

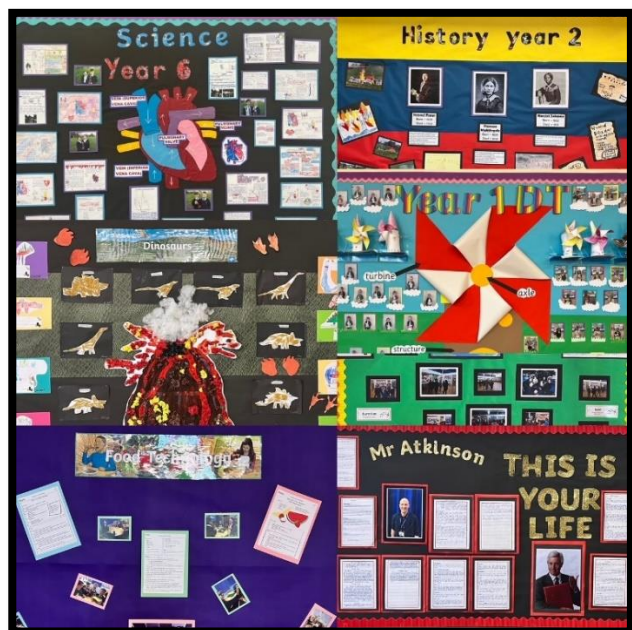


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Headteacher's message

Our staff have been working really hard over the last few weeks updating our hall displays with examples of children's learning from across the curriculum. These displays contain just a small snapshot of the *#irresistiblelearning* taking place across the school over the past term.

We are really looking forward to sharing more of our children's learning with you later in Term 6 during our annual Exhibition Evening. Please note that this now takes place on *Tuesday 4 July* between 4:30pm and 6pm (and not Wednesday 5th July as previously stated).



As we head towards the end of Term 5, we are starting to look towards the next academic year. A lot of work is taking place behind the scenes putting plans in place and organising our staffing structure for the new school year. We will write to you early next term with information regarding who will be teaching your child next year.

There will inevitably be some exciting changes across the school as, at the end of this year, we will lose our extra "bulge class" as our Year 6s leave us. (Year 6 is the only year group at Warden House to have three classes rather than two). There are no plans to take in another additional class, so we will be back to being a two-form entry school from September.



We are sad to say "goodbye" to three fantastic members of our team at the end of this term. Meerkat maths teacher Mrs. Marsh is leaving us to begin her retirement; Giraffes class teacher Mrs. Holyer is leaving to pursue a career as a pharmacy assistant, and cleaner Jean Mitford is also leaving us to begin her retirement. We wish these staff members all the very best for their futures and hope that they keep in touch.

We have recently welcomed back to work Mrs. Hockley who will take over the teaching of Giraffes class in Term 6. Miss Allsopp will also be returning to work before the end of Term 6 following her maternity leave.

Please check out the key dates at the end of this newsletter for some of the events scheduled for next term – including sports days.

Wishing you all a fantastic half term break.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

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The King's Coronation

We had a great time celebrating the King's Coronation on Friday 5 May. Thank you to our Midday team for organising the lunchtime party and thank you to our resident poet Mr. Allsopp who composed a special "Coronation Poem" for the children to learn.



Congratulations to Joseph in our Year 2 Frogs class who won the 1st prize for the "Wild and Wacky" crown competition.

Judging the entries was a really difficult job as there were so many brilliant and creative entries. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Artsmark GOLD award!

As I'm sure you are aware, we are incredibly passionate about 'The Arts' at Warden House and our staff do a huge amount to embed this into many aspects of our curriculum.

As a result of this passion, we decided to begin our "Artsmark" journey at the start of 2019 with the aim of achieving an "Artsmark" award for our school. Artsmark awards are either 'silver', 'gold', or 'platinum'.

As part of the process, we started gathering evidence of the range of "irresistible learning" opportunities taking place across the school.

Covid then hit in 2020 and slowed some things down; as a result, this delayed our submission. Our portfolio was submitted in March this year – and we have just heard that we have been awarded Artsmark - at GOLD level!



We are obviously very proud of all we have achieved and of the quality of the Arts education on offer to our pupils. We especially proud of our arts leaders- Sheila Vyse (who started the journey prior to her retirement in 2021) and teachers Ashleigh Mann and Jade McDonald who completed the very detailed final submission.

Click here to find out more and read the report sent to the school regarding the process.

