



Friday 22nd March 2024

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### Important Dates:



**Last day of Term 4 and TAG Day:** Thursday 28th March

**First day of term 5:** Monday 15th April

**May Bank Holiday (school closed):** Monday 6th May

**Last day of term 5 and TAG day:** Friday 24th May

**First day of term 6:** Monday 3rd June

**Please note: school will be OPEN as usual on polling day— Thursday 2nd May**

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### Sport for Champions

We enjoyed a brilliant visit yesterday from Pierre Henry Fontaine, former England basketball player. He talked to us about his career achievements and told us about the skills and attitudes it takes to be successful in your chosen field and make progress. The children also learned about the importance of good nutrition and staying hydrated. Every class also took part in a fitness circuit to meet Pierre and learn more about the benefits of exercise and a healthy diet. Thank you to everyone who took part and raised money through sponsorship; the school will receive 60% of the money raised, with the remaining 40% going to support athletes like Pierre. Big thanks also go to Miss Johnson and Mrs Riley for organising this wonderful experience.



### The Big MCC Bake Off - Baking, Crafts and Culture!

Join Medway Culture Club at the Woodlands Youth Centre in Gillingham from 10:30 - 13:00 on Saturday 6th April for an Easter-themed diversity class with Medway Culture Club! In this fun-packed session, children will be engaged with creative activities and become 'star bakers', making their very own Scottish shortbread and learning about its origins.

Local caterer, Heyam's Kitchen, will provide a lunch of Shawarma wraps with a chicken or vegan option for the children to try together.

Book online now, for only £8 per child, at: <https://www.medwaycultureclub.co.uk/book-online>

### Stay and Play



We are delighted to share that we will be introducing "Stay and Play" after school every Thursday, starting after the Easter break. Pupils will be allowed to make use of our field and play equipment from 3:30pm—4:00pm, with a parent or carer staying to supervise them. This is to provide the opportunity for pupils to play with their friends after school and enjoy some quality social time together. Unfortunately, pupils will not be able to stay without a parent or carer, as there will not be school staff available to supervise them.

### Balfour Vs Temple Mill

Our football team played a friendly match against Temple Mill School this week. It was a great match, with lots of action and goals, including an amazing shot from Lincoln in Year 5. The match finished 5-3 to Temple Mill. Well done to the team for showing such great teamwork and resilience, we are always very proud of the respect they show to their opponents during and after the match.

### Online safety

We discussed online safety in assembly this week, as a reminder of our anti-bullying strategy and how to prevent and deal with cyber-bullying. A reminder was given to pupils that if they receive unkind or inappropriate messages, they should not reply but block the contact and report it to an adult. If your child uses Snapchat, please be aware that there have been recent reports of illegal drugs and weapons being sold via the app. Please see this parent guide for more information about Snapchat: [How to stay safe on Snapchat: Parent guide | Internet Matters](#)

### Achievement Award



Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!



3L: Cordelia	3M: Luca	3P: Umair	3H: Aathidya
4H: Amrit	4O'K: Elliot	4T: Elsie	4B: Isaac
5C: Elsie-May	5H: Adam	5K: Leona	5R: Aous
6K: Indie	6L: Harriet	6Ma: Veer	6Mo: Jason