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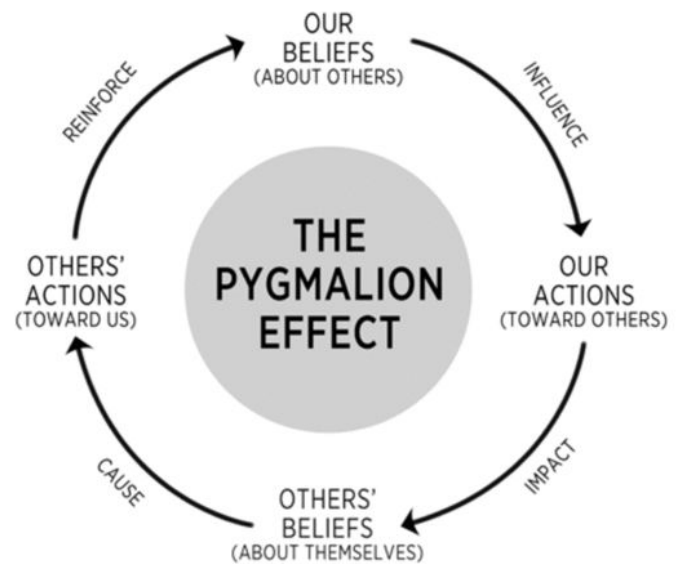


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...how is it nearly half term?

As a nation, we seem to be moving in a more positive direction regarding the easing of restrictions. Of course, we must continue to remain vigilant and mindful of members of our own community and of the wider world, particularly those who are still required to be in local or national lockdowns. Our thoughts and prayers remain focussed on those less fortunate than ourselves. Just a few short weeks ago, I wrote to you about HRH Prince Phillip and his dedicated service to our nation, so it seems fitting that you are supporting the huge efforts of Mrs King with her fundraising for Macmillan Cancer support, as she will have her head shaved on Friday 28th May to show solidarity with Mrs Relf. Thank you for your kind support. If you would like to donate, please follow the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-barnard>

This half term certainly has gone by incredibly quickly and, although we still have one week to go, our children have achieved so much. My staff, too, continue to achieve; I have had the privilege to observe teaching this week and I am delighted with the progress I can see in the lessons and the staff's excellent task design. It has also been particularly good to see how our new marking procedures and *positive presentation* expectations have transformed the work in books. It is, as one would imagine, imperative that we have the highest standards possible. Why? The Pygmalion effect (see right). My last video newsletter helped to explain this in action by contextualising it in the framework of a sports team. These high expectations can be seen not just in the classroom, but also on the sport pitch, on the stage or, as was the case on Thursday 13th May, in the Recital Hall, at the Lunchtime concert. Congratulations to all those who took part and to their friends for providing a super audience.



In last Friday's Head's Line I spoke to the children about choices and which factors could impact the decisions we make, whether, for example, friends, social media, celebrities and, of course, parents. As a school, we work closely with all stakeholders to ensure that your child is provided with outstanding learning opportunities. As parents, we all want the best for our children and we want them to achieve, have fun and be well-rounded individuals who will have the capacity to make our community (both nationally and globally) a wonderful place to be. We therefore, work hard at providing our children with skills and abilities to succeed, however, I believe Dumbledore summed it up best...

“ It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities.

J.K Rowling ”

Over the coming days and weeks, teachers will be speaking to the children about the Green Cross Code and its constituent parts: Think, Stop, Look and Listen, Wait, Look and Listen again, Arrive. If you would like to talk to your child about the Green Cross Code, please follow the link: <https://www.roadwise.co.uk/schools/using-the-road/green-cross-code/>. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr De Silva

Mr De Silva
Junior School Head



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Assessment update Mr Comfort

Assessment is a vital cog in education and we are working hard to develop and improve our procedures around both formative and summative assessment in the Junior School. These two forms of assessment, the former being the everyday assessing of classroom practice, live marking, verbal contributions and the like, and the latter tending to be the more formal end of topic/unit assessments, form part of the triangulation of evidence that staff use to ensure pupils are setted correctly and, importantly, are being sufficiently challenged in all of their lessons. As part of this continued dialogue around pupil progress, we have also commenced our termly pupil progress meetings wherein staff are invited to discuss a small group of pupils with myself where we analyse current attainment and progress and outline the next steps; the 'steps to success'. The effectiveness of these steps are then evaluated in the following meeting before a new group of pupils are discussed - ensuring we foster the continual reflective practice that is a key factor in effective teaching and learning.

