

# THE WEEK

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## From the Head

Many congratulations to our pupils, along with some of the senior pupils from The King's School, who were confirmed in Canterbury Cathedral by the Bishop of Dover last Sunday. It was a very special occasion and it was lovely to have so many parents present. Mr Tugwell also baptised some of the children in the morning at St Nicholas' Church in Sturry.

This week, we were treated to two fantastic performances of Mary Poppins Jr, performed by Middle School. What an array of fine actors, actresses, singers and dancers we have. What an array of fine and talented actors, actresses, singers and dancers we have at the school. The costumes, sets, props and effects were magical, and the performances from all the children have been truly *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!*

Congratulations to our Foster Cup 7s Champions who won our rugby festival this week. This is an outstanding achievement and the boys played superbly well.

Year 8 have their mocks after half term, and although some revision is important, it is equally important to break this up with other activities and rest over the coming week.

What an exciting week and a great way to end for Half Term, and I wish everyone a well-deserved, relaxing and restful half term holiday.

## Geneva English School Visit

We were delighted to welcome Geneva English School (GES) this week, as part of their rugby and netball tour. This tradition is now in its seventh year. Some of our Middle School boys enjoyed rugby fixtures against them and the girls played netball. The following morning, the GES children spoke to Middle School about life at GES, facts about Geneva and all things Swiss. There were some brilliant questions from our pupils who were particularly envious of the skiing in PE lessons!



### From the Music Department

We enjoyed a fantastic Woodwind Workshop last Friday with recorder player Sophie Middleditch. Over twenty wind players from Years 3-8 performed pieces on their instruments and our guest also played an amazing piece which used lots of bird sounds. Pictured with Sophie Middleditch are a few of our performers.

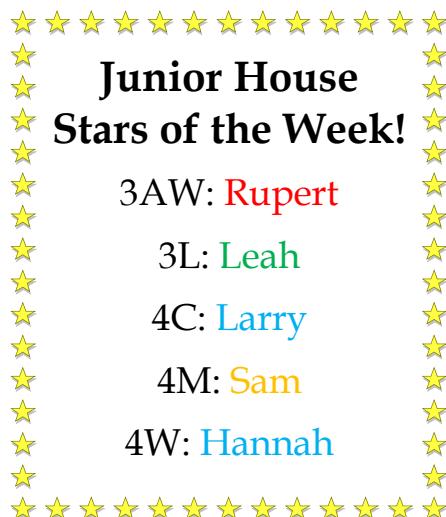
The Exam Candidates' Concert is on Thursday 28 February at 4.30pm and is for all those taking music exams this term. Please sign up in the music corridor. You are welcome to play even if your exam is being taken out of school.



### Book Week in Pre-Prep

The week commencing Monday 4th March is Book Week in Pre-Prep and we will be celebrating with a Book Fair. The Fair will be open from Monday 4th to Thursday 7th March after school for you and your children to buy books. You can even buy at a discount if you [download Book Fair vouchers](#).

As part of Book Week, we will be marking World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, when everyone will come to school dressed up as their favourite book character. We are all looking forward to enjoying a special day of drama on World Book Day, too. Skilled physical and character actor, Alan Atkins, will be coming back to see us to help us act out Julia Donaldson's 'The Smartest Giant in Town'. We last met him when we acted out the author's 'Tiger Who Came to Tea', which had us all enthralled! This time, it is the 15th anniversary of Ms Donaldson's Smartest Giant story and we are pleased to tell you we have secured enough copies for everyone to buy one from the Book Fair. Mr Atkins has also agreed to sign a special, celebratory certificate for each copy sold. The Friends of JKS will be helping us make the most of World Book Day by inviting children to bring a book in on World Book Day to swap with a friend. The book swap will take place in the Pre-Prep French Room from 2.00pm on Thursday 7th March.



### Grandparents Day

You will see from the Lent Calendar that we are holding a Grandparents' event on Friday, 1st March. This is a new initiative which we hope will be both enjoyable and successful and repeated in future years. During the afternoon grandparents/guardians will have the opportunity to see the children in lessons as well as watch them engaged in musical and sporting activities.

