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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations in supporting our CAFOD appeal which will be allocated to DEC charities (Disasters Emergency Committee) supporting countries in crisis, including Ukraine. My thanks to Miss Routledge and the School Council for organising this very important fund-raising initiative. We raised an incredible £288.48. Thank you all so much.

The children have also received a sunflower seed which we hope that they will be able to grow at home and then bring back into school so that we can plant on our school grounds as a symbol of peace.

MMA Spring Festival Concert

Well done to the members of the choir who took part in the Medway Music Association Spring Festival this week. They were all amazing and sang beautifully. It was wonderful to see their enjoyment as they performed at the Central Theatre, Chatham. My thanks to Mrs Kinslow, Miss Routledge and Mrs Ward for preparing the children for the concert.

Year 5 Assembly

Well done to Year 5 for their excellent class assembly exploring the commonwealth. This week marked the celebration of commonwealth day around the world. The commonwealth is a voluntary association of 54 independent and equal countries who cooperate for economic and social benefit. During commonwealth day we celebrate the unity, diversity and links of the modern Commonwealth. Year 5's assembly helped us all have a greater understanding of the Commonwealth's achievements and role in the world and the importance of working together for the common good.

Medway Safety in Action Project

This week Year 6 continued with the Medway Safety in Action programme – this week's session explored water safety.

Science Week

Year R – EYFS have been exploring a topic based on the question 'How can we save the world?' They read the stories 'Dear GreenPeace' and 'Lost and Found', learnt about Greta Thunberg and thought about what we could do to help. The children discovered that it would create less pollution if they walked to school rather than using their car, they created a compost bin for their fruit peelings and have learnt which materials are recyclable and which are not. Children have also been exploring slime, made magnet mazes and investigated dissolving by making jelly.

Year 1 - This week the children learnt about energy. We read '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World'. Then, the children toured the school to identify the different appliances that we use everyday that rely on energy. The children then created instructions on how to save energy at school and at home.

Year 2 – This week, children have been exploring the theme of 'Growth'. They have all planted marigold seeds in class, and are currently carrying out an investigation into the best growing conditions for a plant. On Tuesday, they went pond dipping and minibeast hunting and discovered all sorts of interesting creatures such as water snails, newts and frogspawn.

Year 3 – This week, we investigated whose shoe had the best grip by measuring the amount of force in Newtons it took to drag our shoes across the floor.

Year 4 – Children have been learning about the hidden world of wonderful, working worms. They used their senses to explore the soil in our school grounds, and observed how worms move through the soil. Year 4 have also created informative posters about problematic plastics, with information about how we can reduce our plastic waste.

Year 5 – Children have been investigating the effects of air resistance and gravity by dropping paper helicopters and seeing how long it took them to fall to the ground. They then tried adding paper clips to see if adding weight would change the speed of the helicopters falling.





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Year 6 – This week, Year 6 linked Art and History with Science by creating optical illusions called 'Kinoptic art' to show two contrasting Mayan Gods. We were so impressed with the results!

Future Events

Year 3 Parish Mass – Monday 14th March

During Lent each class in KS2 (Yr. 3 – Yr. 6) will take part in a Parish Mass. We hope that this will help the children's understanding of the Mass while also giving them the experience of visiting the church which we have not been able to do over the last two years. On Monday morning Year 3 will be visiting St. John Fisher church to take part in a parish Mass.

PTA Mother's Day shop – Note Change of Date

Wednesday 23rd March – The PTA will be holding a Mother's Day shop for the children. They are invited to bring in no more than £5 to buy a gift for someone special. Prices are from 50p - £2. Please ensure the money is in a named envelope and sent to school on the day.

Year R – 5 - Parent Teacher Consultations Wednesday 23rd March and Thursday 24th March

Parents will have received their appointment slip with times of their appointment this week. In order to reduce the risk of transmission we ask that one parent per family attend the appointments.

