

Weald News



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Term 3 Week 3

Website

Firstly, I would like to apologise for no newsletter last week, this was due to spending most of the end of week and weekend trying to resolve our website issue. As you will be aware from office communications our website is no longer live. This is due to our host server and webpage creator going into liquidation, unfortunately in the process we lost our website and all content. I am currently working hard to rebuild a new website with the help of an educational web builder which I am hoping to go live with next week. This will hopefully be a more user-friendly website that will support the school and of course will look fresh and new!

Debating Competition

On Monday six of our students took part in the regional heats of the Cicero Cup Debating Competition at Sevenoaks School, a national debating competition. During the day they were taught how a debate works, how to structure arguments and be persuasive and they got to argue their very own debates for the first time.

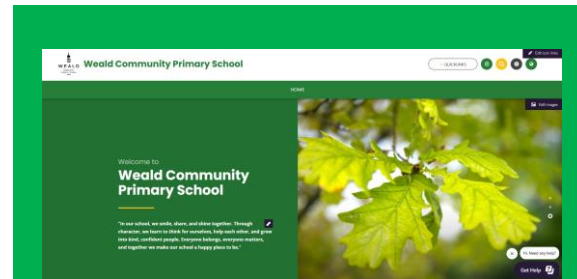
In the first debate they were the proposition side for the statement "This house believes parents should only have one child". Year 6 students and Poppy and year 5 student Dolly admirably argued their case, but the vote went to Plaxtol - it seems children do like having siblings after all! The next round Weald fought for the opposition for the statement "This house believes junk food should be taxed". Year 6s Sienna and Travis and year 5's Cleo skilfully argued against this successfully and the motion was defeated by a big majority! Poppy from year 6 even volunteered to chair this debate and Sienna was awarded star speaker. Well done to all children who took part representing the school so well.

PTA quiz

For the first time since I have been at the school (9years) we have a quiz on the calendar organised by the PTA. Although it is a fundraiser, the importance is about getting the school community together. So, if you can please try and organise a babysitter and enter a team or even put down your name as an individual and we will find you a team to join. Save the date for **Friday 27th February at 7pm**

Through the classes

Year 6 – Year 6 have been working hard in English this week writing poetry and post cards linked to their reading book 'Jemmy Button'. Also linked to this is their Geography topic 'Fair Trade' understanding where our food comes from, the journey it takes and questioning how it can be sustainable and fair. In maths they have been working on algebra, a subject I enjoy and got to teach on Thursday this week.



£10 per person

QUIZ NIGHT

Teams of 6-8

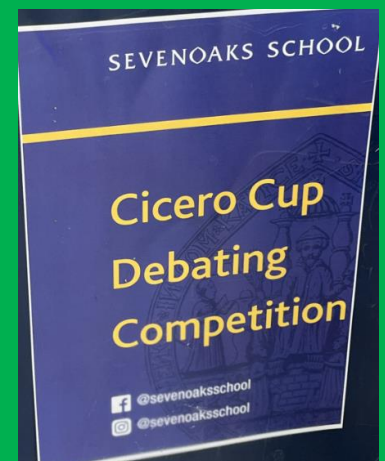
Fri 27th Feb, 7pm

Quiz, games & raffle

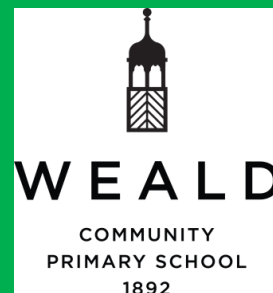
Come along to the school hall for a fun evening supporting our school with Quiz Master Jon Virgo!

Bring a bottle - snacks provided

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Term 3 Week 3 - continued

Year 5- Year 5 are relishing the opportunity to use the tennis centre and almost 1:1 coaching with the Sevenoaks students this term. In science they have been continuing to work hard on learning about our solar system, looking at the movements of the planets and the moon, all great preparation for a trip to the science museum next Tuesday.

In maths they have been working hard with some trick short division, but I was very impressed by both the resilience and determination of class in a lesson that I popped into.

Year 4 – Jupiter have been looking at how the Anglo Saxons lived once they had settled in Britain, this includes the houses settlements and animals that supported their living. It was great to see four children's Maths work given to me for the wow wall this week. Working really hard on their first lesson of short multiplication and not only achieving with determination and learning from mistakes but presenting the work so well.

Year 3 – The children in year 3 enjoyed explaining about what a conscience alley was – a child walks down an alleyway formed by members of the class as they use persuasive arguments to help make a decision about a character or class debate (explained slightly different by the pupils 😊 but I got the gist!) Year 3 have also been to Sevenoaks school, split between art and DT. This week they got to bring home their what they have been creating over the last three weeks. With an array of fantastic airplanes and artwork that been etched, printed and painted.

Year 1/2 – Saturn class had a fantastic Science morning this week with Mrs Bridge coming in to build walls with the children. The children built their walls and tested them for strength, they were very excited to tell be all about it. In Maths they have been adding and subtracting 10.

Pluto: Pluto class have continued to learn about 'beautiful creatures' this week it was the worm, reading stories and making a wormery. In maths the children have been using scales to weigh and comparing the weight of objects.

Awards

The winners of the headteachers award this week, who had hot chocolate and biscuits with me, were: Reggie in Year R, Ronnie-Joe in year 2, Hollie in year 3, Ivy in year 4, Samara in year 5 and Ethan in year 6

'Wow work' of the week. For outstanding pieces of work - well done to Tommy in year 1, Martha in Year 3, Ivy, Shane, Liam and Mia in Year 4, Maisy and Bethany in year 5 and Sienna, Ellie and Lily in Year 6

The character award for fantastic bravery and independence, so awarded the bird and mole, went to Max in year 5. Well done

Up and coming events:

Tuesday 27th January – year 5 trip to Science Museum

Wednesday 28th January – Year 6 trip to Downe House

Friday 30th January – Year 4 trip to Bore Place

Monday 2nd February – Love 2 Dance tickets go on sale for stag theatre



Have a great weekend

Best wishes *Mr Taylor*