



## LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Weekly Headteacher Awards of Gold stickers and certificates were presented to the following children at today's Celebration Assembly:

**Ruby Class (Yr R)-Chloe Moger**

**Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Arlo Hamilton**

**Topaz Class (Yr 2)-Mila Pataki-Tarso**

**Amber Class (Yr 3)-Jesse Sykes**

**Sapphire Class (Yr 4)-Xavier Owens**

**Garnet Class (Yr 5)-Ava Belling**

**Diamond Class (Yr 6)-Isaac Beeby**

### OUR VALUES-OUR JOURNEY

#### *Community, Aspiration, Resilience*

Over the past two years, we have been on a challenging journey through the Covid Pandemic. Many things that we value and hold dear to our hearts and beliefs have been tested to the limit. The Covid pandemic has caused us all to dig deep into our reserves of survival and sanity-even to get through simple everyday life.

Our children too have experienced both change and challenge that is unprecedented and whilst restrictions have been lifted, we still find ourselves in a local surge of infections, with 'normal life' still seemingly some way off.

Since the beginning of this academic year children and staff have been talking about things that are important to them-things that they really value.

The children's honesty and insight, has been very humbling. We have also listened to you as parents regarding the impact of the pandemic on your lives and that of your friends and family.

To this end we have reassessed our school values and it became very clear that the experiences of the past two years have focussed our minds and hearts on some very fundamental things.

We have therefore reviewed the 6 values of our school: Community, Respect, Honesty, Resilience, Responsibility and Aspiration and decided to focus them into 3 Core Values of: Community, Aspiration and Resilience.

Throughout the rest of this year we will be sharing further, the scripture and theology that underpins these descriptors and behaviours, with you all.

### THANKYOU SO MUCH!

A huge 'Thank you' to mum Kate Harris, who literally dropped everything on Thursday morning, to come and put the lunch tables and benches out in the hall for us. Kate volunteered as part of our call for helpers recently and the emergency plan certainly worked and saved lunchtime 😊!

We may need to call on some of our volunteers next week if some staff are unable to return to school on Monday.

### STILL I RISE BY XAVIER OWENS

It is always such a pleasure and a privilege to share outstanding work on our school website and in the weekly NewsBrief.

This week, we would like to publish this amazing poem, written by Xavier Owens in Year 4 as the culmination of a series of five English Sentence Stacker lessons with Mrs Fairburn, Mrs Moger and Ms Jaffey. Well done Xavier!

*You may taunt, shout and torture me,  
With your mean and spiteful lies.  
You may torment, laugh and upset me,  
But phoenix like I rise.*

*Like a galaxy expanding,  
The belief that birds will fly.  
Just like hopes and springing highs,  
Still I rise*

*Did you want to destroy me?  
Tears streaming from my eyes.  
Curled up like a python,  
Trapped by hateful, bitter lies.*

*At the bottom of the ocean, with fortitude I rise,  
Trapped under the surface, resolute, I rise.  
I am a storm raging and wide,  
Howling and growing I bear in the tide.*

*Going forth from dread and despair, I rise,  
Driving into a day, compact with promise and  
laughter, I rise*

*Bringing my strength, I head to the light  
I have clear sight, I rise, I rise, I rise*

## PEANUTS

We would like to remind all parents that peanuts and peanut products must not be brought into school either as Friday Feast Snacks or in packed lunches.

We have both pupils and staff in the school who have peanut allergy and also carry emergency Epi-pens.

We are aware that some products do contain traces of peanut, but it is actual peanut products, such as peanut butter, peanut cakes and sweets, that we need to avoid.

As always, we very much appreciate your support with this.

## MONEY SURVEY

We have been approached by Professor Tim Jay, Professor of Psychology of Education, Head of Department, Mathematics Education Centre, Loughborough University

Loughborough University are carrying out a project to find out about how children are learning about money.

They are inviting parents and guardians of children aged between 4 and 11 years old to complete a survey about children's experiences of handling money. The survey can be completed on any device with an internet connection and can be accessed here:

[https://lborocmc.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0i8I9cBpYeINUvI](https://lborocmc.fra1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0i8I9cBpYeINUvI)

Research shows that levels of financial literacy are lower in the UK than in many other comparable countries. This survey represents an important step in their work to develop better ways to support children's learning about how to understand and manage money.

As a thank you, each adult participant who completes the survey will have the opportunity to enter a prize draw for one of three Amazon vouchers with a value of £100, £50 and £25.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will help the researchers a great deal in understanding how children are learning about money and how they can be best supported in the future.

**There are no attachments or additions with the NewsBrief this week**

## EVIE'S SALE FOR HOSPICE IN THE WEALD

A reminder that Evie (Year 4) is holding a special sale at school pick up on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February for her Brownie Charity Badge and to raise funds for Hospice in the Weald.

£1 sweet bag, £1 biscuit or cake

£1 for raffle ticket to win a Cinema voucher or wine for grown-ups (2 raffles)

Any donations to the hospice will also be gratefully accepted.

## TRAIN TO TEACH

Are you, or is someone you know, interested in training to be a teacher?

Whether it be at this current time of the pandemic or in more 'normal' times we know that the quality of teaching in our school makes the biggest difference to the quality of education that we can provide. That is why we, as a school, spend important time training our teachers as well as helping to train the next generation of teachers coming in to the profession.

We work in partnership with Teach Kent & Sussex, an Ofsted 'outstanding' provider of teacher training. They are always keen to hear from prospective teachers and provide support through the application process.

If you would like to find out more about the opportunity to teach you can attend one of their virtual 'Get into teaching' information events over the next few months:

- Thursday 10th February 2022, 7pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 16th March 2022, 7pm - 8pm
- Thursday 28th April 2022, 7pm - 8pm
- Wednesday 25th May 2022, 7pm - 8pm

To book to attend one of these events or just to discuss the possibility of training to teach email [Teach Kent & Sussex contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk](mailto:Teach_Kent_&_Sussex_contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk)

Teach Kent & Sussex train both very recent graduates as well as those who are looking for a career change. Training takes a year or two years (if you follow the part time course). At whatever stage you or someone you know may be at, teaching is an opportunity to give something back to society to help transform the opportunities young people have.