

## Panathlon Games

A group of pupils from our Secondary Department represented Foreland Fields School at the annual Panathlon Games at Ursuline College. The competition involved sporting events including Table Cricket, New Age Kurling and Boccia. Teams won points for their ranking in each of the events.

I am really proud to announce that our team came second overall and were awarded individual medals and a trophy for their efforts. Well done!



## Infant Department - Science Curriculum Event

We were really pleased with the turnout for our recent Infant Department Science Curriculum Event. These events are a great opportunity for parents to see how we deliver specific areas of the curriculum. They are also a good chance for parents to meet one another.

More events will be planned for the next academic year – details to follow.

## Duke of Edinburgh Award



We have a number of students from our Secondary Department who have started working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. In order to achieve the award, students must complete a programme of activities in Volunteering, Physical, Skills and Expedition.

The students have been practising their tent erecting skills and recently had their first night under canvas on the school site. They will soon be undertaking their first expedition at the

Swattenden Centre in Ashford.

We hope that through completing the award, students partake in experiences they wouldn't otherwise have had the opportunity to engage with, form close friendships with peers and develop talents that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

## Sailing at Westbere Lake



Some of our Year 7 and 8 students will be attending sailing sessions at Westbere Lake in Canterbury.

We have offered this activity for many years and it proves to be a popular event in our calendar.

This activity provides students with the opportunity to learn the basics of sailing and, for some, to captain a boat. The activity builds students' self-esteem and provides an opportunity for them to take on challenges in a fun, supportive and exciting environment.

## Hydrotherapy

Could I please ask that any pupil/student that has regular hydrotherapy sessions bring their swimming costume into school at the beginning of each week. This will allow us to fill any empty spots, e.g. from children being absent, instead of having to leave the pool unused for a session.



## Sun Cream

As the (hopefully) warmer weather approaches, could we please ask that parents/carers ensure their child is wearing sun cream. Nothing spoils a summer day more than a bout of sunburn. If we could also ask that children are sent in with their own sun cream, clearly labelled with their child's name, so that we can re-apply as necessary throughout the day.

## Junior Playground



Our Junior playground is now well under way and we are still hopeful for a completion date of 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

A huge thank you to everybody who helped us raise the funds for this. It is already looking amazing and we can't wait until we can open it for the children to use.

goodbye ♥

We will be saying goodbye to Vicki Bloomfield this term. Vicki has only been with us for just over a year however will be sorely missed by all pupils and staff. We will also be saying goodbye to Ellie Beeston in Red Class who is leaving us to train as a Speech and Language Therapist. Cheryl Marks from Red Class has also recently started her maternity leave. We wish Cheryl lots of luck and look forward to seeing her again next year.



## Rights Respecting School – Gold Award Celebration Event

### Changes to planned Family Picnic

On hearing the news of our success in achieving the Unicef Rights Respecting School Gold Award, our Governors felt that a whole school community celebration event was required. Our bid for this award, led by our Deputy Headteacher Sarah Thorp, was a real collaborative effort and would not have been possible without the efforts of many of our pupils, staff,

Governors and parents. We have therefore planned a celebration event to be held at the school on the afternoon of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, and you are all invited to attend!

We are currently looking into some live music for the event, as this falls at the end of our annual Forelandbury Week.

**Please note, this event will replace the planned family picnic event which was due to take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.**

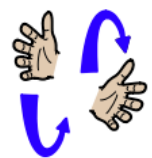
Details on this will be provided nearer the time.

## Foreland Fields School Makaton Signing Choir – Kent Literacy Awards 2019!

Nominations were open for the Kent Literacy Awards 2019. We nominated the signing choir as an example of a school-based initiative that makes a real difference to our students. **WE WON!**



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signing

The choir meets every week to share new signs and songs and is made up of pupils/students and staff from Nursery through to the Sixth Form. We look forward to showing our talents and enthusiasm at school events, assemblies and at the bandstand for Dickens Festival.



This year's Summer Fair will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 12.00pm – 2.30pm.

