



LORENDEN



We have received a lovely letter from the Faversham Foodbank thanking us for our Harvest donations, which have been really useful to many people in the local area.

# Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2019

## Thank You

A huge thank you to the Friends of Lorenden for a fabulous winter ball last Saturday evening - a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere for all and lovely to see lots of new parents at the event too. The ball has raised a really healthy amount of money for the school to be put towards our performing arts equipment in the hall and we really appreciate your generosity for this important upgrade.

### special request

Dear Parents

Hi, I'm Kira and I'm getting tired of asking pupils, 'Is this your jumper?' (etc). It would be much better if you could name your children's clothes please as it would make my life much better being lost property monitor.

I know you might have two children, but please could you name their items of clothing.

Yours sincerely

Kira

Year 6 / Lost Property Monitor

## Assemblies this week



Well done to Skye (Year 6) and River (Year 4) for playing piano solos this morning in assembly in preparation for performing them this weekend.

Good luck to both of you!

Congratulations also to Emily (Year 4) and James (Year 3) for their 'Outstanding Player' awards in hockey last weekend and Richard for his 5 metre swimming badge received this morning in assembly.

We have had lots of fun with our challenge this week - to match eight staff with their baby photos. It is amazing how Mrs Stead was almost instantly recognised by many pupils, how Mrs Uttley and Steve were frequently mistaken for each other (!) and how Hayley still has the same smile! Well done to everyone who had a go. This week's challenge is to write a prayer, for possible publication, on the theme of 'The Earth'.



### Language ambassadors

Next week I will introduce a young leader role to the children in Years 4 - 6 to encourage the enthusiastic language learners to support others. I will explain the role during their lesson with me but only briefly as I would like the children who are interested to think for themselves and come up with some ideas.

The children will have to apply for the role by filling in an application form which will be followed by a short chat with me!

- Week beginning Monday, 25th November - Forms given out to interested children.
- Week beginning Monday, 2nd December - Children return forms to Madame Holland and will be told when their 'interview' is.

Once I have selected the children (3 or 4 per year group) they will be trained to do special jobs for me in the new year!

Merci d'avance!

Madame Holland

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Last Friday we raised money for Children in Need from dressing up and also through the cake sale. Amounts from these totalled £198.75. Well done and thanks to everyone!



Thank you also to parents who have been bringing Christmas cheer into classrooms with the annual Christmas craft making afternoons. Pupils have really enjoyed making a huge variety of gifts and we look forward to seeing them all at the Christmas Fair.



U9 girls' hockey tournament

U9 boys' rugby tournament

U11 boys' football V Kent College

Click [HERE](#) for the link to our match reports

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## Year 1 Trip to Maidstone Museum

We began our tour by the Lady Godiva statue, whose nudity caused much hilarity! Then we passed an oil portrait, with a gaze that followed us all round the room. The mummy in the Ancient Egyptian gallery was met with some trepidation, although handling some cloth body parts in canopic jars put paid to that! The regimental gallery was interesting for all the children as they looked at drums, weapons, uniform, kit, a war dog as well as a cannon.

Next we headed to the old toys gallery, which was our real reason for the visit. Here the children worked hard, sketching and labelling on their worksheets and thinking about what they saw.

After that it was time to let off steam dressing up in old clothes and adding accessories. Clip-clopping round in high heels was the favourite, whilst the boys begged the girls to hurry up so they could go up to see the dinosaurs.

Creeping up the stairs (so as not to wake the dinosaurs) there was a quick intake of breath as a low rumble was heard, but the dinosaurs all stayed asleep. Stroking some coprolite (fossilised poop) was strangely satisfying, the dinosaur hatching out of an egg delighted all, although the huge Stone Age handaxe was less impressive to the class than expected.

We looked at lots of stuffed animals and birds, experienced a microscope in turn, focussing and zooming to our heart's content, and played in the fossil dig, whilst pressing buttons to set off animal sounds and feeling, looking and reading as each child preferred.

Then we headed for the explorer's gallery where model canoes with real-sized spears interested the children, and they worked out that a strange wooden thing was a head rest. There was a wooden panpipe set to play and a huge carved mask to try on. We eventually settled down to look at the collection of paintings and then, by popular demand, headed off to see the football gallery which focussed on the Maidstone team. The final gallery was the Japanese one, where there were kimonos to try on and Samurai suits of armour.

Finally it was time to leave. We had a quick, but very chilly, half-a-picnic in the adjacent gardens, then headed back to school to eat the rest. Looking round the museum together had been a great experience and there was lots of chatter later about all the things we had seen.



## Year 2's Stone Age day at Kent Life

Year 2 visited Kent Life for a Stone Age day and we had fun. Claw called me Toenail and Claw was very funny. He screamed at me and made me jump and he ate paper and it was disgusting. He also ate poo and my best bit was Claw and my least favourite was lunch. We learnt about animal skins and weapons. They used hands in fists and sharp sticks and spears and a bow and arrow and killed animals. They ate worms and woodlice and spiders and beetles. Congratulations to Mrs T and what a fantastic day.

