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A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

This terms value is...

Understanding

The improvement of understanding is for two ends: first, our own increase of knowledge; secondly, to enable us to deliver that knowledge to others.

John Locke

Sun Safety

Reminder that during the hot weather it's very important your child comes to school with sun cream applied, wearing a hat and bringing in a refillable water bottle.



Sports Week

Phoenix this week has taken part in sports week. The children had the opportunity to experience new sports with professionals in the sport. EYFS and Year 1 participated in cricket. Year 2 and 3 participated in football. Year 4 and Year 6 were introduced to boxing and finally Year 5 continued their progression in gymnastics. On Friday, all of the children experienced a fun filled sports day where they competed in different sporting activities to win points for their team. The children were fantastic! As well as this, it was lovely to see adults getting involved with parent races!



Dates for the Diary

Mon 26 June — Class Photos

Wed 28 June — Year 1 Forest School

Thurs 29 June — Ruby Forest School

Fri 30 June — EYFS Kent Life

Wed 5 July — Year 2 Minnis Bay

Thurs 6 July — Transition Day

Fri 7 July — Year 4 Wildwood

Thurs 13 July — Jade Forest School

Mon 17 July — School Reports

Fri 21 July — End of Term 6

Year 6 Residential

Blackland's Farm in East Grinstead was the location of this year's residential trip. Rock-climbing, abseiling, archery and zip wires were just a few of the activities that were on offer for the children. They faced fears, showed resilience and determination especially in the activities that scared them the most. Being away from home and from loved ones has been a new experience for some of our children. However, they embraced this experience whole-heartedly.



Year 6 Staycation

Our Year 6 staycationers spent 3 days completing team building activities, such as The Trust Walk, The Human Knot, and Across The Sea. Each activity required the children to communicate and actively listen to each other while having fun! During Forest School, the activities were unstructured, allowing the children to independently navigate their own learning. Observing their friendships, their chats, and their obvious enjoyment of the day was a pleasure to have had. They made their teachers and Phoenix very proud.



Year 5 Royal Engineers Museum

This term Year 5 went on a voyage of discovery at the Royal Engineers Museum to discover more about the home front and how Kent was impacted during World War Two. We also used our local geographical knowledge to see specifically how Chatham was impacted due to the dockyard and airfield. In addition, we looked at propaganda posters for our art topic and how important they were to the war effort.

Discussing a time without modern technology and how long it took for them to get the news was interesting. Mrs White and Miss Williams also shared knowledge of the war from their families and the impact it had. We were however, completely in awe of the size of the V2 rocket (we would struggle to fit in into the classroom compared to the size of the tiny incendiary bombs) The children acted with great maturity considering topics with empathy and kindness.



EYFS Rochester Castle

Last Wednesday, Diamond took an exciting trip to Rochester Castle. We sang 'The Wheels on the Bus all the way there. When we got to the castle, we wondered who might have lived there and who might have built it. We climbed the steep steps all the way to the top. We could see far and wide! Then, we had a picnic on the moat, played a big game of duck duck goose, then finished the day with a play in the park. The children went home with big smiles on their faces, and the teacher's feeling like the proudest teachers in the world.



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