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Another fun packed week at Silverdale with the children learning oodles! As an SLT we have had the pleasure of dropping in to lessons throughout the week and we have been amazed at how much the children can talk about their learning. However, I am sure if they are anything like my son, when they get home it would appear that they have done nothing! Talking about their learning at home is a great way of supporting their learning in school, as by explaining to you it helps cement the ideas and facts in their minds.

Weekly Attendance Winners are: EYFS – Year 3 – Whitebeam Class – 98.65% KS2 – Elderflower Class – 97.55% Whole School – 94.75%

Weekly Smiley Awards
EYFS – Year 3 – Elm Class with over 200 smileys
KS2 – Hazel Class with over 300 smileys

THIS WEEK'S ULTIMATE NINJA

Every week we will be choosing one child in the school who is the 'Ultimate Ninja'. These children are incredible role models and are wonderful representatives for Silverdale. The Ultimate Ninja isn't given for one off brilliance, it is awarded for being a brilliant role model every day. This week we have chosen:

Benji

Benji is a fantastic role model for every child in the school. He has an amazing work ethic,



being attentive, enthusiastic and always striving to produce his very best work. He is kind, caring, helpful and sensitive to the needs of others around him and is always willing to lend a hand to assist someone in need. Benji's behaviour is always first class - he demonstrates to others the clear benefits of good behaviour in all situations around school. Benji fully deserves to be an Ultimate Ninja winner - Well done!

Benji, you are the Ultimate Role Model for all Silverdale children!

EYFS 2024 Open Events 2023!



Meet our dedicated teachers and staff and discover our amazing facilities and inspiring curriculum at one of our Silverdale Primary Academy open events! To secure your place now visit: https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa #openevents #education #primaryschool #startingschool

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

This week in TTRS we have been looking at the average time a class is spending practicing their tables every day. In 3rd place is Magnolia, in joint 2nd is Juniper and Elderflower class and in the TOP SPOT this week is LIME! who are spending on average 8 minutes per day practicing their tables- well done Lime class!



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TESCO STRONGER STARTS FUND

Silverdale Primary Academy calls out for votes to get a share of Tesco's Stronger Starts fund



In partnership with



Silverdale Primary Academy are bidding for a cash boost from the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative. Tesco works with community charity Groundwork to run its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £1,500, £1,000 and £500 awarded to local community projects, with a particular focus on children and young people.

Three groups in every community have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Silverdale Primary Academy Supporting Early Writers St. Leonards-on-Sea

Transforming the EYFS outdoor area into an enriching space to foster early writing skills, where children can engage in imaginative storytelling and writing through role-play.

Voting commenced in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid-January 2024. Voting is open in the following stores:

Battle Express; Fernside St Leonards; Hastings Little Ridge Ave; Hastings Tesco's Extra; Hastings Lacuna Exp; Hastings Old London Road Express. You can cast your vote using a token given at the check-out each time you shop.

To boost funds for extra food and activity equipment, Tesco is introducing a £5m grant programme, in partnership with Groundwork UK, to give children across the UK a stronger start in life. The grants will help schools and children's groups provide nutritious food and healthy activities that support young people's physical health and mental wellbeing, such as breakfast clubs or snacks, and equipment for healthy activities.

Tesco's Stronger Starts – previously Tesco Bags of Help and Tesco Community Grants - has already provided over £100 million to more than 50,000 projects across Britain.

Jason Tarry, Tesco UK CEO, said: "Helping schools and children's groups access the food and resources they need is vitally important in getting children a stronger start in life. Children with enough food have more energy, better concentration, and ultimately achieve more too."

Graham Duxbury, Groundwork's UK Chief Executive, said: "As a community charity, we have seen first-hand how schools and other groups supporting young people have been playing a much bigger role in ensuring children are getting a healthy start to the day and getting access to spaces and services to support physical activity and mental health. Family budgets are tight and school budgets are tight, but it's so important that children stay fed, fit and focused, so we're delighted to be able to prioritise these activities alongside Tesco with the Stronger Starts programme."