Can we go again?

*Written by Toby*

We went to Kent Life and it was Stone Age day and we learnt about how to get water and food and then we finished our workshop. Then we went to the other workshop about spears and a bow and arrow. Lilly-May and me had a go at the sling shot then we finished the workshop. I learnt a lot of interesting work.

*Written by Jack*



We went to Kent Life and it was a nice day. We went to workshops and the Stone Age man was very funny. We looked at animal skins and we looked at owls and we went on a train ride and we did drawing with charcoal. My favourite thing was Claw man. Thank you for letting us go. *Written by Olivia*

On 19th November 2019 we went to Kent Life and learnt about weapons. We saw a man called Claw and he was funny and he called me Mud and he ate poo! Thank you Mrs T for taking us. *Written by Harris*





We were eager to get to Kent College quickly and we to wait around for at least fifteen minutes until FINALLY the minibuses arrived...

First, we visited the muddy atmosphere of the school farm. It was great; there were chickens frolicking about everywhere - it was wonderful to see! I caught about eight of them (I put them back afterwards though)! We stroked and brushed the contented ponies (their names were Max and Tally).

There were beautiful guinea pigs and a black, dusty, velvety rabbit named Rex (though that wasn't his real name - no one really named him he was just called the name of his breed).

Soon after, we went on an egg hunt. Everybody found at least two or three eggs. When you found one or two, you would gently place them into a sky-blue egg box...

After the enjoyment at the farm, we made our way up to the buildings (some walked as it wasn't far - and some sat in the minibuses). We each had a biscuit (dairy free, egg free or nut free people had an alternative), before we rambled up to chemistry!

At chemistry, a jolly man with silver hair turned this thingy-ma-bob on - suddenly, there was fire! He put different things in the fire and made sparklers, fireworks and an EXTREMELY bright light! He borrowed some of the students as volunteers (Rachel, Arthur, Caitlin, Sembah).

After a fun lesson of chemistry, we enjoyed a DT lesson, making exquisite wooden lanterns for Christmas (you could choose which decoration you wanted from an elf stealing a Christmas tree, to a Christmas tree with the words Merry Christmas on it - I chose a reindeer that was one of the options).

Lunchtime found us at the canteen relishing sausages and mash with a side of peas and sweetcorn. For pudding, there were various scrumptious choices.

## Year 5 visit to Kent College



In the afternoon, we did Food Tech. We decorated little cupcakes/biscuits so they looked like faces. Once you had finished decorating them, you put them in a plastic bag and could eat them at the end of the day.

We also had the opportunity to do languages in the afternoon. We were split into groups and ours did German, whilst the other group did French. It was sehr gut!

The last subject we did was PE, in this case, cricket. The teacher bowled the ball to different batters. Whilst one bowled, the others fielded. The grounds were very big and luckily, this was Astroturf so we didn't get muddy!

At the end of the day, we went to a room across from PE and there was a slide-show playing showing photos a camera man had taken of us during the day. It was really strange to look back at our day - we had done a lot!

We eagerly munched our cakes and biscuits and were brought back to Lorenden for the end of the day. We were allowed to take home our inventions in DT. My mum put mine on our table in the hall at home.

It was a really interesting and productive day and we are really thankful to Mrs Harris for taking us. Kent College is a wonderful school! We hope we can go again someday!

*Report by Lydia*





Thank you to all those who came to the Lorenden Winter Ball! A great evening was had by all. The atmosphere was buzzing with great food, music and dancing. The feedback was very positive and many of you requested to do it again next year. Not only did we all have a wonderful time, but we also raised close to £3,000 for the school. Everyone's support with prize donations, raffle ticket purchases and participation is greatly appreciated as always.



The Friends of Lorenden are looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre this Friday, 29th November 3 - 5pm. Please come along and enjoy a variety of gift stalls as well as games and activities for the children. This includes Santa's Grotto. If you'd like your child to receive an edible gift then please return your order forms to us on Monday. They can be placed in the Friends of Lorenden basket next to the front door. Also - if you haven't already done so - please remember to bring in your donations of sweets and small gifts/ toys to be included in the children's tombola, and also any donations for parents gifts for the secret room. They can be placed in the large plastic container by the door.

Many thanks for all your help!



# DIARY

## NOVEMBER

### **Wednesday 27th**

U11 girls' hockey V Junior Kent College AWAY

### **Thursday 28th**

8.40am Year 5 class assembly for parents

### **Friday 29th**

2:00pm Nursery Stay & Play

3:00pm - 5:00pm Friends of Lorenden Christmas Fair

***PLEASE NOTE THAT MATCHES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND CANCELLATION.  
Please remember to check the white noticeboards and the school's website  
calendar before you set out to watch your child's match.***

All the best for a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Uttley

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