Wear a hat day – Friday 25th March

As part of brain tumour awareness month, we will be taking part in the annual wear a hat fund raiser. The children will be invited for a donation of £1 to come to school dressed in their own clothes wearing a hat. For more information about the work of this important charity please click on the link <https://www.braintumourresearch.org/>

PTA Easter Raffle and Cake Sale – Thursday 31st March

Cake Sale - We are proposing to have a cake sale on Thursday 31st March after school in the bike shed. If you are able to donate any cakes these would be gratefully received. Please can we ask for the cake donations for Wednesday 30th March.

Easter raffle - The PTA are also organising an Easter Raffle, raffle tickets have been sent out. We would really appreciate any chocolate or Easter Eggs as raffle prizes to make up hampers.

KM Charity Team – Young Cookery Competition

Children aged 7-11 years are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500! Closing date for entries – 18th April 2022.

The idea is to encourage all young people to roll up their sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be – while learning vital life skills along the way! Further details can be found at

<https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/youngcooks/>

Medway Music Association – Free Easter Music Courses 2022

Junior Band Day, for beginner to Grade 1 standard players of ANY instrument, aged 7 +, Monday 4th April 9:30 – 15:00 at Rainham Mark Grammar School. This day will consist of a variety of fun musical activities including for example, general musicianship, ensemble playing and musical games. Should you be interested in your child taking part in this day, please see the application form that has previously been sent via ParentMail.

Contract Dining – Term 5 and 6 Menu

Week 1 starting week commencing 18th April; your attention is drawn to the menu sent home via ParentMail earlier this week. A paper copy of which is available from the school foyer.

Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.msrb.org.uk/>





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To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Breakfast club

With the relaxation of restrictions and the return to commuting to work for some we would just like to remind you of our breakfast club provision. Places are available and should you like more information please email breakfastclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk

Parish link

For information about the parish of St John Fisher including newsletters and Mass times click on the link below. <https://stjohnfisher.me.uk/>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Red

Walking Boot: joint Winners - Year 1 and 6

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly. Ilinca YR, Chloe Y 1, Wilson Y 2, Nyrah Y 3, Edward Y 4, Whole Class Y 5, Hayden Y 6.

Thank you to our work experience students Huseyin and Ben for all their help this week.

End of Term 4

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Friday 1st April. Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm Friday 1st April.

Yours sincerely,

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Prayer for Peace

Heavenly Father, Your will for your people is peace, not war. Pour out on our world, especially in Eastern Europe, your Spirit of compassion and solidarity. Grant all those who believe in you the strength to be close to those who suffer and the courage to resolve their differences and conflicts in truth and without resort to arms. Be with the widow, the orphan, the refugee and the peacemaker.

Bind us all into the peace of your Kingdom.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Diary Dates – Subject to Change		
March		
Tuesday 22 nd	Family and Fairy Tales – Year R	
Wednesday 23 rd	PTA Mother's Day Shop	
	Years R-5 Parent / Teacher meetings – by appointment	4-7pm
Thursday 24 th	Years R-5 Parent / Teacher meetings – by appointment	4-7pm
Friday 25 th	Wear A Hat Day – non-school uniform day - in support of Brain Tumour Research	£1 per child
Sunday 27 th	Mothering Sunday	





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Tuesday 29 th	Family and Fairy Tales – Year R	
Wednesday 30 th	Y5 Class Trip – Rochester Guildhall Museum	
Thursday 31 st	PTA Easter Raffle and Cake Sale	
April		
Friday 1 st	Last day of Term 4 – Early finish 1:30 pm	
4 th – 18 th	School Holiday – Children not in school	
Tuesday 19 th	First Day of Term 5 – Children return to school	
Wednesday 20 th	Bags 2 School – Charity collection – unwanted clothing shoes etc.	9am – Cycle compound
Thursday 24 th	Yr. 4 Trip Kingswood Grosvenor Hall	
Friday 29 th	Pyjama Day and PTA Film Night	Details to follow

