



BROADWATER DOWN NEWS

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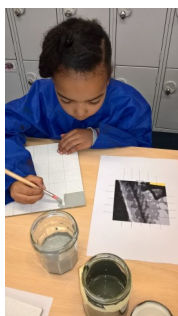


March 2017 (1)



Spring into Summer

Gosh—that was a speedy term!! An action-packed time for the children with Book Week and Creativity Week, as well as trips and clubs galore. See over for more.....



This year Tunbridge Wells are celebrating ten years as a Fairtrade Town. To celebrate, children from Year 3 have this week taken part in an art project to create a gigantic community painting. Julian Rowe,

a well-known installation artist who is a member of Tunbridge Wells' Fairtrade

Town Group, has taken a piece of art, digitalised it and divided it into nearly 700 squares. Pupils from local schools were given a square, picked at random, to copy and scale-up. The completed painting will be assembled, like a giant jigsaw,



and installed in the Royal Victoria Place in

a Fairtrade Pop up shop. Please take the time to visit the shop and see the finished piece if you are in the centre of Tunbridge Wells.



Spring Term Diary Dates

Friday 31st March 3.30-5.00pm Disco & Bonnet Parade

Monday 3rd-Monday 17th April Easter Break

Summer Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 18 th April	Return to school
Friday 21 st April	Family Bingo- PTA
Wednesday 26 th April	Science Day
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	KS2 SATs all week
Monday 15 th May	KS1 SATs fortnight
Monday 15 th May	5pm Years 5 & 6 Sex Ed Meeting
Friday 26 th May	End of Term 5

Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June Half-Term Break

Monday 5 th June	INSET Day – no school for pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	Return to school
Friday 9 th June	Year 1 Trip to Bodiam Castle
Saturday 10 th June	Community Event in Showfields
Monday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Test Week (for Yr 1 and Yr 2 retakes)

Wednesday 14 th June	6pm Swattenden Meeting for Yr 5 parents
Saturday 17 th June	Year R Class Assembly
Monday 19 th June	12–2pm Summer Fair
Monday 19 th June	Sports Week
Monday 19 th June	5pm France Trip Meeting for Yr 6 parents
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Day
Wednesday 28 th June	2.50pm Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th June	Swattenden Residential for Year 5
Tuesday 4 th July	2pm Year 5/6 Musical Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 6 th July	2pm & 7pm Year 5/6 Musical Performances
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 6 Residential to France
Friday 14 th July	Reports out to parents (Year 6 earlier)
Monday 17 th July	Multi-Cultural Week
Wednesday 19 th July	Parent Drop-in session after school
Thursday 20 th July	2pm Leavers' Assembly

Future INSET Days:

Monday 5th June 2017
 Monday 4th September 2017
 Thursday 4th January 2018
 Friday 5th January 2018
 Monday 4th June 2018

Dates will be confirmed next term for the following:
Sex and Relationship Meeting for Yr 2
BBQ for Yr 6

See Parent Council minutes on the website for more school news and information, including a Parents and Friends of Broadwater update:
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Year 5 Trip to Tonbridge

To support our topic this term, 'Water Worlds', we explored the River Medway on our class trip to Tonbridge on Friday 17th March. After travelling to Tonbridge by train, we walked to where the river passes Tonbridge castle and discussed how the river would have been used historically. Whilst we were looking around, we used the 8 point compasses to sketch what we saw. As we walked along the river, we stopped at certain points to fill in parts of our activity books, thinking about what wildlife we saw on the way as well. When we reached Haysden Country Park, we had lunch and explored the area around Barden Lake. We had brought our sketch books and had a go at sketching a view of the lake. Towards the end of the day, we walked back to the train station and came back to school, happy but exhausted!



Fundraising Events

The PTA newsletter gives full details but please be aware:

Easter Disco and Bonnet Parade
31st March 3:30—5pm

Family Bingo Evening
Friday 21st April 6—8pm
See posters for more details

Summer Fair
Saturday 17th June 12—2pm

To be able to run all of these great events, we need lots of volunteers! Please do let us know if you are interested in helping in any way—however little!

Look out for news of how you can help with the fair on your Parent Council Rep's Facebook page in the coming weeks.

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Year 3 Trip to Kent Life

To support their topic this term, 'From Field to Fork', Hedgehog Class found out about food and farming in our area with a trip to Kent Life, in Maidstone, on Thursday 23rd March. As well as exploring the farm, the children took part in a 'Field to Fork' workshop. Through hands-on activities and tasting, they learnt how many varieties of fruit and vegetables are grown, how animals are reared and how they provide the food that we eat every day. The highlights of the day for the children were a tractor ride tour of the farm, feeding the sheep, seeing some day old lambs and holding a rabbit and a guinea pig. A brilliant day was had by all!



Attendance Watch

We are currently sitting at 94.9%
A reminder that term dates are available from the office some time in advance and feature overleaf. Holidays taken in school time will not be authorised and may result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority.



There will be lots of events in the coming months. Please keep an eye on the diary and let us know if anything has been missed!! Next term's core value focus is on **ENGAGEMENT**.

Mrs Lonie