

DATES TO REMEMBER

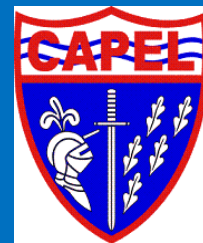
9/2/18: CLASS 1 ASSEMBLY, PTA DISCO & LAST DAY OF TERM

19/2/18: CHILDREN RETURN & ART WEEK BEGINS

22/2/18: YEAR 4 & 6 WORKING WITH KENT COLLEGE

1/3/18: WORLD BOOK DAY

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Learning snapshots



I can't believe that Term 3 is almost completed, we have somehow found ourselves halfway through the academic year! It has been a learning-filled term with plenty of opportunities for students to challenge, grow, laugh and learn. I hope this Capel Contact provides some further insight into our achievements and upcoming events.

I am very excited to share that our 'behind the scenes' work on the **new school website** is yielding excellent results. A **professional photographer** has taken amazing photos of our students (some of which are displayed in our Office) and Mrs Hamer and I have now approved a homepage that is modern, accessible and useful for families. The other pages are now being formed and should be completed in Half Term. We hope to launch early Term 4 and will be complementing the new site with a parent app which will enable quicker communication from the school. Watch this space!

This week our Year 4 students have started their **first school residential adventure** in Sayers Croft. Despite the snow, the experience should enable them to take on new physical challenges, build on existing friendships and no doubt see our

staff in a whole new light! We hope they have great fun and I look forward to hearing all about the experience.

Last week saw our Year 2 children take to the stage for their **Class assembly**. Pupils recounted the Great Fire of London, displayed their fire dances and even demonstrated how to handle a fire emergency (which is an important life-long lesson). A huge well done to the staff and children for putting on such a informative event.

Our children have also been thinking about the importance of using the internet safely. Tuesday 8th February was **Safer internet Day** and our students learnt how to report unkindness, how to manage online communications without the expressions and tone of real life interactions whilst recognising that the internet is a powerful, useful tool when used correctly. If you want to follow this up with your children at home then I can recommend **www.saferinternet.org.uk**, which has a specific area for parents.

It has now been five weeks since we have changed our **homework** approach again and we really hope that children and parents are enjoying the tighter structure around

Numeracy and Literacy. The major topic projects have remained as inspirational as last term. A particular highlight was a Tudor cake which took two days to create and was made by **Molly** in Year 5 (pictured below). Excellent, tasty creativity!

I hope everyone is excited about **Art Week!** Miss Murphy has worked incredibly hard to create an event that celebrates diversity and creativity. If you are happy to help at all then please let us know.

Across the rest of the school we have seen Maya **Chocolate** Making in our Year 6, the **Shakespeare** workshop in Year 5, a **balloon launch** in Year 1, **Troll** hunting in the EYFS and **Greek myth** writing in Year 3! **Continue reading to see the highlights!**

I hope you all enjoy the Half Term Break. Mr Taylor



Learning Highlights:



Year 1 Balloon Launching:

Class 1 recently looked at stories from different cultures. Alongside trying/describing different fruits, they took inspiration from the book 'A Balloon for Grandad' and launched their own balloons on a journey. Children wrote about where they may have ended up and what great journeys they could have partaken in (we didn't mention that several appeared to unceremoniously merely stumble into the next field...)!

Year 5 Shakespeare Workshop:

Our Year 5 children had the opportunity to get dramatic with the Young Shakespeare Company last week. Our children were truly incredible. It was a delight to see Lady Macbeth, Freya, convince her husband to murder! The fight between Macbeth, George, and Macduff, Thomas. H, was a true spectacle as well! All the pupils retold the story and clearly enjoyed the modern, accessible way it was portrayed! Do ask you children about the excellent sound wall they created.



Year 6 Maya Chocolate:

We have The Mayas to thank for a great many things, not least chocolate! Year 6 found this out for themselves last week. They started their line of enquiry through enjoying chocolate as the Mayas did, as a hot chocolate drink flavoured with honey and chilli. It didn't appear to appeal to modern tastes and children happily compared this taste experience to modern day chocolate. A huge thank you to Mrs Everest for supporting the children in their creation of chocolate muffins, dips and snacks!



Capel STARS!

Our students are always striving to show the upmost effort and achieve the highest accolades. These children have been recognised for their sustained behaviour for learning over the last weeks!

Year R; Leo, Alex, Georgia, Joshua.

Year 1; Reuben, Oliver, Bethan, Reuben.

Year 2; Holly, Albie, Archie, Jacob.

Year 3; Jade, William, Mason, Amber.

Year 4; Charlie, Joshua, Caitlin, Tia.

Year 5; George, Morgan, Alfie, Harriet.

Year 6; Darcey, Sayan, Evie, Olivia.

Well done to each of them!



Our Mission:

“Capel Primary School educates and inspires children to become successful and fulfilled lifelong learners”.

Polite Notices:

- *Can I please remind parents not to park in the staff car park as it prevents staff from being able to drive out for training etc.*
- *Please remember that the entire Capel Primary School is a non-smoking environment, note that this includes e-cigarettes as well.*
- *Please ensure children come into school with the correct footwear.*
- *Please ensure children have the correct PE kit available in school*

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