



31st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another term and are two thirds of the way through the school year. It may have been a cold and wet term, but there have been plenty of bright spots for us to think back on and enjoy the memories of.

This final week has been jammed with good things which you can read about below, so we are finishing in style.

Have a lovely Easter,

Mrs Lewis

MYG Tag Rugby: Some year 5 children attended the Medway Mini Youth Games Rugby Festival this week. They quickly picked up the rules and started to put together a few plays and tactics. Over the day their skills grew but right from the start they were commended for their sportsmanship and conduct. We were very proud to hear all about it in assembly today. Well done Team and Mrs Champness.



Disco: We all had a great time at the Discos last night, we saw some amazing moves out on the dancefloor - from the children and adults! An astonishing 190 children enjoyed their Disco so a huge thank you to the Tempo team and all of the wonderful volunteers who enable these events to happen. We raised an incredible £516! Look out for the next opportunity for you to join in!

EYFS Fruit and Veg Day: as part of their learning this week, Reception class have been learning about growing fruit and vegetables and healthy eating. They were invited to take part in one of the most delicious dress up days we have ever had! The children came in wearing clothes representing fruit or vegetables, we had some amazing outfits! There were also a few Superheroes in school today because we all know they definitely eat their fruit and vegetables to make sure they stay so strong!



Colours Day: Today was our first ever Colours Day. Children from Sapphire House wore their blue with pride. Now the race is on to see which House will enjoy wearing their colours on the next Colours Day and which house may go on to enjoy a House Fun Afternoon towards the end of the year.



Year 6 Easter Fun Day: We are so proud of Year 6. They planned and organised an amazing Easter Fun Day for all of the children in the school to take part in if they wanted to. Each class visited Year 6 where they could take part in an Easter Egg hunt, solving the clues to win a chocolate egg, they played Guess the Name Of The Bunnies (Daisy and Cottontail), played Pin The Tail On The Bunny and



could also have a go at some Easter colouring and crafts. This was of course topped off with an incredible cake sale!

The children had a great time and Year 6 were able to raise £341 towards their end of term Leavers' activities. Keep an eye out for their next fun-fundraiser.



Shoe lace appeal: This isn't another charity event, just a collective plea from staff that, if your child wears lace up shoes or trainers, that you teach them how to tie their laces over the holiday! It seems to be a constant hum of children being asked to tie their laces or children asking for their laces to be tied as we try to avoid trip accidents. If they cannot tie them, can we please suggest they have trainers or shoes with Velcro fastening as a safer alternative.

Celebration Assembly: The whole of Year 6 were commended today for their work on the Easter Fun Day, it was amazing. Individual awards were presented for children showing great improvement in writing and maths, there was a special mention for some incredible work in Design and Technology and a number of learning skills were celebrated. A number of super role models were also recognised today.

Some silver and bronze Reading Challenge certificates were also presented this week, it's not too late to get stuck into the 40 Book Challenge!

Attendance: Temple the Cat has spent this week with Tiger Class (Year 6) Temple was kept very busy with preparations for the Easter Fun Day - you might spot their attempt in the Pin the Tail game in the pictures we shared! Temple was however, very tempted by the chocolate in the room and had to be kept a very close eye on.

Temple will spend next week with Lions Year 5 who achieved 98.73!

So far, this term's whole school attendance is 94.91%, the academic year attendance is 93.63%. Our aim is to get back to our pre-pandemic standards of at least 96%

This week's House Points:

DIAMOND	SAPPHIRE	EMERALD	RUBY
			
30	46	62	33

Well done all members of Emerald!

Dates for your diary:

Fri 31st March - Term Ends (children in school)

Mon 17th April - Term 5 starts (Children return to school)

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tues 9th - Fri 12th - KS2 SATS
Tues 16th - Thurs 18th - KS1 SATS
Weds 24th May - Reception class Vision & Hearing Tests
Fri 26th May - Term Ends (children in school)

