



Headteacher's Blog

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Last Week's Round-up...

We finished the month of January off with a busy week at school.

We had two wonderful class assemblies with Maple and Beech classes impressing their family, friends and peers with their great performances. Maple class are truly our history experts with their in depth knowledge of Stone-Age life. They brought this historical period to life for their audience through stories, songs and art work - brilliant! Then, Beech class showcased their class text, *The Poison Garden*, fabulously. The children's writing was front and centre in their performance - what amazing letter and descriptive writing skills! As well as loving hearing about what makes each and every one of Beech class special, the *Poison Garden* rap was a real winner!

Thanks to all who performed and all who came to support.

Our UKS2 footballing girls had a brilliant day out on Wednesday. The conditions were fairly bitter but the girls played with enthusiasm and great skill. Mrs Chambers noted what wonderful ambassadors they all were for our school. There were plenty of goals and match wins for our squad during the tournament and we are now awaiting the final result!

Chestnut class visited the town library last week and enjoyed selecting new titles for their class library.



What's on this week...

It's National Story-Telling week and we'll be celebrating by making a whole school re-tell of a well known picture book, *Tuesday* by David Wisner. We'll look forward to sharing this with you on the website in the coming weeks. In addition to this, by popular demand, the Masked Story-Teller will be making a return to Swansfield! Look out for storytellers on the website each day and see if you can guess who it is!

Rowan class will be welcoming their friends and family to join them for lunch on Wednesday. Please book by 12.00 on Monday and come to the entrance hall for 11.45.

Also on Wednesday is Larch class assembly. Family and friends are very welcome to join us at 14.30. Maple and Willow classes will be visiting the town library in groups throughout the week.

On Friday afternoon, our FOSP will be hosting 'Film Night'.

We begin straight after school with cartoons for our Apple, Pear and Plum friends. Pick up for this event is 15.45.

KS1 and KS2 children are then invited to join us from 16.00 - 18.00 to watch *Super Mario Bros*.

Details will be sent out early in the week about tickets, costs, drop offs and pick ups!





A HUGE WELL DONE TO...

Ivy Robson, Charlotte Grey-Wright, Midhurnika Amarnath, Jaxon Kennedy, Harrison Knox, Jaxon McPartland, Connor-Roy Wright, Oliver Hames, Alice Rekun, everyone in Maple class, Lexi Adamson, Nicola Welch and Leah Charlton

We are very proud of you all!

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LEARNERS...

Talking about what you've learnt and recapping new knowledge is a great way to get learning to 'stick'.

Here are some quick questions you can ask your children this week to support their growing geographical knowledge:

KS1: Physical geographical features are created by nature. Can you think of some physical features of our local area?

LKS2: What county is the city of Canterbury located in? Can you explain why Canterbury is a popular tourist destination?

UKS2: In our learning about mountains, we've been discovering some new vocabulary. Using your knowledge of mountains, can you explain: summit, foot, valley, plateau, ridge and outcrop?

HAVE A LISTEN TO THIS...

A graphic with a purple background and white text. The text reads 'HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY' in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and '27 JANUARY' in a slightly smaller, bold, sans-serif font below it. The background shows a blurred image of lit candles in a memorial service.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL
DAY
27 JANUARY

It was Holocaust Memorial Day last Monday and the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz Birkenau. The theme for this year is For a Better Future.

This beautiful piece of music, Even When He is Silent, was performed at the memorial service by the wonderful London Youth Chamber Choir.

Here, it is performed by the equally wonderful Voces8.

I hope you can find a quiet moment to have a listen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLYr5m3i3qQ>