Guests will be welcome to join us from 1 pm until 3 pm (Pre-Prep) or 1 pm until 4:15 pm (Prep).

As we haven't had an event like this before it is difficult to gauge interest so, to ensure the afternoon runs smoothly, we will be issuing tickets and these will be limited initially to two tickets per family.

Tickets available from Mrs Jerman in The Office.



## Author Visit: Lucy Strange

Years Seven and Eight were treated to many interesting and entertaining insights into the life of a professional writer last week when local author, Lucy Strange came to the school to talk about her new novel, *Our Castle by the Sea*.

Lucy explained how the book grew from her love of a painting by Eric Ravilious and how she was able to use her researches into lighthouses to weave a story of racial tension and bravery on the south coast of England during the Second World War. It was reassuring to hear that all writers find it difficult getting started on a new story and the advice given about the benefits of using existing historical settings and events as a launch pad could prove to be very useful when under time pressure in an exam room. We also learnt about creating atmosphere and the pain of submitting to an editor's demands – deleting a favourite character in the case of *Our Castle by the Sea* and having to remove over 40,000 words (the equivalent of 80 C.E. essays!) from the manuscript of her first novel, *The Secret of Nightingale Wood*.

Both sessions finished with an opportunity to ask questions and then buy books and have them signed. Lucy's achievement as one of our most promising emerging writers was confirmed recently when *Our Castle by the Sea* became the first ever Independent Booksellers' Book of the Month. Readers are certain to be enthralled by the adventures of Petra and her sister Magda and learn a great deal about prejudices, the war and lighthouses along the way.

/NCo



*Below: This painting, 'Belle Tout Lighthouse Beachy Head', by Eric Ravilious was an early inspiration for Our Castle by the Sea.*





On Wednesday the whole school came to the barn to watch the Middle School dress rehearsal of Mary Poppins. Flavia was Mary Poppins, Isabelle was Jane, Joseph was Michael, Sophia was Mrs Banks and Theo was Mr Banks. I was singing along to the song 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'. It was amazing how they made a lamppost come out of a bag, and a plant, it looked so real. I think Bert (who was the chimney sweep) sang more songs than he spoke words. It was also nice how part one ended at an exciting bit so everyone was excited to see what was going to happen next.

/Leah, 3L



Yesterday we went to watch the amazing production of Mary Poppins in the barn. All of the people acted so well, including Flavia, Joseph, Theo, Sophia and others. I loved, just loved, all of the dances; I don't know which one to choose. My favourite person was the star of the show, she was so amazing. My best song was the medicine song, it was fantastic. There were other great characters in the show: Jane, Michael and Mr and Mrs Banks. I wish I was in it; I really want to watch it again and again because it was incredible.

/Avery, 3AW



We went to watch the production of Mary Poppins in the barn. My favourite character was Mary Poppins and my favourite song was 'Let's go fly a kite'. It was the most incredible show I've ever seen. I would recommend going to see it. I don't know how the hat stand came out of the table! My favourite scene was when the kids were asleep.

/Daniel, 3AW



On Wednesday, Middle School performed Mary Poppins in the barn. Flavia was Mary Poppins, Theo and Sophia played Mr and Mrs Banks and Michael and Jane were Joseph and Isabelle. I loved the effort they put into it. The dance 'Step in time' was very effective, the songs were lovely and things being pulled out of the carpet bag was a clever special effect. 'The Holy Terror', otherwise known as Mr Banks' childhood nanny, was really evil. I liked the thought that it is lucky to shake a chimney sweep's hand. The show was just 'Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious'!

/Kyle, 3L



# THE MINI WEEK

## FROM THE PRE-PREP

Reception children visited King's Recreation Centre on Friday and took part in lots of fitness sessions. We danced to music for a fitness work-out and learnt how to do some body strength movements. We used hoops and balls to develop hand-eye co-ordination and put all of our learning together to play a game of Simon Says. We also found out about First Aid, too. Thank you Amanda, for a great day!

