



Friday 10th November 2023

A **Beyond** ACADEMY
SCHOOLS TRUST

Important Dates:



Anti-bullying week:
13th—17th November

INSET Day (pupils not in school): Friday 24th November

Scholastic Book Fair in School: from 27th November until 1st December

Christmas lunch and jumper day:
Wednesday 13th December

Christingle service at St Stephen's: Friday 15th December (due to limited capacity in the church, parents and carers are unfortunately not able to attend)

Last day of Term 2 and TAG day: Friday 22nd December

First day of Term 3:
Monday 8th January



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Times Table Rockstars

It was wonderful to see so many of you in school last term for our Times Tables Tea Parties. At these events, we mentioned two initiatives to help you to support your children at home: parent/carer TTRS accounts and discounted CGP books. You will have received a ParentPay email this week with more information about TTRS accounts and please look out for another ParentPay email about CGP books in the coming week.

Scout Christmas Fair



5th Medway Scouts are holding a Christmas fair at the Scout Hut, Beresford Avenue, on Saturday 2nd December from 10am-2pm. There will be a raffle, games and prizes, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies. They would love you to pop along to help them celebrate Christmas and raise funds for the group.

Chess Club

Some of the chess club had a brilliant trip to Rochester Cathedral on Monday, to take part in an event hosted by Medway Chess Club. Dilan in 5 Rousseau said it was a really fun trip; they were able to learn new chess skills as well as play mini tournaments against each other. We also received a lovely email from a member of the public to share how impressed they were with our pupils' exemplary behaviour and manners, we are so proud of them! Thank you to Mr Tutt for organising the trip and Mrs Smitherman for going along with the club.



Mini Youth Games basketball tournament

Two teams took part in the Mini Youth Games basketball tournament this week and they were lucky enough to meet NBA basketballer Ryan Richards! The teams played exceptionally well, showing great respect and teamwork throughout the matches. One team placed 9th out of 27 schools and we came back with a signed basketball! Well done to the pupils, who always make us so proud with their exemplary behaviour and attitudes. Thank you to Miss Johnson and Mrs Riley, who have given their time to train the team and to all the staff who went along to the tournaments - these amazing opportunities wouldn't be possible without you. Head over to Instagram to see some photos!

Thank you!



We would like to say a huge thank you to the Whelan family, who have made a lovely donation of brand new books and games to the school this week. Thank you so much for your kindness; we really appreciate the new resources that will make a difference to so many pupils!

Times Table Facts of the Week!

The facts we will be focusing on next week are: $2 \times 6 = 12$ and $7 \times 9 = 63$

★ Achievement Award ★			
Well done to the following pupils for receiving this week's Achievement Award!			
3L: Evera	3M: Adam	3P: George	3H: Sophia-Rose
4H: Sebastian	4O'K: Amina	4T: Mia	4B: Freya P
5C: Freddie	5H: Jasper	5K: Mason	5R: Tyler-Lee
6K: Charlie	6L: Oscar	6Ma: Maryam	6Mo: Tomi