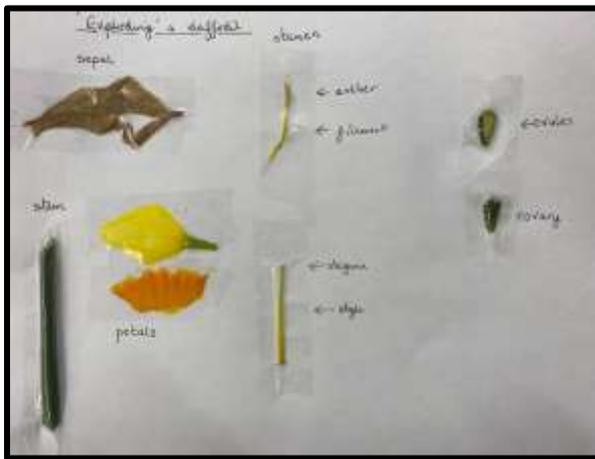


Year 5 Newsletter

22nd April 2022

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a really lovely Easter break. This week in maths, the children found equivalent percentages, fractions and decimals and then spent three days learning how to find percentages of quantities. This was certainly challenging at first! In English, we started reading a new class text, 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. The children answered some comprehension questions about the first section, then wrote a detailed discussion text, considering the question, *Should Michael and his family sail around the world?*



Our science topic this term is *Living things and their habitats*. In our first lesson, we found out about sexual reproduction in flowers and labelled and defined each part of a flower diagram. The children then 'exploded' their own daffodil - taking it to pieces to identify each part.

We had two great PE lessons in the lovely weather, playing a game of quick-fire cricket and doing some athletics activities.

Teacher of the Week

The first teacher this term was Emilia. She gave a really interesting, detailed and confident presentation about Aotearoa - New Zealand. There was a quiz and a word search activity and we certainly all enjoyed her gift of a Chocolate Fish bar.



Congratulations Nadesh!

Nadesh has won the Chiddingstone Castle Literary Festival Short Story Competition 2022 (age 10-13 category). As a result, she has been invited to hear Michael Morpurgo in conversation with Victoria Hislop on Sunday 1 May, where she will be presented with a goody bag of books. Her story will also be published in Britannica Magazine. Well done Nadesh!

PESE meetings

Towards the end of May, I shall be carrying out online CAT tests with the class. These tests generate scores similar to the PESE (11+) tests. If you wish your child to take the PESE tests, you will need to apply online between 1st June 2022 and 1st July 2022. If you would like support with the decision about whether or not to enter your child for the tests, Mrs Holditch and I would be happy to meet with you between 8:30am and 4:00pm on 17th June. In the meeting, we will go through the CAT test results with you and discuss whether we think a grammar school environment would be appropriate for your child. If you would like an appointment, please complete the form below, indicating whether you would prefer a morning or afternoon appointment, and return it to me or the school office. We will then allocate an appointment time to you.

Term 5 Woodland Learning Dates

Our two Woodland Learning sessions this term will take place on:

- Thursday 28th April 2022
- Thursday 26th May 2022

Home Learning

As part of our work in geography this term, we will be learning about rivers. For home learning this week, the children have been given a map with the major rivers of the world marked on it. They will need to use an atlas or maps on the internet to correctly label each river. The completed sheet should be returned to school by next Thursday please.

Best wishes,

Louise Grinstead

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Year 5 PESE Consultation Meetings

Friday 17th June 2022

Name :..... Child's name:.....

I would like an appointment to talk to Mrs Holditch and Mrs Grinstead on Friday 17th June 2022.

Please tick one box:

I would like a morning appointment (8:30am to 12 noon)

I would like an afternoon appointment (12 noon to 4:00pm)

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(This will be completed and returned to you)

An appointment with Mrs Holditch and Mrs Grinstead has been made for you on Friday 17th June at