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Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Leo
Dragonflies: Isabella & James
Fireflies: Luna & Aiva
Ladybirds: Jessica & Harrison



Weekly Attendance Award: Dragonflies 99.26%

Dear Families,

You will remember that with the formation of KWEST MAT in February last year we made some transitional changes to the leadership team at the Bridges schools. At the time Ann De'Ath became the Executive Head for the three schools whilst also retaining the leadership of Kings Oak Academy. In February 2018 Louise Arrowsmith was about to return from maternity leave and Suzie Hayes was taking maternity leave the following month.

Ann De'Ath has now returned to her original post at Kings Oak whilst retaining an overview of support for Suzie Hayes and Louise Arrowsmith.

Suzie and Louise are back and working closely together as Heads of School for the three schools. The day to day running of these three schools is their responsibility and they meet regularly with Alison Hughes and myself in order to ensure appropriate support. Ann provides a useful line of support as she has recent and current knowledge of the schools and their overall performance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ann for her support and dedication during the last eleven months, this has allowed a smooth transition in the leadership of the schools and facilitated a template for the sharing of ideas across the KWEST Academies. This has been a very good example of flexible collaboration within the organisation.

We are confident that Suzie and Louise will continue to provide supportive and inspirational leadership for these schools as we move forwards into 2019 and beyond. Although both Suzie and Louise are working across all three schools the named contact for Wimbotsham and Magdalen will be Louise and Suzie for St. Germans.

Paul Donkersloot CEO KWEST MAT

Next Week...

Blue Week for Pupil Progress Meetings
Tues – Ladybirds Swimming

EDP Lego Resources Campaign

We have enrolled on the EDP Lego resources for Schools Campaign which awards schools for collecting tokens from the EDP Newspaper. The top 3 schools win £1000 to spend on Lego resources for their school, however every school who collects 1000 tokens will receive a £50 in Lego. Please ask friends and family who read the EDP newspaper to pass on their tokens to you and bring them to the school office. Tokens will be printed in the paper every day from Saturday, February 9th to Friday May 3rd.

There will be one token a day, as well as bonus tokens on occasion and two tokens every Saturday. The school with the most tokens as an average of total pupils will mean all schools, regardless of size, will have a chance of winning.
Thank you

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Lateness

Quite a few children are arriving late in the mornings and this results in them losing their school mark. As you know, school starts at **8.55am** sharp. Children who arrive after this time but **before 9.10am are given a late mark.** Children arriving **after 9.10am are entered as an unauthorised absence** and are subject to County Attendance check-ups. Please try to ensure that your children arrive in school at the correct time each morning. This not only ensures that they are here for the start of lessons and do not miss anything, but it also reduces disruption to other children who are already working.
Thank you

SAT Booster Sessions at St Germans

Year 6 SATs sessions will be starting after the half term, a letter was sent home on Monday with full information.

YEAR 6 - SATS BOOSTER SESSIONS 3:15-4:30pm on Tuesdays; 26/02/19, 05/03/19, 12/03/19, 19/03/19, 26/03/19, 02/04/19, 23/04/19, 30/04/19 07/05/19. Please see Miss Burrell if you have problems attending these dates.
Thank you





Parking

Please can we remind parents to park responsibly when bringing and collecting children to and from school. Please do not park opposite the school outside the nature garden, but use the Memorial Hall car park. We need access to the staff car park at all times. Thank you



Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Home Learning Star Challenge Photograph Competition. The photographs are being collected and judged and we will let you know as soon as we have the results.

The Exhibition, at which entries will be on show, will be held at The Hanse Gallery, South Quay, King's Lynn. (next to The Rathskeller) on Sunday Feb 17th, 11.00am to 4.00pm. Entry to the Exhibition is FREE.

Making Music Day

We are having a Making Music Day on Friday June 21st and are looking for musicians to come into school. If you are a musician or know someone who is who would like to come into school and show us their skills playing an instrument please let the school office know. Thank you

Afterschool Clubs

The new Afterschool Club booklet will be out on Friday 8th February. We have some very popular clubs and they do fill up fast. Please make sure you return your booking form with payment as soon as possible to guarantee your place on the clubs. Childcare is also available.



Board of Superhero Learners

This week the following children's work has been displayed on the Board of Superhero Learners:

**Harrison, George,
Ella-Rose, Georgia
Oscar, Henry &
Sophia**

Well done.



Cloakroom Congestion

We have noticed that some parents are starting to bring their children in to the cloakroom area. Please can we remind parents to encourage their children to become more independent at morning drop off time, by saying your goodbyes on the front playground. This is to help them become more independent but more importantly to ease congestion in the cloakroom for safeguarding purposes. We thank you for your continued support, and will happily discuss this with you if there are any detachments issues we need to help resolve. Please be reminded parents are invited into the classroom every Friday.



WARNING - HEADLICE

It has come to our attention that we have these nasty visitors at our school! Please check your child and administer the necessary treatment. If your child has long hair please ensure it is tied back for school to help enable us to reduce risk of headlice spreading. Thank you



Parents as Partners

Diary Dates:

Ladybirds swimming this half term on Tuesdays starting 8th January
SAT Booster Sessions for Year 6 on Tuesdays starting 26th February

February

Tues 5th ~ Safer Internet Day

Thurs 14th ~ Friends of the School Valentine Disco

Fri 15th ~ Ladybirds Reading Café at 9.15am

Fri 15th ~ Break up for Half Term

Mon 25th ~ Back to School

Dragonflies swimming this half term on Wednesdays starting 27th February

Wed 27th ~ Friends of the School Meeting

March

Fri 1st ~ Fireflies Reading Café at 9.15am

Mon 4th ~ Caterpillars and Butterflies Reading Café at 9.15am

Thurs 7th ~ Dragonflies Trip to Flag Fen

Fri 8th ~ Dragonflies Reading Café at 2pm

Mon 11th ~ Friends of the School Film Night

Fri 22nd ~ Ladybirds Trip - Details to Follow

Tues 26th ~ HI5 Netball Event for Selected Pupils

April

Mon 1st ~ Tri-Golf Event for selected Year 1, 2, 3 & 4 pupils – Date Change

Thurs 4th ~ Friends of the School Easter Disco

Fri 5th ~ Break up for Easter Holidays

Tues 23rd ~ Back to School

May

Wed 1st ~ Friends of the School Meeting

Fri 3rd ~ Prêt-a-Portrait Class Photographs – including Caterpillars and Year 6 Leavers

Mon 20th ~ Friends of the School Film Night

Mon 20th ~ The Bridges Sportsday

Wed 22nd ~ Year 6 Leavers Trip to London

Fri 24th ~ Break up for Half Term

June

Cycling Sessions this half term for Selected Year 5 & 6 pupils

Mon 3rd ~ Back to School

Wed 5th ~ Quaddkids Event for Selected Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 pupils

Mon 10th ~ SRE Sessions for Year 5 & 6