

# Weald News



## Term 4 Week 1

### Netball at Mayfield

On Friday 9 children from year 5 and 6 attended a netball day at Mayfield School. The day was led by the sports leaders at Mayfield, and alongside 8 other teams enjoyed a tournament style, contest playing all other teams. With a mixture of success, the team performed really well and as always demonstrated superb sportsmanship throughout. Well done to all that took part.

### Quiz night at Weald

On Friday night the hall was full of teams for the Weald quiz in aid of the PTA. Hosted by the Mr and Mrs Virgo, the night was a roaring success and raised a staggering amount of money for the school. Thank you to all that came and took part and to all that contributed to the night. Hopefully a new event for the calendar, so if you could not make it this year one to book in for the future.

### Kench Hill Residential

Last week years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Kench Hill residential centre near Tenterden. Over the 3 days the children not only overcame the challenge of being away from home for 3 days but also making their own beds, trekking through streams and across boggy fields, learning archery and teamwork skills through the blind (boggy) trail, serving each other at mealtimes, quizzing and toasting marshmallows. They all shared lots of laughter and excitement over the three days and gained some character skills within it. All the children were brilliant, enthusiastic, and full of smiles and hopefully the parents have enjoyed some of the adventurous stories now they are back at home recovering for a Monday back at school! These trips are a huge part of a child's personal development here at Weald and have as big a part to play as being in the classroom. A thank you to Mrs Banfield, Mr Barter, Mrs D and Mrs Cutbush for supporting the children over the 3 days.

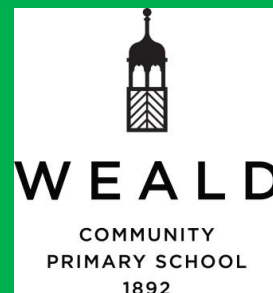
### Through the classes

**Year 6** – In year 6 the children have published their own picture books that we wrote last term. I was really impressed with the care and attention everyone put into the presentation of their stories. They had some incredible ideas to edit and improve ahead of this. In Maths they completed their unit on decimals - multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 or single digits. Lots of questions with a focus on money. They have now started the next unit on fractions, decimals and percentages. In science they have looked at the circulatory system and digestive system. It was amazing how much they remembered from previous units then applied to their new learning. Their drawings of hearts were so good and factually correct.

**Year 5** – In Maths this week Mars class have been looking at fraction's decimals and percentages. The children have demonstrated excellent resilience, in what is, a tricky part of maths for some of them. On Thursday the children got to participate in a Science lesson at Sevenoaks school looking at electricity in Physics, although similar to past electricity learning, being able to use the specialist equipment at Sevenoaks and the support from the students always allows progression in learning. In Music the children will be inspired by music from my youth with the 'Fresh Prince of Bel Air' theme music.



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## Term 3 Week 6 - continued

**Year 4** – Although the start of the week was still about Fractions in Maths, team building in PE and kindness in PSHE, the excitement was all about looking towards the end of the week and the trip to Kench Hill, as you would have read above, they had such a fun time together and I'm sure it felt like it was over in a flash.

**Year 3** – As with year 4, It was all about the Kench Hill trip for year 3 this week, although the start of the week was work as normal, all thoughts were on their trip to Kench Hill. I was extremely impressed with the courage and determination that the year 3's demonstrated on their trip. For some of the children this was their first time away from home in an unknown location and they behaved and achieved so much in such a short space of time.

**Year 1/2** –. This week, Saturn have had a very busy and exciting week! Not only have they started their swimming lessons this week, where they overcame challenges, showed patience, and demonstrated a real determination to give everything a go. We are so proud of them all. They also had the wonderful opportunity to visit Sevenoaks School to see their Gamelan drums from Indonesia., learning lots of fascinating facts about the instrument and its cultural importance. They even had a chance to play some music together, keeping in time with one another and showing great skill and teamwork.

On Wednesday, Year 6 joined Saturn to share the story picture books they have been working so hard on. Saturn class thoroughly enjoyed being read to and were very impressed by the fantastic illustrations and imaginative stories.

In Art this term, Saturn have started exploring different textures and how these can be incorporated into their artwork. They created texture rubbings using a variety of surfaces from around the classroom, as well as natural textures found outside. The children enjoyed carefully observing and discussing the differences between the textures they discovered, comparing natural and man-made surfaces.

**Pluto:** Beginning this week and carrying on through the term, the children are looking at how to balance on a bike and how to look after bikes and helmets. Balance biking is the build up to Bikeability which they will do in year 6. The children have been busy preparing our planting area ready to plant potatoes next week that we have placed in the classroom to begin sprouting or chitting. The children have enjoyed learning all the new vocabulary and finding out how to plant our potatoes. In Science the children used the tough spot and the plastic animals to carry out an experiment as to which of the plastic animals would float best in the water. They placed the animals in the water to see if it sank or floated.

The children have had lots of fun dressing up as different people who help us in our community (their theme for this term) and have really embraced the roles, with some fantastic role play!

Pluto Class and Neptune Class had a great time sharing their love of reading and being creative, year 6 enjoyed sharing stories they had written in buddy reading this week.

### Up and coming events:

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 trip to Bore Place

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day celebrations – wear a costume and if possible bring in the book related to the character to share.



Best wishes *Mr Taylor*