



LORENDEN



Newsletter

Friday 10th January 2020

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to the Spring Term.



We began our week with New Year's resolutions in assembly - giving time for individual goals to be considered but also for whole school ideas.

The main themes for school resolutions from pupils were wanting to reduce plastic waste, have more Monday Miles and more cooking clubs - all of which are being worked on with four Monday miles planned this term (first one next week!), cooking clubs both this term and next term, as well as part of D/T, and discussions about reducing plastic at the top of our agenda.

Newly renovated toilets and cloakrooms from Prep girls and boys have been completed over the holiday and are looking beautiful!



Please make sure your child has a pair of wellington boots in school. Children are not allowed on the grass in their school shoes.

Assembly

Congratulations to our new Sports Captains and Pupil Voice members this term:

U11 Boys rugby: Oscar

U9 Boys' rugby: Ben P

U11 Girls' netball: Skye (Captain), Sienna (vice)

Pupil voice:

Year 2: Joseph

Year 3: James

Year 4: Annabel

Year 5: Sophie



Well done to Joey (Year 6) and Arthur (Year 5) for winning the tournament as part of their team at Polo Farm Hockey Club, coming home with the Copperbox cup and gold medals. They won all 6 matches- 14 goals and conceded none! A fantastic day and I know they played superbly!

Well done to Lilly-May (Year 2) for her Level 3 swimming badge and certificate, presented this morning in assembly, and to River (Year 4) for her Grade 1 piano certificate.

Mrs Stead

I am sure you will like to know the lovely news that Mrs Stead is expecting her second child, due in the summer and will join me in congratulating her.

Mrs Stead is likely to be going on maternity leave in May this year and I am delighted that Mrs Johnson will cover the end of the term as their full time teacher, so there will be continuity of teaching and no need for any anxiousness from pupils as they know Mrs Johnson really well as their class teacher already.



Welcome to two new members of staff - Miss Julia Dungay (Year 2) and Mrs Naomi Tompsett (Teaching Assistant). Our Year 6 pupils have interviewed them so we can get to know them a little better:

Earlier this week we interviewed Mrs Tompsett. She is the new teaching assistant and will be working across the school in lots of classes. Mrs Tompsett says she absolutely loves cooking and DT. Her least favourite subject is History she says, "I absolutely hated History at school as we always had to remember dates and I was rubbish at that." She obviously wasn't taught at Lorenden!

Her favourite book was and still is 'Little Women' she says it brings such joy to her.

Her youngest child is in Nurserv at Lorenden and Mrs Tompsett says her daughter was so excited to go on the minibus to the gym with Nurserv that she wouldn't eat her dinner! Mrs Tompsett says Lorenden is such a joyful place and feels very privileged to work here.



On Tuesday we interviewed the new Year Two teacher Miss Dungay, and we discovered her love of art, swimming and cooking. Much to our delight she has started a cooking club but sadly it is full up. (We will have to be quicker next time!)



She has taught in many schools for about 24 years so this isn't her first experience of teaching. When she was younger she didn't mind people calling her a Geek, because she absolutely loved school.

When Mrs Dungay was young, she was always changing her mind about what she wanted to be when she was older until one day she volunteered to help at a school and that was when she decided she wanted to be a teacher.

We also found out she has a new puppy! And she is also a mother to two children.

Playtime for Nursery!



Click [HERE](#) for next week's challenge.

Excellent Writing by Year 5

The children in Year 5 were asked to write a piece as either Tom or Willie from 'Goodnight Mister Tom'.

Using only the first three chapters they were asked to use facts from the story and add imaginative detail to build on any inferences from the text. As an added difficulty they were given only 13 minutes to complete the task! Choosing only a couple to include here was incredibly tricky - so was the high standard. What a treat to read.

Thank you Year 5. Mrs T

My name is Willie. I want to tell you about something that happened to me. Yesterday I went on a train. They are so big! I met new friends on the train - they were amazing. I looked back at Mother and Father as we were leaving the station. I saw her fat legs and fine embroidered dress as she was striding away from the station. Father in his new suit looked overblown and even fatter than he is.

I was sad to leave London because I was going away from Lizzie - the only person who cared about me. I really was going to miss Charlotte my sister - who was probably waving her plump legs. I was going away from home and everything I knew. I knew there was nothing I could do about it. Poor Lizzie forever caring for the twins . The other servants did too but she did it every day! I always had a tiny room and I had to clean it every day.

In the graveyard I saw a dog. It looked exactly like father's vicious collie called Len I panicked. Snobbish Rachel and Susan often set her on me and I used to get a severe beating. So I grabbed a spade and lifted it in the air against this dog. It felt good to have some sort of self defense. In its amber eyes I saw confusion - why?

I have met a man called Mister Tom. He has a small beard. He is very nice. He gave me my first proper meal. He is scary with a gruff voice and hardly speaks. To be fair I don't much either. I am not sure how this is going to work out. BY CAITLIN

My name is Mister Tom. I want to tell you about something that happened to me. The vicar has asked me to be in the choir but I don't really want to. It makes me sad thinking about it because my wife was in the choir and she was really good but now she's dead and I won't hear her voice again .

There was a knock on the door yesterday and the billeting officer was there. I saw she was with a child. I asked his name but I couldn't hear him because he was so quiet . I asked him to come in - he looked nervous and he didn't make a peep. So I asked him his name again and he said his name was William, the same as my kind son.

I had a wife called Rachel and a son called William but they got Scarlet Fever and passed away. I was very sad when they went and I wish they were still here. I loved William so much . I bet if he was still here there would have been another male in the family - William always wanted a little brother . They are expecting me to look after the evacuee called Willie . He is so quiet and he looks very shy. I think he was hit by his mother because when I held a poker near he fainted. I am not sure I want to keep this boy because he isn't my real son. I am not sure if this is going to work out. BY ARTHUR



JANUARY

Monday 13th

8:40am Monday Mile - parents welcome

Wednesday 15th

U11 girls netball coaching at Kent College

2:15pm U11 boys' rugby V Spring Grove HOME

NO AFTER SCHOOL NETBALL CLUB

Thursday 16th

2:15pm U9 boys' rugby V Spring Grove AWAY

Friday 17th

Year 3 to Canterbury Cathedral

2pm Nursery "Stay & Play"

All the best for a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Uttley
