humour, imagination, and moral guidance. It is also short and fairly easy to read which can offer reluctant or struggling young readers plenty of confidence when they can finish it.



Keeping everyone safe

Please remember to always use the pavements and the one way system on the site. If you are a Y5 or Y6 parent please wait on the paved area to the right of your child's exit door to ensure the roadway is kept clear.

Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



Puffins - Layla

Layla for creating a fantastic story map for Talk for Writing. I can see you are working really hard and we know you're story map will be useful to help retell the story.



Ducklings - Ruby

Ruby has had a great start to school. She always shows her politeness POW value in class when working within the classroom. Well done Ruby!



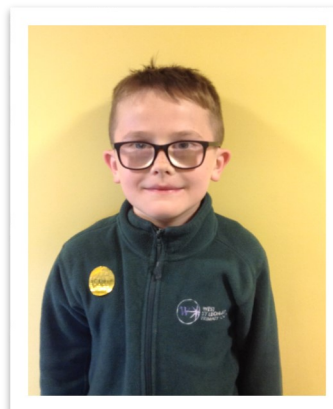
Robins - Roman

Roman has shown a fantastic attitude to learning. Every morning he independently works hard on his handwriting and he always looks after those around him. Well done Roman!



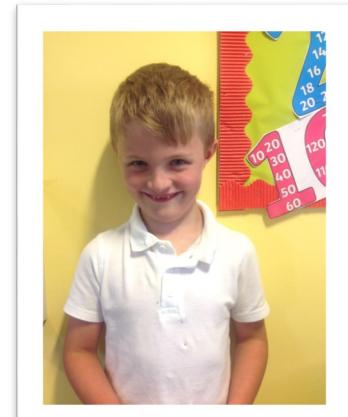
Blackbirds - Chester

Chester has demonstrated a love of reading by being active in reading at least 3 books a night and looking forward to both his phonics and daily supported reading. Chester has also shown how polite he is and is always ready to learn.



Warblers - JJ

JJ has really shown us all how determined he is to do well in Year 2. He always shows self-control and works hard in all subject areas. Go, JJ! You are a FANTASTIC role model.



Kingfishers - Adam

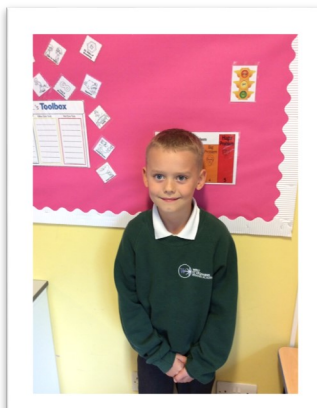
Adam has shown his great knowledge of minibeasts this week whilst out on our hunt around the school grounds. Adam was our in-house guide. Great work Adam!





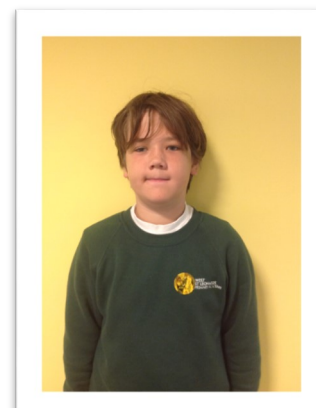
Nightingales - Penny-Sue

Penny-Sue for showing her excellent learning and friendship this week. Well done for demonstrating all of your POW values and for being such a superb role model. Keep it up!



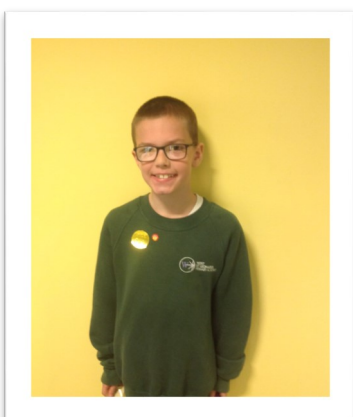
Sandmartins - Jake

Jake has a fantastic attitude to all areas of his learning. He always strives for a 5 in his work. He has settled into Year 3 really well.



Avocets - Harrison

Harrison for his fantastic suspense story. Harrison has included lots of features from our toolkit and has tried really hard. Well done, Harrison!



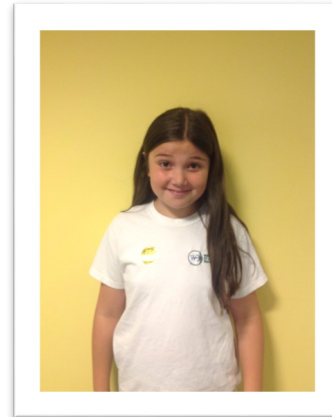
Oystercatchers - Liam

Liam always demonstrates self-control and is a great role model for the rest of the class! Well done Liam, keep it up!



