

Weekly Newsletter

We find ourselves at the end of another lively half term! I wish you all a good break if you are able to take one.

On **Monday**, Y6 were lucky enough to have an access all areas tour of Biggin Hill airport. We started in the passenger terminal where we watched a video explaining all about the airport and the different jobs that you could do there. Then it was on to a minibus and off to the Heritage Hanger to see the WW2 Spitfires. We saw some being restored, and some that had been fully rebuilt and were able to fly. We also saw a very rare Messerschmitt worth over £7million. Back on to the bus and a drive around the airfield, seeing the old 'Scramble Hut' where the Spitfire pilots would run from to fly their planes in the war, plus the Anderson Shelters where others would take cover in the bombings. After this we went to the Bombardier Hanger to see all the private jets, some worth over \$70million, we were even lucky enough to board one and have a look around. An amazing trip and really informative.



On Wednesday we welcomed the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Mrs Jill Anderson for lunch with Miss Cordingley and six children. The Mayor was charmed by all the children she met and told me she would recommend the school to anyone as she was so impressed by what she had learned about the school, especially the pastoral care that her companions at lunch described to her. Teddy and Jago said 'we were delighted to have the Mayor stay for lunch and we were very pleased to speak to her. She seemed very interested in coming to visit the school again'.



Our Under 10 Netball team played against Hilden Grange on Wednesday afternoon. Despite it being their first Netball fixture since before Christmas, the girls showed superb sportsmanship and teamwork. In defence were Ella, Eva and Annabelle, whose interceptions put great pressure on our host's attack. With the support of Iris, they worked hard to get the ball to our end of the court. Lucie and Clarissa showed excellent ability to create space from some brilliant passes, and their collaboration with Tilly enabled her (and Clarissa) to score seven goals. We are all very proud of the girls and their 7-5 victory!

One More Orbit by Darragh, Y6,



On **Thursday** morning the children were fortunate to watch a film about One More Orbit - a successful attempt to break the whole world record for the fastest travel around the globe flying in a plane called the Gulfstream G650ER. The pilots flying the plane were Captain Hamish Harding (from England), Jacob Bech (from Denmark), Jeremy Ascough (from South Africa) and Yevgen Vasylenko (from Ukraine). The flight attendant was Magdalena Starowicz (from Poland), the lead Engineer was Benjamin Rueger (from Germany), the Payload Specialist, Satellite live-streaming person was Jannicke Mikkelsen from Norway. Astronaut Terry Virts was a passenger making the movie at the time and he's from United States of

America. The Gulfstream G650ER flew around the world over the North Pole and the South Pole, stopping at Nursultan airport in Kazakhstan, then Sir Seewoosagur airport in Port Louis, Mauritius then Port Augusta airport in Punta Arenas, Chile. Colonel Terry Virts described the pit-stops for fuel as "like a NASCAR pit-stop intense" after the flight.

The plane started to take off at the exact same time on 20 July, 2019 as the Apollo 11 took off 50 years ago from Kennedy Space Centre. The Apollo 11 was the spaceflight that put man on the moon. They completed the Guinness world record successfully in the time of 46 hours and 40 minutes at an average speed of 465 knots (or 535 mph or 861 km/h). They beat the previous record set by Captain Aziz Ojeh in a Bombardier Global XRS by 10 hours and 52 minutes (the previous record was 52 hours and 32 minutes in 2008).

I think the best part of the film was when they had to do a NASCAR pit-stop to get fuel because if they failed the pit-stop, they might have failed the mission objective.

Our thanks to Mrs Mueller for sharing this part of her professional work with us.

We are very pleased to share that, on Thursday, our Under 8 and Under 9 teams followed on from Wednesday's netball success. Boys and girls from Years 3 and 4 headed over to Sevenoaks Prep to play against three of their teams. They were by no means easy matches and all of the children collaborated brilliantly to create lots of opportunities to score.

Although they showed off a variety of skills, the children's defending and interceptions really shone.

They have been enjoying playing within a mixed team and we are very proud that some of our boys have had the chance to showcase their skills too! Well done to everyone who took part. We won 1-0 and 2-1, and had a 0-0 draw.

Friday was a busy day with School Council Takeover taking place. The children really enjoyed teaching lessons, working in the office and leading the afternoon assembly.

For those parents using Holiday Club next week, please be reminded that you will be unable to enter the school using the usual entrance due to repair work taking place on the pillars. Please come through the entrance next to Stables Nursery. The normal exit for the school will still be in use. Also please ensure you allow yourself enough time to arrive as we are expecting significant disruption with the A21 road closure.

Do not forget the FA Quiz Night which is taking place on Friday 6th March 2020 from 7.30pm. The evening will include a wide variety of team questions (last year's "build a fashionable outfit from recyclable objects" springs to mind!), FA bar and lots of laughs along the way. You can join this event by arranging yourselves into teams of 8 and signing up on the new FA community board (situated behind the bar in the school conservatory). Sign-up sheets and flyers are up in the conservatory and the entrance fee is £10 per head, payable to the FA bank account as follows (please use your Surname and the word 'Quiz' as a reference).

Sort code: 60-21-28. Account: 82037353. Name: Fosse Association

We would ask that all teams are registered by **Friday 28th February 2020**. Contact your class rep for more information

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **World Book Day Workshop** – West End Schools will be coming in to run Drama workshops with a World Book Day theme for Reception to Y6. Cost is £4.00 and deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 10th February 2020**.
- **French Trip** – one instalment for the remaining payment is now available.
- **Y1/2 trip to Howletts** – invoice is live on ParentMail for this trip. The deadline for payment to be received is 24th February.
- **Y4 Apple Store STEM visit** – invoice is live for this trip. The deadline for payment is Monday 24th February.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12 th February	U11/10 Netball v Hilden Grange (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 th February	U9/8 Netball v Sevenoaks Prep (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday 14 th February	School Council Takeover day	
17 th – 21 st February	Half term (Holiday Club available)	
Tuesday 25 th February	Reception to Farmers Market for Pancake races	9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday 26 th February	U10/11 Netball v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 27 th February	U9/8 Netball v The Mead (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Individual Music Concert	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 5 th March	Poetry Recital	9.00am – 10.15am
Thursday 5 th March	Starry Night stories Reception to Y4 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm Y5 to Y6 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm	
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 Netball v Russell House (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 rugby v Mead (home)	2.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day Dress up (book characters)	
Friday 6 th March	Fosse Association Quiz	7pm onwards
Saturday 7 th March	Open Day	10.00 – 12.30pm
9 th – 13 th March	Open Week	
Wednesday 11th March	U11/10 Netball v Russell House (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 12th March	Inter-house Cross Country for Sports Relief	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13th March	Y5 to Brixton Chocolate museum	9.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 18th March	U11/10 Mixed Hockey v Beechwood (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 19 th March	Inter-house Touch Rugby (Y3-6)	2.30pm – 3.45pm
Friday 20th March	Open classroom event	9.00am – 9.30am
Friday 20th March	Mother's Day Ritzy Tea	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 24th March	Spring Concert	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 25th March	Parents Evening	4.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service/Activities at Church - Y3-6	9.30am – 11.00am

See more comprehensive diary dates on the school website [here](#)