We are also looking ahead to September and our new forms of data tracking systems which will further add to this ability to be reflective and identify areas for improvement and development, as well as our reporting systems and how we can best convey all of this information to you, as parents, in a concise, clear and meaningful fashion. Watch this space!

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With this version of lockdown lifting, the clouds descended!

It's been another busy week in the Junior School PE Department with preparations for forthcoming Sports days taking place in our PE lessons. In an Olympic year, it's been amazing to show the children how quick the true Olympic greats are, they don't win Golds without hard work or natural ability. In our 200m races the great Usain Bolt would have finished when our best runners still had nearly 100m to go. That is fast!

The weather, however, took toll of the boy's cricket fixtures with the U11 missing the opportunity to maintain their promising start and the Under 13s build on their high-class performance of last week. The U11 girls however, dodged the rain and had 2 close matches go ahead against our friends from Spring Grove. Juliette M, lead the way with 3 wickets.

The powerful and skilful Under 13 girl's rounders team continued their winning form with a win against Dover. Captain Daisy B won the coin toss and took her team into field first. Fantastic performances from Lola S and Amber W helped the team hold DC's score at 6 rounders with special mention to dynamic duo Jodie H and Daisy B as backstop and first base. Entering their second batting phase, SE's were in the lead 10.5-10, with Stella R immaculate bowling (only bowling 3 no-balls in 60 good-balls) holding DC's score at 10 as SE's climbed to a 17-10 win. Robyn D took home player of the match nominated by DC for being a superb all-rounder. The whole team played incredibly well, working together to make complete a fine team performance.

Further fixtures follow next week and let's hope for some dry and warm conditions to complete a successful and enjoyable first half term.





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School House



The weather might be wet and drizzly but School House is still filled with life. Last weekend the boarders spent the morning cycling at Betteshanger and for this weekend before half term the boarders will be heading to Dover for some climbing. Our year 7 boys enjoyed creating bug hotels in the gardening club and it has fast become a highlight of the week. Inspired by the eurovision song contest this weekend we will also be hosting a "School House International Karaoke Night" next Monday.

This half term has certainly flown by with lots to look forward to when the weather starts to brighten up. Next month we will be taking part in the #30dayswild challenge hosted by The Wildlife Trust. The boarders love getting outside so it will be fantastic to learn more about the outdoors and wildlife surrounding St Edmund's! We hope to spend some time in the pool as well as try out the outdoor pizza oven with the senior school boarders thanks to Dr Jones.

It will certainly be quiet over half term but from all the staff and children of School House, we wish you all a restful break. We also look forward to welcoming some year 7's for a taster night too.





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Congratulations!

Bronze star certificates: Sophia R, Charlie B, Joey B

Gold star certificates: Eddie F, Gretel M,

Platinum star certificates: Olivia W

2nd-time-around Bronze star certificate: Isla A, Tabatha W

2nd- time-around Bronze star certificates: Ben B

2nd-time-around Platinum & 3rd-time-around Bronze: Cora R-M

Certificates of Excellence: Alexa P

French grammar detective certificates to: Alexa P, Mae M

For obtaining his Trinity College Music certificate: Niyam P

Bronze certificates for completing 5 Accelerated Reader quizzes: Niyam P, Amelia W, Max J, Emma D C-M, Isabella R, Oren R

Silver certificates for completing 10 Accelerated Reader quizzes: Alex P, Jake BW, Seamus C, Naomi P, Maria H-S

For taking part in the first lunchtime concert for a very long time! Ben C, Josh C, George G, Alex R, Cassius P, Betsy C, Rafa B-H, Ami W

Chameleon Tie-dye

On Friday 14th May our JS business venture Chameleon Tie-dye had organised their first sale. The team members demonstrated great organising and selling skills. What a success! Well done everybody!
Mme Dieppedalle

"Our business Chameleon tie dye launched our first sale on Friday 14th May 2021, it was a huge triumph and we managed to sell all of our products, thank you for all of your support. We managed to sell our facemasks, T-shirts and hoodies. It was so successful that they all sold out! We have ordered more stock and if you have any suggestions of things, you would like us to tie-dye for you, we would be very happy to provide you with a quote. Please email Mme Dieppedalle frd@stedmunds.org.uk. Thanks again!

The Chameleon Tie-Dye Team
Maggie, Isla, Megan, Evan, Oliver, Freddie and Monty

Well done to all those who submitted entries for our WED competition.
The winners are:

Lower School
1ST – Emma S and Alexa P
2ND - Masha D
3RD – Xiaocan L

Upper School
1ST – George G
2ND - Natalia BW
3RD – 6S French entry
Overall Winner – Evan G

