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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has certainly been a week of ups and downs, one the one hand we had a lovely World Book Day on Thursday, we've had educational workshops in school and the return of the Canterbury Schools Football League but we've also had issues that have arisen with the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

World Book Day

Thursday was a really enjoyable day and it was great to see all the children dressed up as book characters. I've seen a lot of conversations on social media over the past few weeks about whether or not school should be encouraging this as it is an extra pressure on parents but I think that, as long as this is held in the spirit in which it is intended, then it's simply a bit of fun.

Miss Allison will be writing a news article for the school website with more information about World Book Day but, in the meantime, here are just a few photos.



Ukraine

Over the course of this week, the subject of the conflict in Ukraine has come up in conversations with the children and we have done our best to navigate this topic with respect to the age of the children and the conversations that have been happening between them.

In our Collective Worship today, I asked the children to think about situations where people don't get on with each other and how the children could respond to this. We discussed that when we're feeling scared or worried then it is important to have hope.

I explained to the children that the people of Ukraine are peace-loving and happy in their own country – very much like us and that the leader of Russia made the decision to invade Ukraine. It is important to remember that not all the people of Russia want this. Many Russians are peace-loving and want to live in generosity and kindness, they don't agree with the actions of their leader but they can't control his decisions.



I told that the children that all the talk about the conflict between Ukraine and Russia may make us feel sad, worried or angry and it's ok to feel those things – Jesus, as the incarnation of God, understood these emotions and said, *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'* John 14:27.

Whether or not we believe in His teachings, peace is something that we can do our best to accept. We then took a moment to try and experience that feeling of peace and considering how we could act as peacemakers in our lives by towards listening to others, being honest about the harm caused, making it right and repairing the damage.

We ended with a special prayer:

Dear God,

We can all be peacemakers. It is a good way to live. There is not peace on our continent right now. We have leaders who are not choosing peace but we hope they soon will. We open our hearts to a peace that surpasses understanding. Jesus knew what it was like to be human and he knew that peace was vital for all of us to live together.

Amen.

Some useful places for child appropriate information

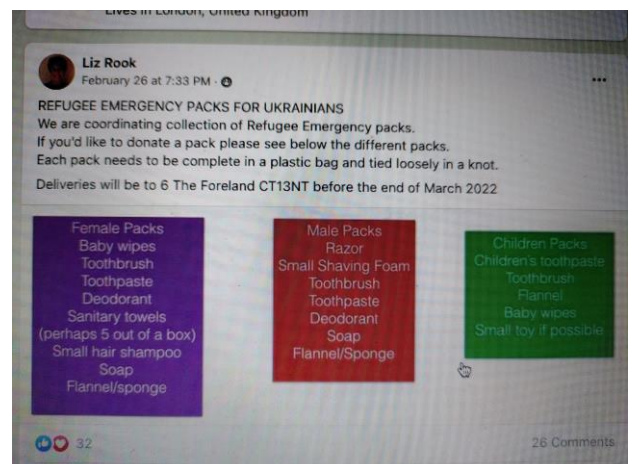
- The best is BBC Newsround <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> the videos and features are constantly being updated.
- Their *Advice If You Are Upset By The News* is helpful <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/13865002>
- This American website is useful https://newsforkids.net/category/all_news/world/europe/

Support/Donations

There are a number of appeals and organisations in support of Ukraine and I highlight some of these below for your information.

If parents wish to donate money to support Ukraine, donations will be doubled by the Government if we make it to the DEC through 'The Big Give' campaign. [DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](https://www.thebiggive.org.uk/dec-ukraine-humanitarian-appeal)

Rev. Miriam knows a local person, Liz Rook, (based at All Saints, Military Road) who is collecting for Refugee Emergency packs and would welcome donations from parents (please see linked picture). We're happy to collect these in the school office.



There is also a 'shoe box' appeal based in Ashford which has been highlighted to me by a parent: [Help for Ukraine](#)

With best wishes,

James Tibbles

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Headteacher

Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

CALENDAR >

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 7th March	<i>Parental Consultations (all week)</i> 1CS Trip to Dover Toy Museum		
Tuesday 8th March		Year 3 to 6 Cross Country Competition	7pm: PTA Summer Fete Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 9th March			
Thursday 10th March	3pm: Football Match Bridge vs. St Stephens		
Friday 11th March	Messy Church on Saturday		

Monday 14 th March	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life	3pm: Football Match Bridge 2 vs. Bridge 1
Tuesday 15 th March	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life	
Wednesday 16 th March		
Thursday 17 th March	2RF Trip to Canterbury Cathedral	
Friday 18 th March	1LA Trip to Dover Toy Museum	

Monday 21 st March	2GD Trip to Canterbury Cathedral		
Tuesday 22 nd March	Hockey Training Day (Y5 & 6) <i>(selected children)</i>		
Wednesday 23 rd March			
Thursday 24 th March	Judo Day – Yr 4 to 6 <i>(selected children)</i>	Girls Football vs St Stephens	
Friday 25 th March			