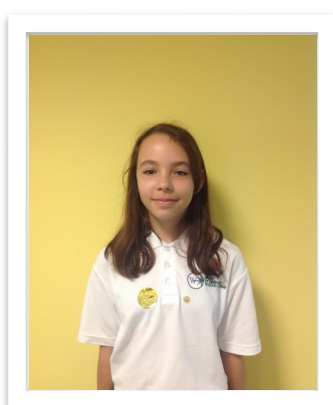
Heron - Ella

Ella for persevering with her maths work when adding and subtracting using number lines. Additionally, she is putting 100% effort into everything she does whilst sharing her amazing smile! Well done Ella - keep up the good work!



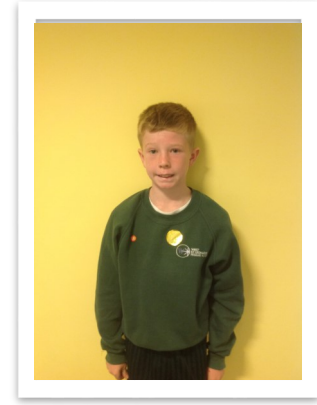
Cranes - Lulu

Lulu for being a wonderful member of Cranes. Lulu has been showing all her POW values this week, especially, kindness and thoughtfulness. Keep it up!



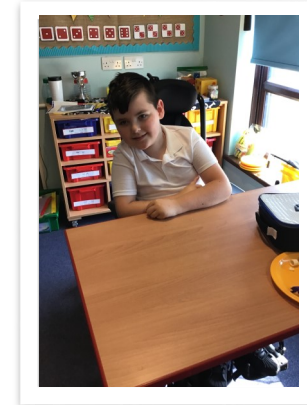
Razorbills - Freya

Freya for her excellent observational drawing of a plant in her artwork, showing that she can use the 'looking' method to frequently check the detail of her drawing.



Swifts - Jake

Jake for excellent self-control and creativity creating a botanical illustration this week in art with Miss Kearney.



Doves - Ashton

Ashton for making such a wonderful start to the academic year! He has shown a real commitment and excellent attitude towards his learning and this is reflected in the high quality work he has produced, particularly in maths and handwriting.

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What Are We Doing?

We will be carrying out carriageway patching works on Harley Shute Road, Hastings.

Work will start on Monday 25th October 2021 and continue for 3 weeks.

Road Closure

Harley Shute Road will be closed to through traffic between 8am and 4pm each day from Bexhill Road to east of Darwell Close.

Diversion Route

Traffic will be diverted via A259, London Road, A21, Battle Road, A2100 The Ridge West, Queensway, Crowhurst Road and vice versa.

How did we do?



Please Recycle

Vehicle access: The road will be closed to through traffic. This is for your safety and the safety of our workers. If you do need vehicle access then please discuss this with the team on site. We will try to give access where we can but there may be long delays whilst we make the area safe. We will always allow access for emergency vehicles. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Weather: If it rains, we might be delayed in our works. We will keep you updated with any changes via advance warning signs.

Parking: There will be 'no parking' signs and cones on site to advise where parking is restricted.

Buses: We apologise if our works cause disruption to your bus service. Please check with the bus company for any alterations to the service during this time.

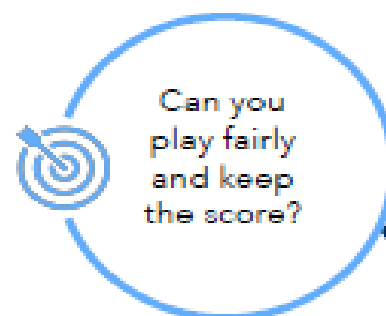
Bin Collections: We have informed your local council about these works. Your local District or Borough Council will let you know if there are any changes to your collection.





