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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all those who attended our Parents' Evenings in November. I'm sure you'll join us in thanking the Year 6 students for their help and support at keeping us all running to time! Some headline results from our Parent Survey include: 98% agree or strongly agree that 'my child is happy at school'; 99% agree or strongly agree 'my child is safe at school'; 99% agree or strongly agree 'I feel my child is progressing well at the school' and 100% agree or strongly agree that 'The school curriculum, including Forest School and Quest work, motivates my child to enjoy learning'. We will update you on suggestions that you have made and how we are addressing these over the coming weeks. Mrs Smith & Mr Penny

FRIDAY FLYER

Diary Dates Forest School Wednesdays

Class 3—6th December Class 2—13th December Class 1—3rd January Class R—10th January

MSA Christmas Fair—this event has unfortunately been cancelled due to lack of parent volunteers.

Christmas Lunch Box Party Tuesday 12th December

Class R Nativity for parents Tuesday 12th December at 2pm

Kingsmead Christmas Lunch Wednesday 1th December

Christmas Service St Michael's Church Last day of term Friday 15th December at 2pm

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd January, 2024

School Opens to Pupils Wednesday 3rd January

	House Points	Weekly Total	Half Term	
	London Plane	315	1136	
	Cork Oak	200	1064	
k d	Blue Cedar	281	1107	
r- e	Horse Chestnut	277	1168	

On Saturday 25th of November Elsie.S, Luke, Merryn and Lewis from Year 6 too part in the Wellington School Maths Challenge. We were chosen to complete a hard maths paper against 60 schools by the teachers because of our team work, persever ance and mathematical skills. We were very excited to be there together. In the test, we did 25 questions. 20 of them were multiple choice questions, 5 of them

were not. During the test, we were shown a jar of sweets. We had to guess how many sweets in the jar. There were 123 sweets in the jar. The questions were for Years 6 to 9 and written by people with PhDs in Maths. Our score was 24 out of 25 which resulted in us WINNING the whole competition! The questions were really hard so that was one of the



best scores. In fact, third and second got 10 - 20 correct. We're really happy with our score. Our prizes were a mini Bedlam British puzzle cube and a really confusing book full of things like pi and the golden ratio. As well as the maths challenge, we did a memory test and had cookies and squash while we were waiting for our results.

by Luke, Merryn, Lewis and Elsie S, Class 6



Class 4 have been learning about the digestive system. On Monday, we recreated the stages of the digestive system using a plastic bag (to represent the stomach),



the leg of a pair of tights (for the small intestine) and a paper cup (for the large intestine and rectum). We had great fun 'digesting' a banana. Once our 'bodies' had taken all the nutrients from our food we ejected the waste! A few of the class were Mrs Lapthorn

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS OF THE WEEK

Preschool Alfred for your help with making our recycled Christmas tree.

- Class R Otto for your fantastic focus and enthusiasm towards your learning this week.
- **Class 1** *Henry* for your excellent own ideas that you added to your story.
- **Class 2 Ruby** for a clear explanation about the different sessions and hours of daylight.
- Class 3 Rufus and Tom for your positive attitude towards learning and growth mindset.
- **Class 4** Alfie for working hard in all areas this week, showing determination and enjoyment in your learning.
- **Class 5** *Luke for your participation and enthusiasm in class this week.*
- Class 6 Luke for your focus and hard this week.



On Wednesday Class 4 enjoyed a Viking themed Forest School. Mr Wedderkopp dressed up as a Viking and stayed in character for some of the session! We made up our own Viking names and introduced ourselves. We learnt about Viking runes, making holes in pieces of wood and writing Viking symbols on them. Some people whittled wood to make swords. Later on we went to check on our trees that we chose at the start of the year. Our session ended with hot chocolate around the fire and a game of '1,2,3 where are you'. Thank you Mr Wedderkopp for a wonderful morning. *by Anna and Freddie*



Selected Year 5/6 children set off to represent the school in a friendly dodgeball competition. Thev played 4 matches against other schools and had to play against each other which got competitive as Miss Storey and Mr Coupe joined in. The children showed great teamwork honesty, and leadership skills.



Thank you and well done to Benji and Kit for playing the piano to the whole school in our singing assembly this week. *Ms Brooke*





Well done to Phoebe who has just won a limited edition Doctor Who Blue Peter badge for being placed in the top

500 in their Doctor Who competition. Her Doctor Who picture was shown on the programme last week. She has also already earned 2 other Blue Peter badges this year for her artwork. Amazing!