Lateness

We would like to remind all of our families that children need to arrive in school between 8:40am and 8:45am each day. We are noticing an increase in the number of children coming in late.

It is vital that the children are in school on time.

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When a child comes in after 8:45am, they really are thrown in at the deep end and have to walk into a classroom, or sometimes an assembly, that is already in full swing.

As adults, we know that horrible feeling of walking into somewhere late; we need to avoid this for our children. Teaching children to be on time is a vital life skill and we ask our families to do all they can to support us with this very important matter.

Our teachers and TAs have been asked to make sure that classroom doors close promptly at 8:45am. Any children arriving after this time must enter the building via the office. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Choir concert

We have been asked to provide a school choir group to take part in a really special concert in June at The Astor Theatre in Deal.



A group of pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 have been working hard learning two Latin-themed songs to perform in Maddie4Music's "Puttin' on the Glitz" Latin theme concert in aid of Martha Trust. This concert takes place on Sunday 12 June at 6pm.

Further information can be found here:
<https://fb.me/e/2yK6l3v3B>

Fantastic fundraising!

Year 3 Teaching Assistant Jacqui Williams is taking part in a special "Walk 31 Miles in May" challenge in aid of Dementia UK. Please [click here](#) to view further details and sponsor Jacqui as she takes part in this special event.



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More fantastic Fundraising!

Miles from our Year 4 Sharks class is fundraising for the RNLI on behalf of his Cub Pack and is taking part in a sponsored walk from Sandown to Sandwich.

Well done to Miles for taking part in this really super project. We look forward to hearing about how he gets on. The walk takes place on Sunday 2 July.



Please do [click here](#) to find out more and to sponsor him!

Another charity fundraiser!

Warden House parent Clare Papworth and her son Dexter are taking part in a sponsored head shave called "Brave the Shave" to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.



Please [click here](#) for further details and to sponsor them.

Warmer weather

As the weather gets warmer, please don't forget to send your child into school with a sun cap and sun screen (preferably applied at home). Also, please do not forget to always send your child in with a water bottle – taken home and washed and refilled at the end of each day. Thank you.

Year 5 Parents Meeting

Calling all Year 5 Parents... Mr Hackett will be holding a meeting after school on Thursday 8 June at 5pm in Giraffes Classroom. This meeting is to share information about the Kent Test selection process and the process for applying for a place at secondary school for September 2024.



The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes in length and staff will be available afterwards to answer any further questions that you may have.



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PTFA updates

Summer Fair

Our PTFA summer fair is booked for Friday 23 June straight after school. Please save the date and come along to take part in what promises to be another lovely community event.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to come and support either the setup of the day or the running of stalls and activities. If you can help in any way, please email our PTFA Scott at scott.mcnamara@warden-house.kent.sch.uk



Fathers' Day

Our PTFA will be offering children the chance to pre-order special gifts for Father's Day that takes place this year on Sunday 18 June. Further details to follow.



Fab Fridays

Our weekly Fab Friday ice lolly sales have restarted on the KS1 playground. Please bring exact money if at all possible should you wish to purchase an ice lolly for your child at the end of each week.





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Key Dates for Terms 5 and 6 2023	
Start of Term 5	Monday 17 April 2023
Spectacular Sportathlon! (Whole School - Inspirational Day of Sports)	Friday 26 May 2023
End of Term 5	Friday 26 May 2023
Start of Term 6	Monday 5 June 2023
Year 6 Swimming Lessons at Tides	Exact times and dates tbc
Year 5 PESE Meeting regarding the Kent Test	Thursday 8 June 2023 at 5pm
Year 1 Phonics Screeners begin	Monday 12 June 2023
Year 4 Multiplication Check begin	Monday 12 June 2023
New Year R parents induction evening	Tuesday 13 June 2023 at 7pm
PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 23 June 2023 – Straight after school
Exhibition Evening (Please note the change of date)	Tuesday 4 July 2023 (4:30pm-6pm)
Whole School Transition Day (Children spend some time with their new teacher and TA for September. Our new Reception children come in for the morning).	Thursday 6 July 2023
Year R and KS1 Sports Day	Thursday 13 July 2023
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 14 July 2023
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers' Party	Tuesday 18 July 2023 (6pm until 9pm)
End of Term 6	Wednesday 19 July at 2pm

Term dates for next year

Our term dates for next year have now been agreed and are published on our school website.

Please [click here](#) to view these and add them to your diaries.