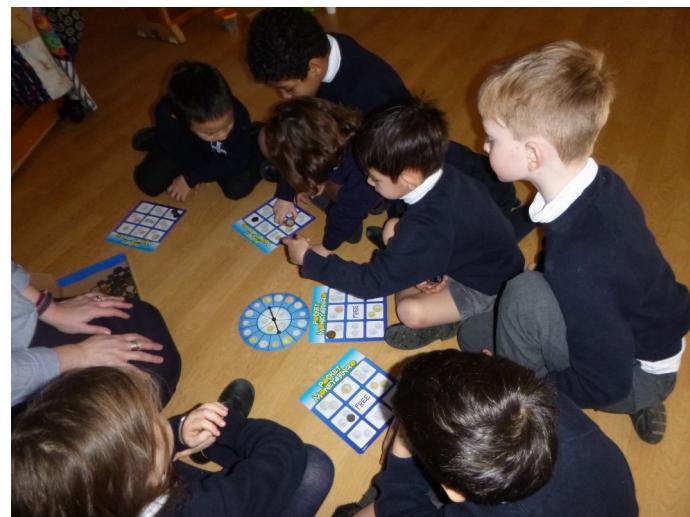


There's been no time to stop in the Nursery this week! Sometimes it seems as though there just aren't enough minutes in the day to fit everything in, so Maia suggested we all make watches to keep us on time. We talked about the main times in our day, which included lunch time, home time and bed time. We've just realised it's 3 o'clock – time to tidy-up before going home!

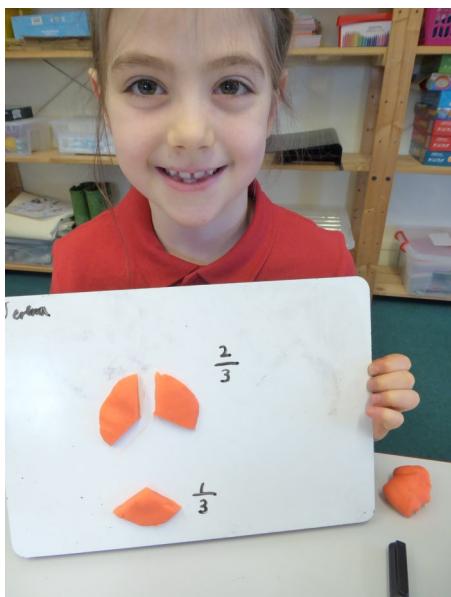


All the Pre-Prep children were joined by Lucy from the ever-popular drama team, Perform, this week. We enjoyed a drama session learning about how to be recycling super heroes in a bid to save our planet.



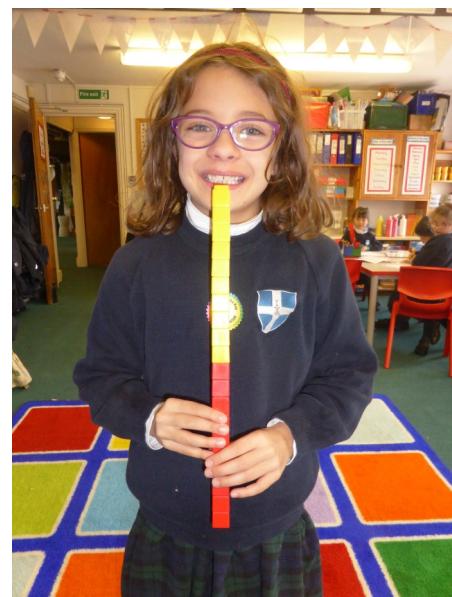


Money! Money! Money! The root of all evil? Or makes the world go round? Y1 children have begun their healthy relationship with money through a carousel of investigative games and activities. We played Pocket Money Bingo, made money totals using different denominations of coins, matched money totals to coin collections and played Coin Dominos. We rotated between the activities to build a robust understanding but would love to take a closer look at British coins to observe the differences in size, colour and shape. So next time you need to pay for something, it's on us!



