



Our Tree of Values

A HUGE thank you to everyone who supported our **Christmas Bazaar** last Saturday, which was a lovely festive occasion. We have raised over £3400, none of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our PTFA committee, so thank you for your commitment.

This week was the final match for our **football team** in our inter-schools league. Along with Mr Childs, Miss Snow and Miss Lucas, I went along to watch our final match at Discovery and we were all extremely impressed with our boys and girls. Their determination, skill and teamwork were all wonderful as they won their final match 4-0. Well done!



Another memorable event this week was Koala class's fantastic **Roman Banquet**. Our Year 4 children spent the morning baking their own recipes for Roman bread rolls using ingredients like honey, seeds and anchovies! Then in the afternoon children changed into their Roman outfits and enjoyed their banquet, as well as sharing their learning from this topic with parents. Apparently the rolls were delicious!

Outdoor news - Unfortunately, we have been advised to remove the tree next to the pedestrian gate/bike shed as it is decaying and may become unsafe. This removal will occur on Monday

morning. Hopefully, the new trees we have just planted in the woodland area will offset this loss. We are now planning for our Forest School sessions to begin in January and are looking for some parental helpers. Please note: it is unlikely that this would be with your own children's group/class, but we do need volunteers for Wednesdays, either from 9.15-11.45 or 12.45-3.15. Please let the office staff or myself know if you are interested—thank you.

Finally, a quick reminder that after today, extra-curricular clubs have now finished for this term. Please ensure children are collected at 3.15 or booked into Extended Schools sessions.

Enjoy your weekend.

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Seahorse class—our favourite learning

On Monday, Lizzy from Maidstone Museum came to visit Seahorse class to teach us all about old and new toys. We each got to have a go on a different toy.

Emily: "I played with an old wooden yo-yo, it was fun!"

Ollie: "I played with the new cup and ball, I liked catching the ball!"
After that we learnt how Victorian children would have made their own toys out of wooden pegs. We made our own AMAZING peg dolls!

Saffron: "I made a mermaid called Sienna."

Samuel: "I made a superhero called Spotty who fires spotty beans at baddies!!!"

It was great to use our imaginations so well! We had an awesome, fabulous and exciting morning!



Diary Dates

Wed 13 Dec

Nativity 9.30 & 2.15

Thurs 14 Dec

Nativity 2.15 & 5.15

Mon 18 Dec

Rec-Y4 Flu immunisations
Class parties pm

Tues 19 Dec

Christmas Lunch
Christmas Pantomime

Wed 20 Dec

Carols on the playground
End of term 2

Thurs 5 Jan

Start of term 3

Complete dates are at
www.ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

Superstar Corner

Congratulations

Kitty (Y2)

Bronze swim challenge

Rhiana (Y6)

1st place piano recital at
Maidstone music festival

Teagan, Mia, Jasmine

Gymnastics Level 8 award

Jasmine

Gymnastics Level 7 award

Amelia (Y4)

Gymnastics Level 5 award

Oliver (Y5)

Gymnastics Level 3 award

Amelia (Y6) & Hannah

Gymnastics Level 2 award

Evie, Connie, Chloe

Gymnastics Level 1 award

Harley (Y1)

10m swimming award



Attendance this week

Dolphin	Seahorse	Penguin	Lion	Koala	Leopard	Orang-utan
97.7%	96.7%	99.3%	98.0%	99.0%	97.0%	97.3%

Whole school attendance is currently 98.0%

Learning update

	What have we been learning this week?	What will we be learning next week?	Ask your child
Dolphin	Take a look at our Learning Journals!	Next week we will be having our last Nativity rehearsals before our performances on Wednesday and Thursday. We will also be doing some fun Christmas activities!	What is the Christmas Story?
Seahorse	We have been extremely busy preparing for our Nativity next week and are really looking forward to showing it to you all! In English we have been writing stories about our peg dolls and writing a recount of our visit from Lizzy from Maidstone Museum.	Next week we will be really ramping up our festive Christmas celebrations with lots of craft, Christmas maths and some festive writing! We cannot wait to show you our Nativity performance next week! :)	What toy did you play with from Lizzy's toy collection?
Penguin	This week in English we have been learning about different types of sentences; statements and questions. We used these to write letters to Father Christmas. In Maths we have been looking at patterns and sequences. We have also been practising our Nativity, enjoying advent and making things for Christmas :-)	Next week we will be performing our Nativity—we can't wait to show you! In Maths we will be doing some fun Christmas activities. But mostly it will be Christmas, Christmas, Christmas!	What questions did you think of to ask Father Christmas?
Lion	This week in English, we have drawn story maps for Moz. We have finished our Moz stories ready to edit and improve next week. We are extremely proud of our stories :) In Maths we have solved word problems by using multiplication, addition and subtraction. In Science we have learnt about friction and have completed a fair test experiment.	In English we will be writing, editing and improving our stories before sharing them with the rest of KS2. We will also be writing instructions on how to care for Moz. In Maths we will be shopping in the Argos catalogue and adding and subtracting money and trying to keep within a budget!	Retell the story of Moz. What is friction?
Koala	This week in maths we continued to look at shape by exploring the properties of 3-d shapes. We made some super hanging shapes which are in our classroom and identified the faces, edges and vertices. In English, we have finished our Roman myths and have started to plan our own narrative for Moz the Monster.	Next week in maths we are going to start to look at data handling, linking it to both our science and Christmas work In English, we will be using fronted adverbials, speech and expanded noun phrases to create a fantastic narrative.	How are different pitches of sound made?
Leopard	This week, we have been exploring features of narrative writing and looking at our section of the Moz story in detail. In maths, we have been recapping place value. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 and have partitioned 6 and 7 digit numbers.	In English, we will be using the narrative features to begin drafting, editing and finalising our section of the Moz story. In maths, we will be working on addition and subtraction.	What tips/ tricks are there for rounding to the nearest 10 or 100?
Orang-utan	In maths we have been really developing our knowledge of area and perimeter and applying these to some tricky problem solving. In English we have been enjoying exploring our section of the Moz story and building up our story maps with a range of word, grammar and punctuation choices.	In maths we will be working on calculating percentages of amounts and linking this to every day situations. In English we will be drafting, editing and producing our final section of Moz story writing—how exciting!	Which different skills and tools are needed for different jobs?