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# Newsletter



Newsletter 6 - Friday 15 October 2021

## From the Head:



As the old saying goes: "A busy life is a happy life.!" This is certainly true at Lorenden, where my first six weeks as Head have whizzed by in a blur. As our half term holiday approaches, we already have lots of great experiences to look back upon, as well as much to look forward to.

It was wonderful to see so many prize winners today in our Awards Ceremony - the hard work and enthusiasm of our pupils is so rewarding and it was great to once again invite parents into School to be part of the Awards Assembly.

### **In other news:**

Mr Tiernan has been absent from school recently and I can confirm that he has now resigned from his position as School Bus Driver. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tiernan for his hard work over the past two years - he will be missed by children and staff alike. My thanks also to Mr Bird and Mr Comerford, who are temporarily taking on additional duties. We will now be advertising for a new Bus Driver.

Please take the time to read through our updated Covid-19 guidance, which we emailed out to you on Thursday afternoon. Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community safe.

# Class News



## Nursery

### Playing Together!

It hardly seems possible that we have already come to the end of our first term, especially as we look at photos that show us what a tight little unit the children have formed! They play together indoors and out, exploring, creating, problem-solving and, of course, getting wet and muddy...! We are all looking forward to next term with the exciting build up to Christmas! In the meantime, have a lovely half term and see you in November.



## Reception

### Bread making

Reception children have been listening to the story of the Little Red Hen. We decided to make our own bread rolls, we really enjoyed kneading the dough and then eating our bread!

# Class News



## Year 1

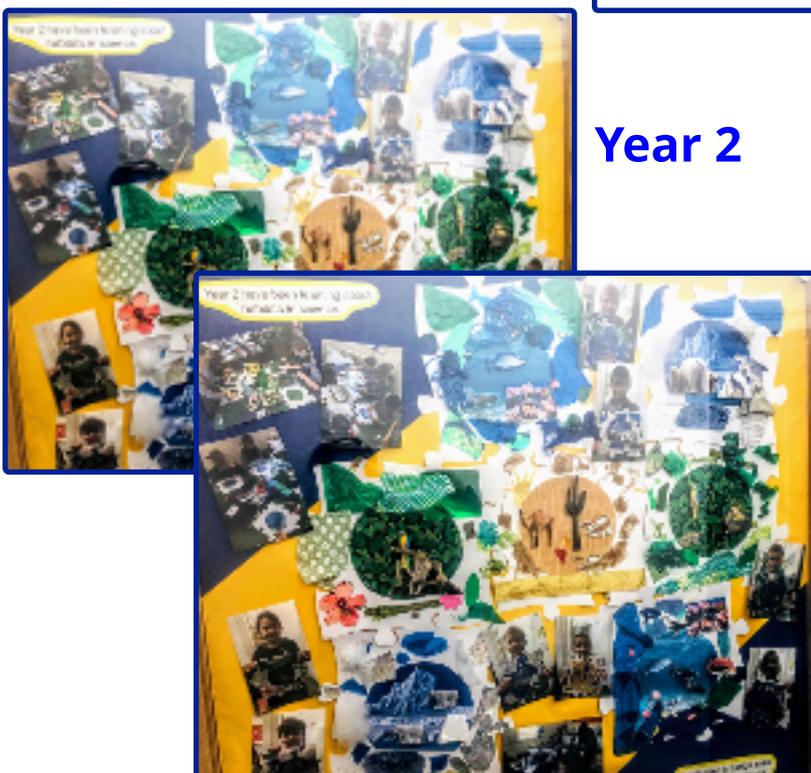
More bread making! We shall have a school full of excellent bakers!



## Year 2

Year 2 learnt about habitats in their science lessons. We linked our art work this week to four habitats: ocean, desert, rainforest, Arctic.

Using a range of materials, they came up with these fantastic creations. What a fun afternoon we had!