There will be a range of stalls and events run throughout the afternoon and we are also hopeful to once again have some live music.

We will be providing barbecue food for all pupils. Pupils who are on special diets or who would have food prepared by the main kitchen will have this provided as normal. Any parent/carer wishing to send in a packed lunch for their child are free to do so, however a burger or hot dog is available for all pupils. Burgers and hot dogs will also be available for purchase by parents/carers and visitors.

We have already received some fabulous donations from local companies for our raffle but would welcome some more. If you, or somebody you know, works for a company that would be willing to donate a prize then please contact Hilary Plowman our Funding Development Officer (details below).

Volunteers will also be required for the day; if you can spare some time to help, or if you work for a company that can help through their corporate social responsibility, please do let us know.

## **Kent Mountain Centre**

Soon after we return from the half term break, some of our Upper School students will be going away for a week to the Kent Mountain Centre which is situated on the shores of Lake Padarn at the foot of Mount Snowdon in Wales.

The Kent Mountain Centre works through the medium of adventure using natural outdoor settings to provide group challenges. The trip will include activities such as raft building and gorge scrambling.

Students that have attended these visits in the past have fond memories of their trip, so I am sure that those attending this year will also make memories they will carry forward into adulthood.



## News from Hilary Plowman – Funding Development Officer

Hilary can be contacted at school either by phoning: 01843 268992 or by emailing: [fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk](mailto:fundraising@foreland.kent.sch.uk)

It is a wonderful part of my job to be able to say 'Thank You' to so many generous people and businesses that support Foreland Fields School. This term I would especially like to thank the following:

### Mrs Heather Coker

Mrs Coker, a grandparent of one of our pupils, recently celebrated a birthday and very kindly asked her friends to donate money to the school instead of buying her a present. Mrs Coker then personally matched the amount donated.

At our Easter assembly Mrs Coker presented a cheque to the school for the incredible amount of £350 – Thank you so much.

### Mayor of Ramsgate



For the past year we have been one of the charities of choice from the Mayor of Ramsgate – Mr Trevor Shonk.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April, Sharon and I had the pleasure of attending an afternoon presentation at the council chambers. We enjoyed tea and cake before the mayor presented us with a cheque for the sum of £850.

We are so grateful to all the hard work the mayor's team has done for us and the other charities over the year.

### Artificial Lawn Company



The Artificial Lawn Company have very kindly offered to sponsor part of our Summer Fair this year. Their very kind donation has made it possible for us to book a mobile petting farm for the children to enjoy.

### Thorley Taverns



Thorley Taverns have also agreed to sponsor part of our Summer Fair.

The donation has been used to book a small animal experience for the children. Mr Philip Thorley sent in a lovely message wishing the school 'good luck' with the event.

## Do You Like a Challenge?

Do you, or somebody you know, enjoy a challenge? Would you like to take part in an organised activity to help raise money for the school?

The Kent Messenger Group organise various sponsored charity events throughout the year. I have recently signed up the Foreland Fields Charity as a collaborative charity partner to these events so that we receive sponsorship when a participant takes part on behalf of the school. All I need now is some willing participants to sign up and take part with me.



Activities include abseiling, bike riding, family walks, colour runs and even fire walking! If you are interested in any of these activities, please contact me at school.

Is anyone brave enough to do a fire walk with me?

Hilary

## Dates for Your Diary

Term 6 Begins: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

Transition Fair: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dickens Festival: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019

Lower School Sports Day (A): Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Upper School Sports Day (A): Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Lower School Sports Day (B)\*: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Upper School Sports Day (B)\*: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019

Staff Training Day 5: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019. School closed to all pupils and students

Summer Fair: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

6<sup>th</sup> Form Graduation: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Unicef RRSA Gold Celebration Event: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Reception Pupils Graduation: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

End of Year Assembly: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 @ 10am

End of Term 6: Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 (school closes at 1.35pm)

**\*If inclement weather leads to Day A being cancelled.**



I hope you all have a good week and I look forward to seeing all pupils and students back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Adrian