Bredhurst Church Of England Primary School









Church of England Vision for Education

Deeply Christian, Serving the Common Good.

John 10:10 "I came that you might have life, life in all its fullness".

Bredhurst Church of England Primary Vision:

To learn and grow through the guidance and love of God.

Self Control
Perseverance
Inclusion
Respect
Inspiration
Trust

Dear parents,

We have now settled into the new school term and the learning within each class is well underway with the children all becoming fully immersed in their new topics.

I have had several conversations with Fir Tree class about the inventors they have been finding out about. Kemsley class have been intrigued by hearing about how the Ancient Greeks ran marathons, naked!—this caused the utmost excitement as you may imagine!

On Monday our three key stage 2 classes will have their learning will be centred around one aspect of the curriculum.

Hurstwood class are to spend the day learning about foods and nutrition and enjoying cooking recipes linked to their learning.

Kemsley class will be engaged all day in coding or programming within their ICT learning.

The children in Oakwood class will be designing, building and evaluating shelters as part of their DT curriculum.

We will be repeating this pattern of learning termly to ensure the children are given access to all areas of the curriculum in an engaging and meaningful way rather than being a weekly lesson which is tagged on at the end of the school day.

We are looking forward to finding out from the children their views in working in this more creative way.

We took part in our first sports event for the new term this week and are delighted that our swimming team came a remarkable 4th place. 43 Medway school took place, so this is once again a fantastic achievement for Bredhurst.

Our team consisted of mainly year 5 children, who more than held their own, against what were predominantly year 6 teams. We had some exceptional individual performances: Heidi Cox came an impressive 3rd place in 2 of her 3 races, with only 0.5 seconds separating her from achieving 1st place. Henry Ridden also swam brilliantly and achieved a fantastic 4th and 7th place. All the children were swimming against 120 other children, so excellent performances from both of them.

Eden Tasker-Twinn, really impressed us with excellent new personnel bests and very determined swims. Both Luchia Thomas and Miles Hussey swam fantastic butterfly races, achieving personal best times and both coming in 19th position.

All the children swam brilliant team relays, with our freestyle team: Sian Evans, Luchia Thomas, Josh Rollings and Henry Ridden achieving a 1st place as a team and our medley team of: Eden Tasker-Twinn, Heidi Cox, Miles Hussey and Harry Shepherd coming in 5th place.

A very well deserved 4th place overall. The team were once again a credit to the school, encouraging each other and even children from other schools. Every child participating should be very proud of their achievements.

Parents Evening letters went out yesterday, please ask the school office or look on the school website for a copy of this if you haven't received one.

The club list is now on the notice board on the playground. Do check to see which club your child has gained a place in. If your child would still like a place in a club please speak to Mrs Sage who will let you know whether there is a space available. Please note all after school clubs finish at 4.15p.m.



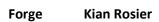
Bredhurst Swimmng Team

Best Wishes

Michelle Cox Head Teacher

Spirit of Bredhurst this Week

Dominic Carr Fir Tree



Hurstwood Robyn Singleton

Kemsley **Devon Louden**



Oscar Sheridan ☆ Fir Tree **Forge Oliver Friday** ☆ Hurstwood Milly Checkland ☆ Kemsley **Luke Tranah**

Oakwood **Arran Berntsen**



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The forecast is for the weather to take a cold spell, so please make sure your child comes into school with a hat and gloves to keep them warm whilst on the field or playground. The field is particularly muddy currently due to the heavy and constant rain we have had; we do still want our children to access the field but need to warn you they are coming home very muddy!

Please let their class teacher know if you do not wish them to access the field during break times.



Finally, we have the lovely news that Miss Preston became Mrs Drewitt over the Christmas break, due to her marriage which took place on 28th December. Unfortunately her husband has an incurable illness which is part of the reason for the short notice to their marriage, but also why she may have some absences over the forthcoming months. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing them both every happiness and will also support her during this difficult time.



Writer of the Week

Fir Tree **Erin Charnock** Forge **Lucas Wood Hurstwood Hettie Salmon** Kemsley **Evan Boardman** Oakwood **Hollie Gregory**



Robyn Taylor

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23rd Tag Day—Donations of gifts /bottles for adult tombola

23rd Hurstwood AOW

30th Kemsley AOW

30th Medway Park Athletics Yr 3/4

30th FOBS Mtg 3.45p.m.

February

Oakwood AOW 6th

7th Bredhurst's Got Talent

12th Parent Evening

13th Fir Tree AOW

13th Parent Evening

17th—21st Half Term Break

24th Drama4all Yr R-3

25th Pancake races