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## Year 3

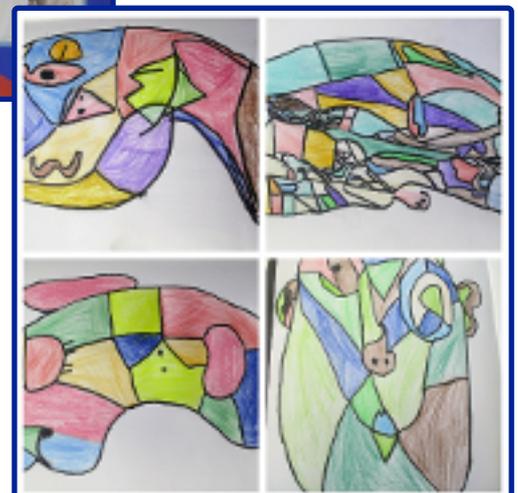
### Science

The children in Year 3 have been continuing to learn about teeth. They used disclosure tablets to highlight areas of plaque in their mouths, and then expertly brushed it all away to leave their teeth sparkling!



### Art

Year 3 have also been learning about Cubism and were inspired by Picasso's 'The Weeping Woman' to draw their own cubist portraits.



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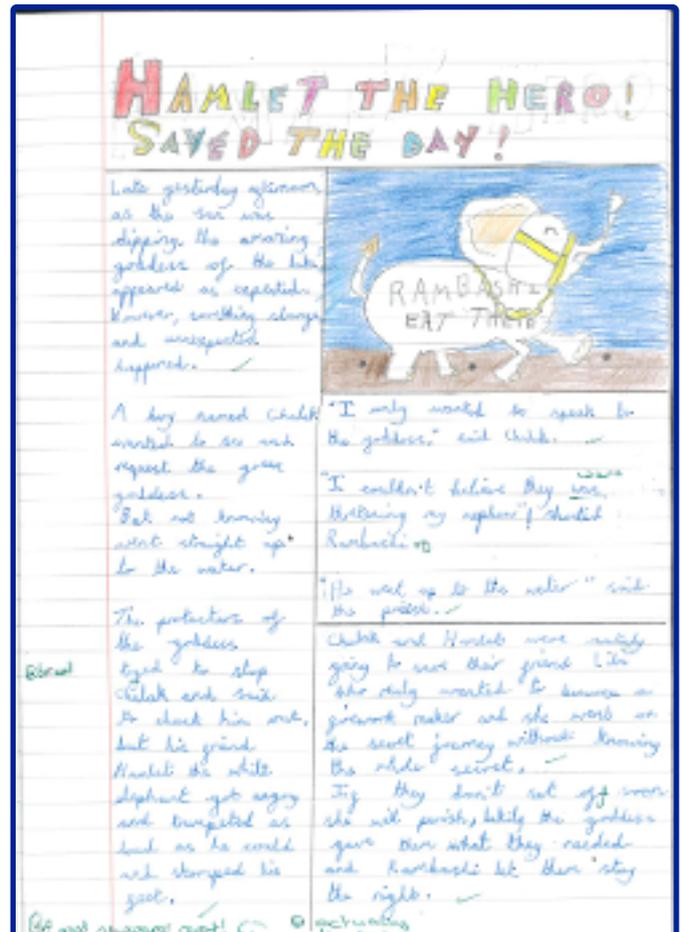


## Year 4

Year 4 created these very realistic bubbles using milk bottle tops. We then used acrylic paints to add the depth and colour.



Lilly-May wrote and decorated her beautiful story. Well done, Lilly-May!



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## Year 5 and 6

Year 5 and Year 6 have had a very busy week. They were Bell-Ringing last Friday, and just missed last week's newsletter. Year 6 went to Down House on Thursday and Mrs Harris has taken her Year 5 class to a Victorian workshop at Kent Life. They were dressed for the part this morning!