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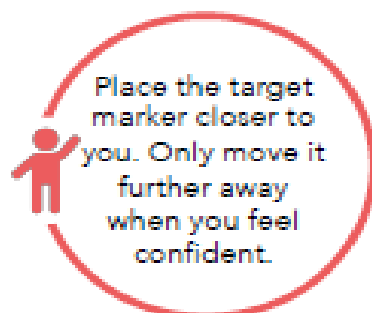
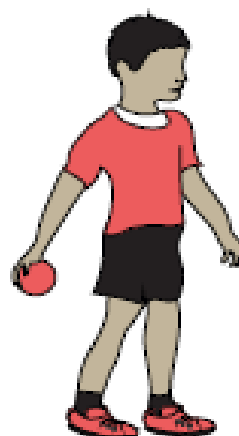
PE Home Learning



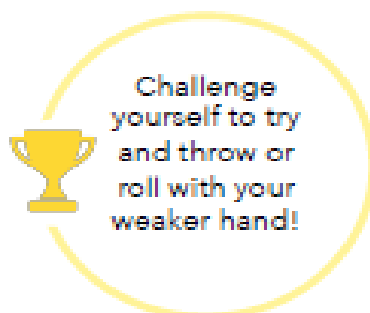
Can you play fairly and keep the score?

Time to Learn:

- This game can be played standing up or sitting down.
- Choose a place to throw from and place a marker five steps away.
- Each player needs three balls or pairs of socks.
- Players take turns to throw or roll their ball towards the marker.
- Once all players have thrown or rolled their ball, the ball that is closest to the marker is the winner.



Place the target marker closer to you. Only move it further away when you feel confident.



Challenge yourself to try and throw or roll with your weaker hand!

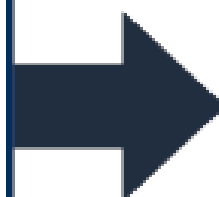


Have a competition with different family members. Try playing on different surfaces in different rooms.

Top Tips

Roll or Throw Underarm

- Step forwards with one foot, bending the knee, release the ball along the ground using your opposite hand.



Let's Reflect

What did you learn after each throw or roll to adapt for the next?

How did you keep focused?



Where: EFT Community Learning Centre, 464 Bexhill Road, St Leonards-on-Sea
TN38 8AU

Who: Parents/carers/grandparents 19+ with under 5s

Cost: FREE


When: Friday 1st October - 5th November 2021 (excl. half-term 29th
October), 10:00 am — 11:30 am



To book your place, contact us on 01424 722241 or

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Phone: 0300 123 4062

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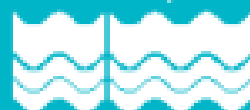
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September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

I am writing to extend a warm welcome for you to attend our College Open Evening on **Thursday 30 September 2021 from 5:30pm - 8:00pm**. We are keen for you to experience the environment, learn more about the outstanding opportunities for students and collect a prospectus. We would be delighted to introduce you to our dedicated staff and show you our impressive learning environment and resources.

Heathfield Community College is a high performing secondary school and sixth form, we provide a welcoming and inspirational community where young people excel. Our results at GCSE and A2 consistently place us amongst the best in the county with attainment significantly above national standards. We believe these outcomes are the direct result of our strong community ethos and commitment to excellence.

We aim to ensure you and your child will be able to see all areas of the College in action. You will be encouraged to participate in a host of interesting learning activities across the curriculum. It will also provide the opportunity to ask those really important questions about issues such as pastoral care, secondary curriculum and learning, extra-curricular clubs and activities, Special Needs provision or school transport.

Dialogue with existing students will provide an insight into what it truly feels like to be a student at the College. We want you and your child to gain a full picture of the College experience of success and personal fulfilment. The College will be open from 5.30pm to 8.00pm and there will be presentations, including an address from the Headteacher, in the Main Hall.

We are delighted to be able to welcome you onto the College site for this evening, however, as we are still learning to live with Covid, on the advice of Public Health, there will be some mitigations in place to provide safeguards for all involved. We will ask visitors, as well as our own staff, to wear masks on the evening. In addition, in order to reduce the numbers in any one venue we are offering an additional presentation from the Headteacher. Please consider the timing of your visit so that we can spread the number of people on site more evenly across the evening. To enable you to hear a



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presentation and have a tour of the College we recommend you allow 1½ hours for your visit consisting of one of the following:

- Attend the presentation at 5:45pm followed by a tour of the College
or
- Attend a presentation at 6:30pm followed by a tour of the College
or
- Take a tour of the College followed by the final presentation at 7:15pm

If you feel uncomfortable attending one of these presentations they will be available on our website following the event www.heathfieldcc.co.uk/join-us.

I very much hope you and your child are able to attend the Open Evening and I look forward to welcoming you to Heathfield Community College on **Thursday 30 September**. (Please note that there is no need to book for this event).

If you require any special access arrangements for the evening, have any queries relating to this event or questions about the College please do not hesitate to contact us on 01435 866066 Ext 1200 or e mail office@heathfieldcc.co.uk.

Yours sincerely



MS C BARLOW
Headteacher

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