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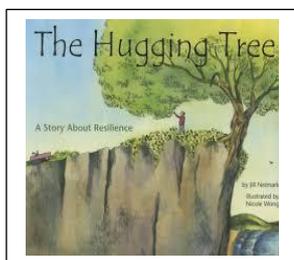
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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best

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Reflection



In the Gospel, the Samaritan woman experienced that Jesus' love is for everyone. In our prayer time, children had the opportunity to accept the love Jesus offers and shares this love with others. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to Jesus' transforming love in our lives. On Friday we reflected on our value of resilience. Through the story of The Hugging Tree we discussed the need to keep trying when we face challenges.



Dear Jesus, in my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the best version of myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. Amen

THIS WEEK

As we reach the end of yet another busy week I would like to reflect on some of the great learning and extra curricular activities that have taken place this week.

On Tuesday our Year 4 classes visited Kent Life for a 'Roman Day'. They had a fun packed trip which was informative and very interesting. The whole day was very well organised by Kent Life ensuring the children took part in many different activities from learning how to build roads, dressing up in armour, and making amulets. We appreciate the support from parent helpers that were able to join us for the day.





Sporting Activities

On Monday our netball team took part in a Netball Tournament at Skinners Kent Academy, they played with real grit and determination. We are proud of how well they played as a team and showed great sportsmanship. They won one, drew one and lost a match! Well done players!

Tuesday was the turn of the football team who played at home to Hadlow. Both teams played really well, showing skill and teamwork. Team A won 3-1 and Team B drew 1-1. Well done to all the players.

Our choir took part in the annual Lions Club choir service held at Tonbridge Baptist Church. It was a lovely evening with our children singing beautifully. The children represented St Margaet's wonderfully! I would like to thank Mrs Scott for all her hard work during rehearsals and the performance.



On Thursday four Yr6 children took part in Debate with 16 other local primary schools. This was held at the Mayors chambers in Kingshill with the Mayor and his team present. The children debated three the following three topics which they found interesting and were very engaged in sharing their thoughts with the room. Well done!

The results of the debates are as follows:

Should we have Grammar Schools and the 11+ Test? **Yes -39 No - 8 Abstained - 2**

Should parents be allowed to take their children on holiday during term time? **Yes - 37 No - 12**

Should all primary school children wear school uniform? **Yes - 27 No - 17 Abstained - 5**



Mother's Day Assembly

Our Reception children performed a wonderful Mother's Day assembly for their mummy's today. It was a lovely celebration followed by squash and biscuits in the classroom. Well done Reception Classes and Teachers and Support staff for all your hard work.



GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: George P-B & Michelle H (Rec), Rory C & Caleb W (Yr1), John P & Luca R (Yr2), Luke W & Eli S (Yr3), Lara K & Jude G (Yr4), Jeshmika T & Elliot B (Yr5) and Jamie C & Seren O (Yr6). We are proud of how these children have shown their faithfulness by being kind and following the class Lenten promises this week. Well done to all for your hard work.



A gentle reminder to any parents who wish to purchase a book from our visiting author, C S Clifford, that if purchased in advance the children can have their book signed by him during his visit next week.

The Rocksteady Band will be performing in an assembly to the whole school next week. As this is an internal assembly, we will arrange a performance for parents to attend, later in the year.

ADVANCE NOTICE

We have a few activities taking place over the next few weeks, please check the school calendar and Newsletters to keep up to date.

Yr3/4 Easter Reflection will be taking place on Tuesday 24 March at Corpus Christi church at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join them for the service. Please remember to give consent via Parentpay for your child to attend.

Our gymnastics are taking part in a Primary School gym competition on Wednesday 25 March at the Angel Centre.

Netball and football matches are taking place on Wednesday 25 March. Letters will be sent out to the teams.

Yr 5 and 6 will be taking part in a workshop held by Stagecoach on Thursday 26 March.

Yr 6 will be going on a trip to the Imperial War Museum on Thursday 27 March and Reception classes will be going on a lambing trip on the same day.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.9%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/Parents/Calendar/>

Wed 18 Mar - Author visit (Yr1/2 &3)

Thurs 19 Mar - Author visit (Yr4/5 & 6)

Fri 20 Mar - Rocksteady Band assembly (school only event)

Tue 24 Mar - Yr3/4 Easter Reflection

Wed 25 Mar - Gymnastics Competition

Wed 25 Mar - Netball away to Stocks Green

Wed 25 Mar - Football away to Cage Green

Thur 26 Mar - Stagecoach Workshop Yr5/6

Fri 27 Mar - Reception Lambing trip

Fri 27 Mar - Yr6 Imperial War Museum trip

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

God, you are the source of all mercy and all goodness. Show us how to grow closer to you through our giving, acting and praying, and forgive us when we turn away from you. Look graciously on us now, so that we may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen