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13.10.23

I would like to start the week by thanking you all for your kind words and support this week following the OFSTED call on Monday, and their ensuing visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will of course share with you the published report as soon as we receive it.

With only four days left of this term (don't forget it is an INSET day on Friday 20.10.2023) it is fun to look back over some of the learning that has taken place, seeing our EYFS children join Silverdale and settle into their new routines and classes, Year 1 visiting ASDA and enjoying spinning around on the HGV turntable; year 2's visits from the past with the builders of the Titantic and some of the passengers popping by to say hello; the phenomenal amount of information our Year 3 children know about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age; Year 4s fishy experience day; Year 5 becoming evacuees ; and finally the amazing Greek pottery produced by Year 6. These are just a mere few examples of some of the experiences and learning that the children have completed in what now feels like a short 6 weeks!

Weekly Attendance Winners are: EYFS – Year 3 – Rowan Class – 98.35% KS2 – Hazel Class – 99.05% Whole School – 94.35%

Weekly Smiley Awards EYFS – Year 3 – Aspen Class with over 300 smileys KS2 – Magnolia Class with over 300 smileys

EYFS 2024 Open Events 2023!



We're thrilled to meet future pupils and parents at our autumn open events. Booking is still open if you'd like to join! Visit: <u>https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa</u> to secure your place now #openevents #education #primaryschool #startingschool

TIMES TABLE ROCK STARS

This week in TTRS we have been ultra-active especially Elderflower and Beech class who have finished in 3rd place with a 90% active score this week. Closely following them with 94% is Hazel class and the winner on the TOP SPOT (again!) this week is LIME class with 97%. Make sure you keep raising your status by using STUDIO sessions!



YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week the children in Early Years have based their learning on a book called 'All Are

Welcome' by Alexandra Penfold. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vc8IEcr1Uwc</u> This has been a great book to promote differences and similarities, as well as the importance of respecting each other. The children have also been discussing their likes/dislikes and what makes them special. The children have had opportunities to discuss pets too, linked to the story 'Dear Zoo'. We have continued to explore 2D and 3D shapes and encouraging the children to use mathematical language: 'sides', 'corners'; 'straight', 'flat', 'round'. As well as developing time vocabulary, such as 'first, next, after, then and finally'. We were extremely proud of how confident the children were this week during OFSTED, they were very willing to share their ideas. Their enthusiasm for school shone through; like the shining stars they are. Thank you for your care and positivity too. Please remember to send your child's reading record and books back on their reading day, thank you.

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Year One have had another busy week 'wowing' us and our 'important visitors', especially in Geography! They amazed everyone when recalling knowledge about the United Kingdom, and then stopped us in our tracks when sharing information about where they live and the places they live near. We learnt lots about human and physical features, so next time you are out for a walk, see if they can point these features out to you.

In English this week we have been learning all about adjectives and next week we will be using them in our sentence writing. In Maths we have continued looking at coins and their value. How are they doing with this at home? Thank you for all your kind words this week, it was appreciated by the whole Year One team.

Have a great weekend ready for the final week of Term One!

This week in English, year 2 have been on an adventurous journey with 'If You Were a Kid Aboard the Titanic' by Josh Gregory. Our young explorers followed Alice and William as they faced the dramatic iceberg collision on the Titanic. The good news is, they made it to a lifeboat and survived the disaster! In history, the children put themselves in the shoes of the First-class passengers who witnessed the event from a safe distance. We also delved into sentence types, with a special focus on creating exciting exclamation sentences. In the maths, we have been diving into numbers up to a hundred, comparing and ordering them to sharpen our numerical skills. It's been a pleasure to see how the children are mastering this concept and using their reasoning skills to talk about numbers with confidence. In Computing, the children have been busy designing robots. They were given the challenge of creating robots with various inputs and outputs, sparking their creativity and problem-solving skills. It's amazing to witness the imaginative ideas they come up with! During DT our inventors were tasked with designing moving monsters. With their friends' help, they carefully selected their favourite designs. Have a wonderful weekend!

Another busy week for year 3. In English the children have used i pads and books to research all about the woolly mammoth. They have really begun to develop their note taking skills and will now transfer the information to a report with illustrations, sub headings, captions and lots of interesting facts. In maths we have continued with the theme of place value and have been comparing and ordering numbers, money, mass and length. Next week the children will be rounding numbers to the nearest ten or hundred. In science the children practised their skills of scientific enquiry to carry out a fair test to find out which soils absorb the most water. Finally, we are so proud of our lovely year threes when they met with our 'visitors' this week. They were confident and full of enthusiasm when talking to them. Absolute superstars! We would like to say a big thank you for all your positive feedback and kind words this week. This term has flown and we can't believe we are approaching the final week. Have a good weekend everyone.

This week in year 4, the children have been learning about recount writing. We have examined a variety of different recount texts including newspapers, diaries and witness statements. On Thursday they applied what they had learnt and wrote a short recount about something they had done. Next week, they will be writing a detailed report about 'Fish Friday'. In destination reader, the children have been practicing the skill of summarising. They had to break the book down into 12 key points. In maths, the children have been looking at negative numbers, ordering numbers as well as using number lines up to 1000. Today the children took part in the very exciting 'Fish Friday'. They created some amazing art inspired by 'The Great Wave' by Katsushika Hokusai. They also took part in a scientific fish dissecting lesson – learning all about the inside of the fish and comparing it to a human. Finally, they made some fish fingers and created some amazing leaflets linked to our theme of the term. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves – what a great way to round off the week. Thank you to all the parents that came to our timetable meeting on Tuesday. If you were unable to make it, then please feel free to speak to your child's teacher when you see them and they will be happy to answer any questions. Hope you all have a lovely weekend J

Week 6 completed. We can't believe we are going into our final week of the term next week. It has just flown by. This week, in English, Year 5 have been learning about writing persuasively. At the end of the week, we wrote a persuasive letter to the parents of London, telling them to evacuate their children. In maths, we have been looking at Roman Numerals up to 1000 and have been recognising years written in them. In history, the children have been learning about who played a part in WWII and who was on each side. In geography, we looked at the seven continents and the 7 largest cities within them. Year 5 have all made us so proud this week. We just want to say a big thank you to them and you! We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Don't forget to log in to Times Tables Rock Star and Rollama. See you Monday.

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Year 6 have had a great week working particularly hard in mathematics. We've been focusing on formal methods of multiplication: consolidating skills in the short method and gaining confidence in the long multiplication method. This is has been a challenge for some of our learners, especially as long multiplication contains so many steps but we're very proud of how resilient our Year 6s have been in maths this week. We've also enjoyed learning the features of Greek Myths, identifying that a Greek myth often has a hero, a mythical beast, a quest and a gift from a god. We have started to plan our very own Greek myths and we look forward to writing these next week. Also this week we've enjoyed creating our own Greek vases! We enjoyed developing clay skills and looking forward to painting some Greek designs on them during Greek Day Wednesday of next week (18th). To finish our science topic on 'light', we had a visitor on Friday- Ryan Tate, Mrs Tate's husband- who has a career in Theatre Lighting came in to talk to us about how light is obviously essential in his work. He told us all about the amazing strong lights used for stage, how the rays of light need to be extremely strong and all the fascinating ways that he adapts light and shadows to create different effects. A huge thank you to Mr Tate for visiting! You may also have heard that we had other important visitors earlier on in the week. We're extremely proud of how brilliant our Year Sixes have been talking to our visitors so maturely and confidently and they behaved fantastically – showing them just how spectacular Silverdale is!

SILVERDALE NETBALLERS IN ACTION!



Silverdale have been in action in our local netball competition this term. On Monday 9th October we took a team of 9 girls to compete against several other local schools. The team did brilliantly. After an initial defeat in the first game (to the eventual winners of the competition), they roared back to win the following 3 games with strong performances all round. Well done to all the girls, great job!

TESCO STRONGER STARTS FUND

Don't forget to vote with the blue chip for our Silverdale Primary Academy

Supporting Early Writers Project - 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.

In partnership with



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.

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Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote

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- Encourage friends and family to get involved with Community Grants voting

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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 <u>a.baitup@brightonacademiestrust.org.uk</u>

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

We are just 10 volunteers short of being able to run this event at its very best – so if you are free please sign up!

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

Thank you again for all the support this week<

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Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team.

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Dates for your diary 2023-24

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

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OUT OF ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES



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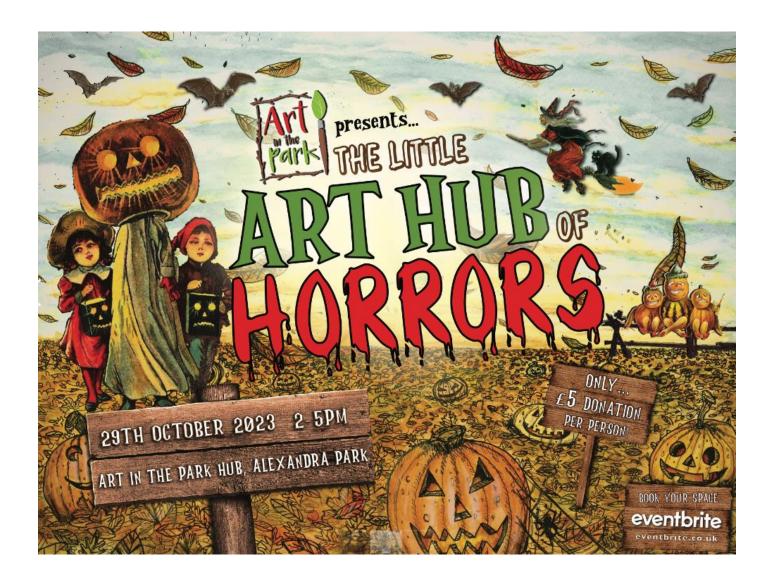
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Hastings Storytelling Festival

STORIES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Famously diverse, progressive, immersive and inclusive storytelling for all ages

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In aid of Chestnut Tree House children's hospice

Charity Prize Draw!

Saturday 11 November 2023 2pm - 5pm

Buy tickets online (suggested £10) Or come to the family fun day

West St Leonards Community Association, Bexhill Road, TN38 8BL

Mother and Son, Karen and Jake Jooshandeh, are hosting a prize draw to raise funds for the Chestnut Tree House Sahara Trek 2024.

Come along to our family fun day for lots of fun activities and a prize draw with great prizes!

Prizes include:

- Free skate lesson at Source Park
- One month unlimited membership at CrossFit 1066
- £50 Tesco voucher donated by A1 Quality Care
- See the full list on our JustGiving page!

All proceeds go to Chestnut Tree House

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Suggested donation of £10 for a ticket use the QR code or link below, and leave your full name, number/ email address https://www.justgiving.com/page/karenandjake-sahara2024 To enter for free, please email: <u>karenjakesahara2024@gmail.com</u>

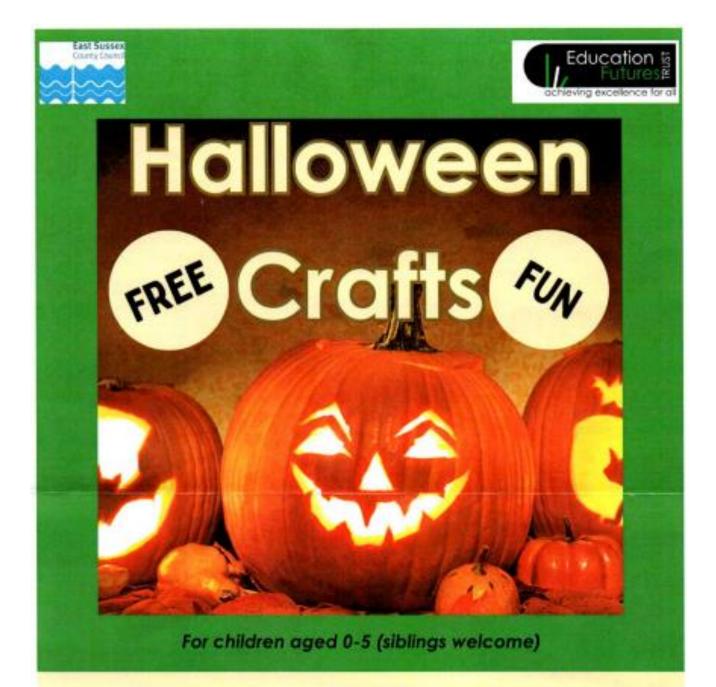
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Chestnut Tree House [Children's Hostice Care]

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Join us for some outdoor Halloween fun to celebrate the season!

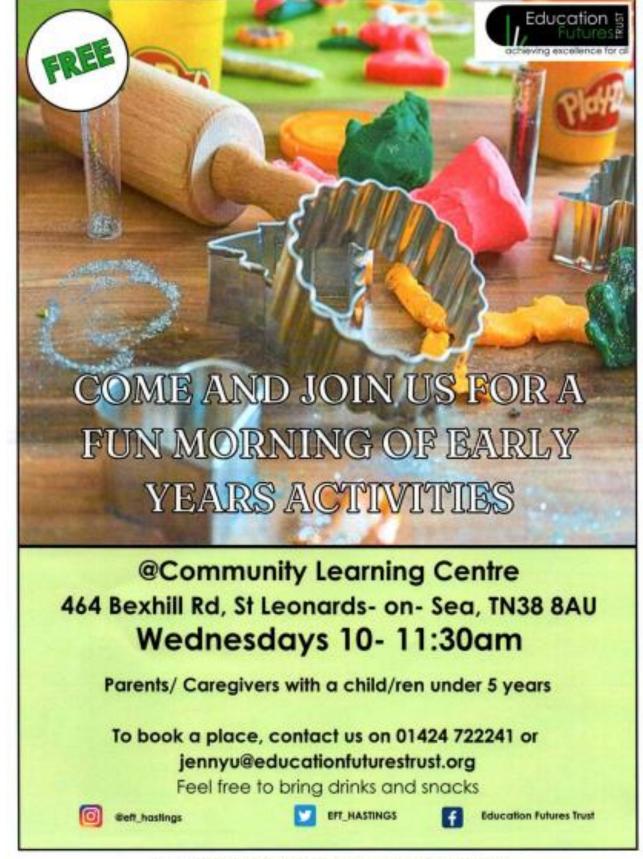
Thursday 26th October 2023 9.30am-12.30pm In the Secret Garden @ The Firs, Elphinstone Rd, Hastings, TN34 2AX To book call 01424 722241 or email kerryb@educationfuturestrust.org

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UNDERSTANDING AUTSM

@The Firs, Elphinstone Road, TN34 2AX 9:30am-12:30pm, Fridays 3rd - 24th November, 2023

This FREE course for parents and carers in Hastings, with autistic children up to 12 years old, will:

- enchance your knowledge and understanding of autism
- increase your confidence so you can best help your child
- provide some strategies that will make a positive difference to your child

This course will be delivered by Joy Beaney and Jackie Powell of Autism Train. To book, call 01424 722241 or email office@educationfuturestrust.org

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St michael's hospice CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST Saturday 9th

Saturday 9th December 11am - 4pm The Stade, Hastings Old Town Free entry (donations welcome)

Letters to Santa, Reindeer food, Visit Santa (free gift), Gingerbread decorating and much more!

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