

The Archer

School Newsletter No 6

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DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

COVID

We are still experiencing many COVID cases amongst the school community in both children and adults. This has made staffing the school challenging at times. As a result staff are still wearing face masks in communal areas in an attempt to reduce transmission. I greatly appreciate the support and flexibility of the whole staff to ensure all classes are adequately covered.

Open Evenings

Due to the high prevalence of COVID our February open evenings will be virtual. These will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th February. Timings and booking arrangements will be sent out shortly.

Japanese

Our year 6 pupils continue to study Japanese, learning the language and about the culture. We are very grateful to Dartford Grammar School for their support in delivering this programme.

Red Rooster Project

We have enjoyed music tuition through the Red Rooster project for several years with our Year 4 children learning to play the violin. This year we have further developed these opportunities with all children in all year groups receiving music lessons at some point in the year.

Early years are learning percussion along with Year 1.

Year 2 are learning Samba

Year 3 are learning Recorders

Year 4 are learning the Violin

Year 5 and 6 are learning the Ukulele

It's been great to see the children engage so enthusiastically and to benefit from the project partially funded by our ex-pupil Mick Jagger.

Blogs

Our website is regularly being updated with subject blogs where you can review the programme of study being undertaken by our children in different subjects. The latest ones showcase 'Mighty Writer' in Key Stage 1, History and Science.

Year 4 outdoor Adventurous Activity Trip to the Kingswood Centre, Ashford.

Our Year 4's are looking forward to their overnight activity trip on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th February where they will experience obstacle challenge, bush craft (shelter building), abseiling, Jacobs's ladder and problem solving.

I know they will have an enjoyable and regarding time.

Year 6 PGL trip to Windmill Hill, East Sussex.

Year 6 are looking forward to their four day outdoor adventurous activity weekend between 25th and 28th March where they will experience 12 different activities. These trips are invaluable in developing independence, resilience, communication and team building skills.

Severe Weather

On the rare occasion of us having to close due to severe weather conditions messages would be sent out via Parent Pay and broadcast on our website, KCC's School closures website and on Radio Kent.

May I remind you that term 3 finishes on Friday 11th February and school re-opens for term 4 on Monday 21st February.