Stronger Starts is being supported by Kiss FM presenter, Jordan Banjo, who said: "It's hard for kids to dream big when they're hungry but by nominating your local school or children's group, you can make a massive difference to the lives of thousands of youngsters."

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote
- Encourage friends and family to get involved with Community Grants voting

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ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS WITH "ME & MY MIND"



The Me & My Mind Team are running a variety of free 90-minute online workshop for parents and carers. The workshops include:

Primary school:

- Supporting Your Child with **Anxiety & Worry** for parents of primary school aged children (with a choice of daytime and evening).
- Supporting Your Child with **Transition to secondary school** (for parents of children in Year 6)

Secondary school:

- Supporting Your Child with **Anxiety & Worry** for parents of secondary school aged children (with a choice of daytime and evening).
- Support Your Child with **Exam Stress** for parents of secondary aged children of Year 10 & 11 For more information and to book click here go

to <u>www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation</u> Places are limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

PACKED LUNCHES AND SNACKS



Firstly, we would like to remind all parents that we are a nut-free academy. The safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance, and we must ensure that our school environment is free from allergens that could potentially harm those with nut allergies. It has come to our attention that some lunch boxes have been packed with Nutella, a delicious but nut-based spread. We kindly request that you refrain from including Nutella in your child's lunch to help us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Additionally, we'd like to discuss the inclusion of squash drinks in packed lunches. While squash drinks may be refreshing and enjoyable, they often contain high levels of sugar and

artificial additives. As we are committed to promoting healthy eating habits among our students, we therefore request that children bring only water in their bottle.

We understand that packing lunches can be a daily challenge, but we believe that by working together as a school community, we can create a safer and healthier environment for all our students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in making our school a nut-free and health-conscious academy.



SCHOOL GOVERNORS NEEDED!



We are on the lookout for some new School Governors!

Are you interested in making a positive contribution towards our academy?

By volunteering as a Governor, you will be a champion for children's welfare, learning and achievement, play a key role in ensuring that stakeholder views contribute to the work of the academy and ensure that the academy is at the heart of the local community. Becoming a Local Governor is a commitment

and responsibility but offers you the chance to see first-hand the impact you can make in improving education for children in your community. Click here to find out about these important roles.

For more information and how to apply, please contact Amilia Baitup, Local Governance Manager on a.baitup@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk

YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week the children in Early Years have been exploring their five senses, taking one sense each day, (hearing, smelling, touching/feeling different materials, tasting and sight). The children made their own sandwiches and challenged themselves to recall what they did, by giving instructions on how to make a sandwich. The children have

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been working on organising their talk and we have encouraged words such as 'first', 'next', 'then', 'after' and 'finally' to support their retelling of events in the correct order. The children have been describing textures from feely boxes, smelling various scents, working on listening to each other and different sounds. They have been tasting different foods and smelling various scents. This theme has fully supported vocabulary and communication, which is vital for all learning. The sense of hearing encouraged careful listening for games. We also hope you enjoy the home learning challenge this week based on food and tasting. Thank you in advance for your time and support to complete this fun activity. Next week we will be focusing celebrating similarities and differences.

If you happen to go to Tesco's shopping please remember to pop some blue tokens into our fundraising pot, to support our outdoor learning areas, thank you.

Another week has flown by and another busy one it has been! This week we have been looking at the story 'Stuck'. I'm sure the children can all re-tell you the story as we've done lots of sequencing this week!

In Maths we have looked closely at money (coins). If you have an opportunity to investigate coins at the weekend, I'm sure the children would love to share their knowledge.

What else? ... ask the children about hibernation, where we live, and their digital footprint.

Please remember to keep reading books in book bags, it's important that we have access to their books everyday. Thank you, have a great weekend.