It's been Fraction Week in Year 2! We started the week as detectives, using Play-Doh to help us investigate parts of a whole. This was a lot of fun and went way beyond finding out about halves, thirds and quarters.

We also learned that each part of a fraction must be equal... and that there's no such thing as a 'bigger half'! We enjoyed helping make enclosures for the injured cassowaries on [this website](#). Have a go yourself! And finally, here's a question to solve at home: If there are 36 sweets, would you rather have  $\frac{2}{3}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  of them to enjoy the most?



## Pre-Prep Notice Board

- Friday, 1st March: Grandparents' Afternoon – further information to come after half term, but make a date to bring grandparents to school on Friday 1st March for a special visit.*
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day – we will be dressing up as our favourite book characters and bringing a book to swap with a friend. See our Book Week item for more information.*
- Friday 8th March: Year 2 Parents' Tour of Junior House – Details of this visit will be sent home in a letter. Please keep an eye on your child's book bag.*
- Friday 15th March: Second Exeat – Pre-Prep will close at 3.30pm on this day. Late Club will be available until 4.00pm only. There will be no Contemporary Dance Club.*

## Sports Noticeboard

On Wednesday, Junior King's hosted The Foster Cup 7s, which is a great rugby festival and has been hotly contested for many years. This year it was won by Junior King's which is a fantastic achievement and we are extremely proud of our U13A squad. What is particularly impressive is that they were unbeaten throughout the entire afternoon. They beat Wellesley House (5 - 1), Dover College (4 - 1), Northbourne Park (2 - 1), King's Rochester (6 - 0) and Duke of York's (6 - 2). The wins were built on a rock solid defence, which can be seen by how few tries were conceded, and, using this as a platform, the team produced a run of performances displaying good handling, amazing individual speed and great vision. It was fantastic to have such depth in the squad enabling constant rotation of players without weakening the team, especially on such a warm afternoon. It is without doubt that every player made a highly valuable contribution to the end result. It was a brilliant and well deserved way to bring the season to a close. Well done, boys!

This morning saw the presentation of the Foster Cup to the U13A rugby squad, along with the medals from the Kent Schools Indoor Rowing finals where Cassius won gold in the individual time trial, and Cassius, Jasper, Harry & Callum won silver in the relay. Well done, boys!

Congratulations also to the U12A rugby team who have been unbeaten this season!



## Sports Results

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

#### Netball

U13B v Northbourne Park 'A'