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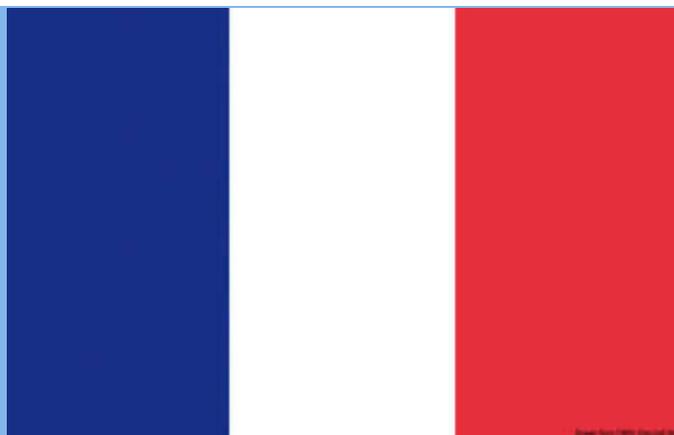
On Thursday the 14th of October, Year 6 went to Down House, home of Charles Darwin. It was a one hour drive and Year 6 were glad to stretch their legs upon arriving. The building was very elaborate. We split up into two groups, after dropping off our bags, one group explored the ground floor and the second group explored the first floor (then we switched). All the rooms were amazing and we learnt so much. Downstairs was: the Billiard room, Dining room, Drawing room and the Old study. A majority of us enjoyed the Old study the most as it was filled with antique and fascinating instruments, used by Charles Darwin. These include, a vial, magnifying glass, scissors, test tubes and skulls that he based his theory of evolution on.

Moving on, the rooms upstairs were as fascinating as the rooms downstairs, such as, the bedroom, the school room, a room dedicated to the origins of species in which we saw the origin of species and a room about the voyage of the Beagle. Looking into the schoolroom we found out that Darwin lost three of his children in childhood, these include Anne ( age 10), Mary (only 23 days old) and Charles (18 months). There was also a wooden stair slide displayed on the wall, unfortunately, we couldn't use it as it had a chance of getting damaged

The gardens were amazing with acres of land to roam around. We walked up the sandwalk where Charles Darwin used to like to ponder as he sauntered up the garden. There was also a wormstone that one of his sons, Horace, made. It was invented to measure the amount of earth the worms would move. On our visit the pole marking where the slab of tile was when it was made, which was a good 2 inches above the slab. We returned to the minibus and were driven home very happy with the day's events.

By Isla & River

# French Baking



## French Baking Club

This week, the children baked some 'Petits sablés Nantais' , they measured and named the ingredients in French. They loved mixing the ingredients with their hands and shaping the biscuits! They were so enthusiastic!

I will be welcoming a new group of children after half term and would like to remind the participants to bring an apron with them which I will keep in school for the whole term.

Merci beaucoup!

Madame Holland



*Bon  
Appetit!*

# Sport



## Hockey Reports

### U9 - Lorenden Prep v Spring Grove

On Thursday 14th October our match was played away against Spring Grove. It was Lorenden's ball we played well and we tackled strongly. Lorenden scored the first goal fairly quickly then Spring Grove scored their goal. We passed well and scored again! Elsie was player of the match - we won 2-1

Thursday 14th October we played against Spring Grove. We pushed back but struggled to attack. We nearly scored but unfortunately it ended 4-0. We did some good tackles and even though we had injuries we played our best. The player of the match was Luciana.

On Thursday 14th October the Under 9 Girls' B team played Spring Grove. We had to play our socks off as Spring Grove are a strong team. In my third match of the afternoon I scored a goal, then I quickly tackled them and scored another two goals. We were playing really well and I managed to score another goal! Eleni then made an excellent pass to Bella who also scored a goal. Elsie then sprinted up the pitch and scored twice! The final score was a whopping 7-0 to Lorenden. Player of the match was Elsie. Well done everyone a great win! by Maeve

## Football Reports

There were mixed fortunes in Football this week. On Wednesday the U11 A played St Edmunds at home. We strongly defended against their team but unfortunately they scored a goal and then another one before we could re-group. At half time Mr Harvey gave us some real encouragement and we played better in the second half, however we lost 4-0. Player of the match was George.

The U11 B team fared better and won their match 4-1 with James D scoring a hat trick! Well done James! Henry D also scored a great goal! Player of the match, James D!