This week has been an exciting voyage through time for our Year 2 children as they delved into the captivating world of the Titanic through the eyes of William and Alice in 'If You Were a Kid Aboard the Titanic' by Josh Gregory. Together, they explored the grandeur of the ship, met intriguing characters, and posed thought-provoking questions that deepened their understanding of life on board. In English, our writers focused on narrative skills, mastering the art of descriptive storytelling using adverbs and expanded noun phrases to bring Alice to life on paper. The grammar lessons were infused with fun songs and activities, helping the children grasp various sentence types and punctuation. In Maths they counted and compared different amounts of money. They also embraced the challenge of mathematical mastery, showcasing their understanding through reasoning and thoughtful discussions. It has been a week filled with learning, curiosity, and joy, and we look forward to more exciting adventures next week!

This term is flying, we can't believe that we are nearly in week 6! In year 3 we have been thinking about exercising a woolly mammoth and the children have come up with some great ideas: boxing, karate, jujitsu, golf, swimming, diving and so many more! They then went on to write instructions using time conjunctions, prepositions and imperative verbs. In maths the children have been measuring mass and capacity then linking this to place value. Science is always very popular but even more so this week when the children created their own layers of soil using Oreos, chocolate chips, digestives and chocolate pudding to represent the different layers! In computing we have been discussing the use of the internet with particular focus on social media platforms. We discussed the positives and negatives of these and the age restrictions on these. We linked RE with music and the children wrote their own songs. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

This week in year 4, the children have continued to work on their persuasive writing. They have been creating leaflets to encourage people to visit Mousehole. This has involved them using a variety of skills including: planning, drafting, creating and editing. The final pieces were really impressive and certainly persuasive. In maths, the children have been comparing numbers using more than, less than and equal to. They have been completing a range of questions linked to numbers, money, length and mass. This continues to embed the learning from the last couple of weeks. In Geography, we have been learning fisheries and the impact of over fishing. The children have taken part in some excellent discussions that were both thoughtful and very mature. In RE we have been learning about the word sacred and what this means for a person of faith. Although it is still a while off the children have also been creating their PTA Christmas card designs. Keep an eye out for more information about this over the coming weeks.

Date for your diary - On Tuesday 10th October, we will be hosting a quick parents meet about the statutory Times Table assessment that your child will complete at the end of the academic year. The meeting will be held at the end of the school day, please meet us on the KS1 playground at 3.20 (or once you have collected your child/children).

This week, in year 5, we have continued to produce some narrative writing. They have planned and written an

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alternative ending for 'The Lion and The Unicorn'. The children have been planning different types of endings to grab the reader's attention. In DR, we have been summarising and evaluating 'The Lion and the Unicorn'. Next week, we are moving on to a reading 'Utterly Unbelieve: WWII' by Adam Frost. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 10,000 and 100,000. In music, we have been listening to the Spice Girls. We have ALL enjoyed this very much! In PSHE, we have been talking about how to contribute well in groups. In computing, we are continuing with online safety. This week, we will be discussing online health and well-being. We have also complete out PTA Christmas cards. Don't forget to login to rollama and times tables rock stars. We hope you all have a lovely weekend

Another week has gone already, only a couple of weeks of Term 1 to go! We have gone Greek God crazy in year 6 this week and have worked very hard writing our non-chronological reports on our favourite ones. The year sixes learnt so much about these weird and wonderful gods and I am sure you've heard at some of the interested facts about them. In our writing we have worked hard trying to include more complex, technical punctuation such as colons, dashes and brackets. We saw a sprinkling of these punctuation marks straight away when the children were even writing their introductions and we're super proud of the new writing skills that have been developed this week. In maths we've been recalling factors, prime numbers and multiples. Ask your child if they can define all three? In Science we've been looking at shadows and planned an investigation to see how shadows change during the day. We also have learnt all about refraction, the bending of light through materials - did you know we see rainbows due to light bending through rainwater? In History we've also enjoyed learning about how the Greeks invented the Olympics and how they weren't only based around just sport, ask your child what other things they also had going on? Hopefully you received our Greek Day letter, which will be on Wednesday 19th October, if you didn't receive this letter please let us know so we can print one for you. Have a great weekend!