Monday 28 th March		3pm: Football Match Bridge 2 vs. Canterbury	
Tuesday 29 th March		4pm: Governors Meeting	7pm: PTA Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 30 th March	Art Trip to Folkestone Creative Quarter	Quicksticks Hockey (Yr 3/4 am; Yr 5/6 pm)	
Thursday 31 st March	Inclusive Sports Day @ Canterbury Academy		
Friday 1 st April	LAST DAY OF TERM		

Celebration

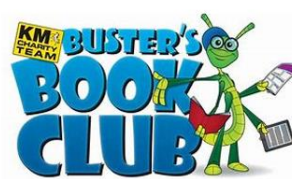
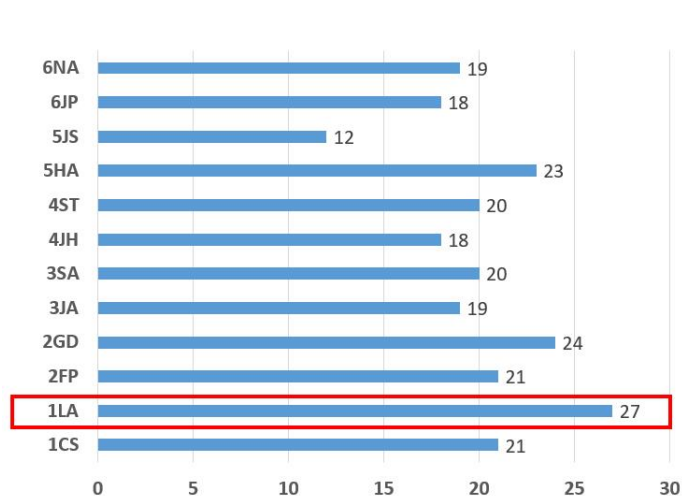
Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Jack W (1CS) for his excellent team work skills and practical contributions in forest school (shelter building). <i>Mrs Pearman</i> | ☆ Kiera H (4ST) for fully immersing herself in our Roman drama session yesterday, she was a super seamstress and also for remembering some of the new information we learnt about Romans. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Taylor S (1LA) for trying so hard with her new phonics sounds this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Chloe W (4ST) for being an enthusiastic baker in our DT today making Roman bread. <i>Mrs Moon</i> |
| ☆ Harrison K (2FP) for his excellent effort and ideas when writing his description of Tinkerbell. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Miller B (5HA) for his attitude, care and concentration yesterday in creating an individual page for our class book. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Niall B (2GD) for the excellent ideas he contributed when creating our class story during World Book Day and for helping to produce a detailed and well thought out front cover and blurb. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ali G (5JS) for consistently giving detailed answers when problem solving and reasoning in Maths, always using examples to back up her thinking. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Clara M (3JA) for her excellent enthusiasm for Rocks Day and creative ideas for our World Book Day book. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Lara G (6NA) for her perseverance and excellence when forming and solving algebraic equations. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Mollie R (3SA) for her fantastic knowledge and contributions during Rock Day. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Tate C (6JP) for showing great sportsmanship during our PE lessons and more recently in our school football matches. You are an ambassador for the school. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Zander S-A (3SA) for his creative ideas and super sentence stacking. <i>Mrs Hellyar</i> | |
| ☆ Ira W (4JH) for his fantastic acting in our Roman drama workshop and always trying his best. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |

Buster Book Club

Well done to **1LA** who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.



News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

READ ALL BLOGS >



Forest School Year 1

This week was another 'get-very-muddy-and-have-lots-of-fun' kind of week. The rain turned our digging area into a mud slide!

I told the children a story about looking after the plants in the forest and building shelters whilst sitting in our new shed. [Read more...](#)



Hockey News!

Tom and Sam (Year 4) have been selected for the Canterbury U10 Boys A-Team this year (both being the youngest in their age group). Their team played in the County Tournament in Folkestone on Sunday 27th February and they were runners-up (silver medallists to Sevenoaks who they actually beat in the tournament). [Read more...](#)



Pizza! Pizza! Pizza!

This week Year R opened their own pizza restaurant. Pupils took on the role of chef and practised their (scissor) cutting skills when making a tasty looking selection of pizzas - unfortunately inedible. They had a selection of paper ingredients to choose from – tomato sauce, pepperoni, green pepper, mushrooms, onion, black olives and cheese. Yum! [Read more...](#)



Year one insects

This week, Year one pupils have finished making imaginary insects from card and pipe cleaners. Throughout the art project we have been using the scientific language when referring to parts of the insects' body - head, thorax, abdomen, wings and antennae. [Read more...](#)



Year 5 - hot and cold collage

Despite much disruption due to covid absences of pupils and staff last term, Year 5 have been able to conclude their collage project this week.

Using inspiration from 'Explore', their class reading book, pupils have created collages using both hot and cold colours. Like artists Henry Matisse and Eric Carle, the children created their own collage paper. [Read more...](#)