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**Congratulations to this Term's Award Winners:**

**Year 1**

Suvi - Art  
Clara - Head's Award  
Hibiki - PE  
Amelie - Music

**Year 2**

Gaia - Art  
Andy - French  
Rose - Head's Award  
Arielle - PE

**Year 3**

Annabel - Art  
Max - Head's Award  
Maeve - Girls' Games  
Richard - Boys' Games

**Year 4**

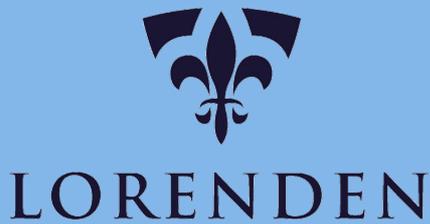
Luciana - Art  
Scarlett - Head's Award  
Lilly-May - Girls' Games  
Harris N - Boys' Games  
Joseph - Music  
Zachery - Spirit of Lorenden

**Year 5**

Henry W - Art  
Emmeline - French  
Cleo - Head's Award  
Jasmine - Girls' Games  
Henry H - Boys' Games

**Year 6**

Annabel - Art  
Faith - Spanish  
Henry D - Head's Award  
Rosabelle - Girls' Games  
George - Boys' Games



**The Friends of Lorenden are very excited to be able to inform you that we will be holding our**

This year on Friday 10th December at 3.00pm

Further details will follow after half term, but giving you all the 'heads up' we will be asking for contributions after the half term break including:

- Small sweet packets / little 'party bag' style items for the tombola stall;
- Hamper items for your class hamper
- Unused gifts for the 'secret' room
- Spare wrapping paper
- Home made cakes
- Home grown / made produce

Each class will hold a stall, the teachers will be bamboozled into running the tombola (children's favourite!), and this year we would like to invite parents / small local businesses who may like to hold a stall to please send an email to [friendsoflorenden@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflorenden@gmail.com) for details.

Father Christmas has been in contact to let the Friends of Lorenden know that sadly he is busy on Friday 10th December, so cannot make it to the Fair, but luckily he is available Thursday 16th December so will be visiting the children at the school Christmas Dinner.

Another 'yippee' for parents ..... Christmas Craft afternoon with your children can go ahead this year in the week Monday 22nd - Friday 26th November, to be arranged with your class teacher. More details to follow after half term.

Despite it still being October, the children have already been busy in school creating their Christmas Card designs. These will come home to you after half term to complete your contact details. The card designs then need to be returned to the school by Monday 8th November to be sent to the printers. This year all orders and payments will be placed directly with Xmas4Schools, as explained on the letter attached with your child's artwork, which will save the Friends of Lorenden a lot of time. We just ask that you remember to place your orders when you receive the email with your order code and link!

The children have also drawn themselves, and their teachers and other staff that make up the Lorenden family, to be printed on the loved Lorenden tea towels and tote bags. Order forms for these will be sent out after half term, and orders and payments will still be collected in person by the Friends of Lorenden. Christmas gifts for grandparents sorted!

Finally all of the Friends of Lorenden would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and restful half term break.



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## **Forthcoming Events**

**Wednesday 3 November - U11 Boys' Football v Dover College - Away**

**U11 Girls' Hockey v St Edmunds - Away**

**Thursday 4 November - U9 Boys' Football v Sutton Valence - Away**

**U9 Girls' Hockey v Wellesley House - Home**

## **Piano**

We are in the very fortunate position to be able to donate an upright piano to a family that may be interested. The piano would be suitable for either a beginner or intermediate level pianist and there will be no cost for the piano, but we would ask for the cost of removal and delivery. Please do let Mr Saul or Mrs Bourne know if you are interested.

Many thanks.

As I write, the Friends of Lorenden are hard at work in the school library, while the sweet treats are piling up in Mrs Bourne's office as Year 3 parents take their turn to host the Friday cake sale. We have had excellent engagement with Parents' Evening appointments throughout the week, while today's special assembly was well attended by the families of award and certificate winners. Lorenden is fortunate to have such an active and positive parental body. Thank you all for your ongoing support for our wonderful school. I hope that everyone has a lovely half term holiday - see you next month!

**Richard McIntosh**

**Head**

**Lorenden Prep School**