Northbourne Park won 12 - 5

Player of the Match: Nene

U13C v Northbourne Park

Northbourne Park won 8 - 4

Player of the Match: Naeto

U11B v Northbourne Park

Northbourne Park won 16 - 1

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

U11C v Northbourne Park

Junior King's won 6 - 4

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

#### Rugby

U13/12B v Duke of York's

Junior King's won 11 - 5

Players of the Match: George & Atilla

U12A v Duke of York's

Junior King's won 9 - 3

Player of the Match: Nathan

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February

#### Netball

U11B v Geneva English School

Junior King's won 3 - 0

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

#### Rugby

U11B v Geneva English School

Junior King's won 4 - 2

Player of the Match: Luca

U10A v Geneva English School

Match drawn 4 - 4

Player of the Match: Rufus

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

#### Netball

U13A Wellesley House Tournament

Junior King's came 5th

Player of the Tournament: The Whole Team

U13B v St Lawrence

St Lawrence won 15 - 2

Player of the Match: Else

U13C v St Lawrence

Junior King's won 9 - 6

Player of the Match: Naeto

### U13D v St Lawrence

St Lawrence won 26 - 1

Player of the Match: Gloria

U11B v Dover College

Dover College won 15 - 3

Player of the Match: Amelia

#### Rugby

U13A Foster Cup

Junior King's were Champions

Players of the Tournament: Joe G,

Kouji, Jesse & Cassius

U11A v Northbourne Park

Junior King's won 45 - 15

Players of the Match: The Whole Team

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### Netball

U9B v Ashford

Ashford won 11 - 2

Players of the Match: Daria & Sasha

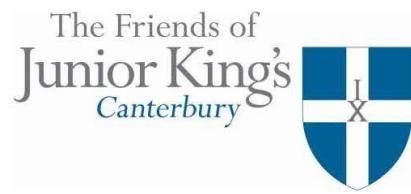
U9C v Ashford

Match drawn 1 - 1

Players of the Match: Shino & Indie

# Calendar

<b>Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Half Term
<b>Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup></b>	19:00 Boarders return
<b>Monday February 25<sup>th</sup></b>	Start of Boys' Hockey Season Boys' Hockey: U11A Tournament at Sutton Valence 08:20 Day Pupils return
<b>Tuesday February 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Mock Examinations
<b>Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Mock Examinations 08:30 PAUSE 14:00 Netball: U11A, B, C & D (H) v Kent College 14:00 Boys' Hockey: U13B & D (A) v St Edmund's 14:00 Boys' Hockey: U11B & D (H) v St Edmund's 14:15 Netball: U13A & C (A) v Wellesley House 15:00 Boys' Hockey: U13A & C (A) v St Edmund's 15:00 Boys' Hockey: U11A & C (H) v St Edmund's
<b>Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 8 Mock Examinations Boys' Hockey: U13A IAPS Tournament at Trinity School, Croydon Netball: U11A IAPS Tournament at Kent College, Pembury 13:00 Boys' Hockey: U9A Tournament at Ashford 14:00 Netball: U9A, B & C (H) v Ashford 16:00 Boys' Hockey: U11A depart for IAPS 16:30 Informal Concert for Exam Candidates 18:00 Netball: U13A depart for IAPS
<b>Friday March 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 8 Mock Examinations Boys' Hockey: U11A IAPS Tournament at Bishop's Stortford Netball: U13A IAPS Tournament at Felsted Closing date for The King's School Academic Scholarship 08:20 Friends' Coffee Morning 09:00 The Milner Voices rehearsal 13:00 Grandparents' Day



Hello Everyone,

It is with great pleasure that I would like to invite you all to join the FJKS at our Family Easter Event – our **Mad Hatter's Easter Tea Party**. This year, on **9<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30pm and 5.30pm** there will be an Easter treasure hunt in our beautiful grounds, an Easter craft station and lots of bonkers games to play, including pillow fights, creme egg and spoon races, and delicious refreshments for sale.

We would also like to invite the children to **create extraordinary and completely mad hats** for a chance to **win a prize** and take part in **the Hat Parade**, and we are calling out to all bakers, young and old, to enter our **Bake Off competition** that will be judged by Mrs Károlyi.

Please do join us for an afternoon of great Easter fun (with, fingers crossed, some very special guests, if they don't have to dash off and rescue anyone...) for the whole family. This event is free to attend, but please **RSVP me or Katharing Fahy on Classlist (or in person) if you can join us by 4<sup>th</sup> March** so that we can make sure we have enough chocolatey (or allergy appropriate alternative) prizes for everyone.

We shall look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your support,

Camilla Roberts





# Family Easter Event



## Mad Hatter's Tea Party



### Easter Hunt

#### Fun & Games

Creme Egg and Spoon  
Races

Pass the Terry's  
Chocolate Orange

Pillow Fights

**Saturday 9th March  
3.30pm-5.30pm  
The Orchard**

Cake Baking  
Competition for  
Children and Grown  
Ups

### Crafts

4pm Easter Hat  
Competition and  
Parade

### Tea, coffee & cakes

For catering and prize giving  
purposes please RSVP Camilla Roberts  
or Katharine Fahy on Classlist if your  
family would like to attend by 4th  
March. Thank you.

Please note, that children are the responsibility of their parents at all times. The school accepts no responsibility for children while at this event.

