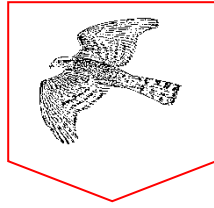


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Dear Parents,

It has been a sporty week in school for some of our Key Stage 2 children. On Tuesday, 10 girls from Year 3/4 took part in a KS2 Football Festival at Three Hills. Representing our school were: Thea, Becca, Sierra, Eloise, Zoe, Annie, River, Nina, Isla and Angel. They practised a range of football skills, focused on how to communicate as a team and reflected on how sporting values, such as resilience, determination and self-belief can impact the other areas of their life and empower them in the future. Then on Wednesday, 36 children represented our school in the KS2 Cross Country Competition at the Marsh Academy.

Representing Year 3/4 were: Elbie, Charlie, Kian, Sullivan, Kallan, Angel, Sophia, Ava, Josh, Lewis, Roman, Teddy, George, Molly, Emily, Isla, River and Mia Maii.

Our Year 5/6 team consisted of: William, Thomas, Benjamin, Hugo, Riley, Amalie, Ebony, Elodie, Marli, Myla, Lake, Nathan, Haydn, Carter, Darcy, Amelia, Sienna and Myla.

Our teams ran really well; showing amazing resilience, determination and stamina. There were lots of personal bests (many of our children in the top 10) and our new runners to the team had brilliant first time places. We did end up with some medalists too:

1st place medals - Darcy (Year 5) Lewis (Year 4)

2nd Place medal -Elbie (Year 3)

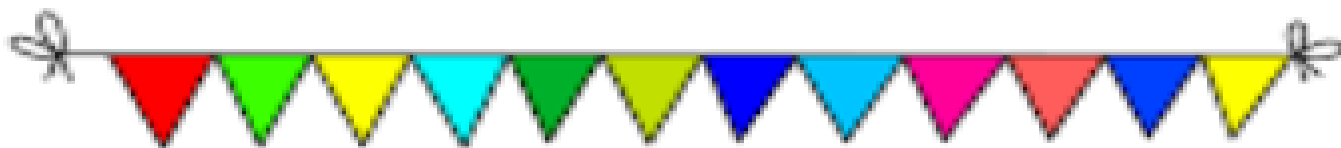
3rd place medals - William (Year 6) Carter (Year 5) Molly (Year 4) Teddy (Year 3)

Hawkinge A team for Year 3/4 also placed third overall!

Children in Years 1, 2 and Reception had a visit from the Road Safety Roadshow yesterday. They met Marvin the Meerkat from New York (who they thought was hilarious seemingly!) and he taught them all about scooter/bike safety, crossing the road safely – from where to cross and how to cross a road safely. He taught the children 4 magic words to consider when crossing the road (maybe you could test your child over the weekend to make sure they have remembered!!) which are stop, look, listen and think! The visit has generated much chat in the staffroom this week and has shown the ages of staff clearly!! Some of which remember Tufty the squirrel from our school days – others are far too young to remember Tufty and just remember the Green Cross Code Man!!

On Wednesday I attended an update training course about Safeguarding. On the course many participants were discussing their worries about children being involved in so many WhatsApp groups and how overwhelming it is for them and the potential impact on young people's mental health. We all know that children should not be on WhatsApp if they are under the age of 16, but if you know your child is please check the number of groups they are in over the weekend and the number of messages they receive – I have heard stories of some groups generating hundreds of messages a day. I cannot begin to think how overwhelming that would feel.

The baby chicks that have been visiting our two Reception classes are leaving us today. They have become quite a distraction (in the nicest way) for us all!! They are always cheeping! The children in Reception (and other classes) have really enjoyed watching them grow over the last two weeks. If you have a child in either Reception class I am sure you have heard all about them!



Save the Date

Sports Days 2024

Tuesday 11th June - Year R, 1 & 2

Wednesday 12th June – Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Weather permitting!!!