PTA UPDATE

All parents and carers are welcome along to our AGM welcome drink and snacks provided at 7pm on Tuesday 17th at The Parish Rooms on Wishing Tree Road. If you feel you can contribute at all with our PTA events, helping to make them happen for our Silverdale community this will be much appreciated, our events help us to support our Silverdale pupils with some lovely things and experiences. From printing, to running a stall or helping build a bonfire! Every little really does help - we look forward to seeing anyone that can come along and support us.

On Saturday 4th November, from 5:30-7:30, our wonderful PTA will be staging the legendary Silverdale Bonfire and



Fireworks night. Every penny earned goes back into providing fantastic experiences and facilities for your children at Silverdale. For the event to go ahead and be successful we NEED volunteers to help run the stalls and also to help with setting up on the day and some prep the day before. If you can help in anyway, please sign-up below and we will be in touch. Everything will be provided to make it easy, so please do sign-up if you can! https://forms.office.com/e/pVVLc3WE8R

Can you help with lighting for the event? or do you have a van or truck that can help us collect wood prior to the Saturday? If so please contact the PTA directly.

Bonfire & fireworks night Saturday 4th November 5.30 till 7.30 Fireworks are 7pm (weather permitting) Entry £4 adults £2 children under 5's free

This year includes; DJ Fran from wriggles and giggles, BBQ, Refreshments, Characters, Silverdale PTA sweet stall, candy floss, marshmallows & toffee apples, Stall of witchcraft and wizardry (make a wand and potion) & more

Have a wonderful weekend Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team

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Dates for your diary 2023-24

10.10.2023 - Fundraising & organising Year 6 leavers Party 6.30pm (CHANGE OF VENUE - The North Star Pub) 11.10.2023 – Tempest Photos – Individuals and Siblings 17.10.2023 - PTA AGM 7pm the Parish Rooms (Wishing Tree Road) 20.10.2023 - INSET 3.11.2023 - PTA Mufti (Information to follow) 4.11.2023 – PTA #legendary Silverdale Bonfire and Fireworks (Times TBC) 9.11.2023 – Holly Class Assembly (9.00am start) 9.11.2023 - All years - Influenza Nasal Spray programme - Information to follow. 10.11.2023 - Cedar Class Assembly (9.00am start) 16.11.2023 – Elm Class Assembly (9.00am start) 17.11.2023 Beech Class Assembly (9.00am start) 21.11.2023 - New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 10.00am - https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa 23.11.2023 – Rowan Class Assembly (9.00am start) 24.11.2023 Juniper Class Assembly (9.00am start) 28.11.2023 - New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 2.00pm - https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa 30.11.2023 – Pine Class Assembly (9.00am start) 1.12.2023 - Magnolia Class Assembly (9.00am start) 6.12.2023 - New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm - https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa 7.12.2023 – Whitebeam Class Assembly (9.00am start) 9.12.2023 – PTA Christmas Fayre (Times TBC) 2.1.2024 - INSET 9.2.2024 - INSET 28.3.2024 - INSET 22.7.2024 - INSET

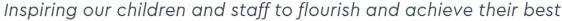
23.7.2024 - INSET

OUT OF ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES



Hastings Storytelling Festival (hastingsstoryfest.org.uk)













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Saturday 21st October, 10am - 12pm

St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonards on Sea, TN38 0LB

Join us at our spooktacular family friendly event, but look out for the witch! Follow the trail around the Hospice garden, hunt for tokens and receive a thrilling reward.

Discover the name of the witch's cat for the chance to win a ghostly prize!

Children £3.50 and adults £1.50 (refreshments included).



For more information call the Fundraising team on 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com

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Explore your child's future: Secondary School Open Days

The University of Brighton Academies Trust is very proud of its excellent secondary academies in Hastings and St Leonards. Come along to one of our open events and discover what makes our schools an amazing choice for Year 7s in September 2024!





Open Event Dates:

Mon 25th September Tues 26th September Wed 27th September Thurs 28th September Fri 29th September Tues 3rd October Thurs 5th October Tues 10th October Tues 17th October



Open Event Dates:

Tues 3rd October Fri 6th October Wed 11th October Fri 13th October



Scan the codes within to discover more about life at our secondary academies, how to apply and/or attend an open event!









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