

# The Archer

School Newsletter No 6

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## World Book Day

On Friday 3rd March, Wentworth celebrated World Book Day. Children enjoyed a range of book activities as well as the chance to attend school in pyjamas! It was a pleasure to see so many different book themed activities going on throughout the day as we enjoyed celebrating our love of reading. <https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/> This term we have also been visited by the Book Fair and it was very successful - we raised £965 earning us £520 of free books for school! Thank you so much for your continued support with this

## School Trips

**We look forward to every child in the school attending a school trip this year, with a successful year 3 trip to the museum of Kent Life taking place this term and many more planned for the remainder of the year. Earlier this term, year 4 attended a trip to Kingswood activity centre where they enjoyed a range of outdoor adventurous activities. Some of the photos from the overnight stay are on the school website. Year 6 will soon be attending their 4-day activity trip to Windmill Hill in East Sussex. I know that many of the children are looking forward to the exciting opportunities that lay ahead.**

## Staff changes

Mrs Connolly will be leaving us at Easter as she takes up a new post as headteacher of a school in Cornwall. We wish her all the best with the big move and every success as she leads her new school. I will write to classes later in the term to inform them of changes to class teachers.

## Foodbank collection

**Many thanks for the donations which came in for our local food bank in response to their stock running low. The team in Dartford were very grateful for the generous amount we were able to send from our school community.**

## Zones of Regulation

Thank you to the large number of you who came to chat to us in the hall at Open Evening and showed such enthusiasm to the implementation of our new Zones of Regulation curriculum. Following on from last term's work, the children are currently building their own personalised toolbox of strategies to help them to regulate their emotions.

## Wellbeing

In assemblies this term, we are exploring the importance of health and fitness, linked to improving our wellbeing. So far we have learnt how sleep and nutrition affect our brain health and will be moving onto thinking about exercise and motivation in the last part of the term. Why not ask your child how many foods they can name which are good for our brain? Or how many hours sleep the average person needs for optimum brain function and development?

## SEND Information Hub

Have you heard of the SEND Information Hub - this is the new name for Kent County Council's Local Offer of services and information available to children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families, please follow this link:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/special-educational-needs)

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with SEND wishing to have their voices heard, please visit [www.kent.pact.org.uk](http://www.kent.pact.org.uk) or contact [info@kentpact.org.uk](mailto:info@kentpact.org.uk)

## Drink bottles

We are still seeing an increase in the number of children drinking energy drinks. Please ensure that your child only brings suitable drinks into school. A reusable bottle containing water is allowed in the classroom and in addition juice and squash are allowed at lunchtime. However, no fizzy drinks or energy drinks (e.g. Prime) should be brought into school.

### Playtime snacks

Could I remind you that children are welcome to bring in a small playtime snack to ensure that energy levels are maintained throughout the morning. Please avoid sending children in with chocolate and sweets to be consumed at playtime.

### Sports - Futsal

Several children from year 3 and 4 represented the school in a futsal festival held at The Leigh UTC this term. Not only did the children get the opportunity to play against seven other local primary schools where they all showed great teamwork and competitiveness, they were also lucky enough to experience a tour of the school's state of the art engineering department where they were shown how a number of the different machines were used during the school day. A fantastic experience for all the children involved.

### Premier League Primary Stars

Wentworth Girls' Football Team were selected to represent Dartford at the recent regional competition. The regional event helps to get more girls into football and representing their local football teams. The event took place at Charlton Athletic Training ground with the girls completing against 6 other teams in their group which included Crystal Palace, QPR, West Ham and Chelsea. The girls had a fantastic day and wore their Dartford Football shirts with pride. A particular highlight was beating Chelsea 4-0 and getting their photo taken with the Premier League Trophy.



### Monday Advice Hub - Managing cost of living crisis

We would like to advise you of a scheme that is operating by Citizen Advice and is supporting people in Kent who are struggling financially or need support to manage the rising cost of living through its new Money Advice Hub. The service is completely free and confidential. People can access the service online by visiting [www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com](http://www.kentmoneyadvicehub.com) (with video call and webchat functions) or by calling the freephone number on 0800 808 5622 by phone from Monday – Friday between 8am – 8pm.

### Attendance

We would like to remind parents that when children are on a course of antibiotics or other medication, it is expected that they still attend school. Please make arrangements with the school office if your child needs medication during the school day.

Our Potato Heads in the KS1 hall are starting to grow body parts as the year groups achieve 96%+ in their weekly attendance. The winning year group each week have been enjoying their reward time with Mr Pollock, where they finish their week with a high-energy game.

So far this term, the weekly certificates have gone to

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1IS - for the class with no lates and the best attendance in KS1 in February

2CR - for the most improved attendance on a Wednesday, going from 93.33% to 100%

3DH - for fantastic improvement on a Friday, where attendance went from 88.71% to 95.31%

### Parking

We have received a large number of complaints recently from our neighbours regarding parking in both James Road and Wentworth Drive, where people are stopping on the zig-zag lines to drop off children, or across private driveways and turning around on Wentworth Drive opposite the gates at peak times when there is high volume of traffic and pedestrians crossing the road. This poses dangers for children who are walking to school. Please ensure you do not obstruct drives, garages or access to roads and be respectful of our neighbours. We speak to the children regularly about road safety and keeping safe when crossing the roads. We would appreciate your support in reiterating road safety at home.

