

Festival of Words Competition

There was tall grass, and tall trees...
The best of them all, how would you breathe?
Wherever to go now? On the train to the show...
After we will play in the snow, then we will go home...
However, for now we will show, that the night sky glows...
The rain pours down today, we will sit a pray it goes away...
But today is for rain, tomorrow is for fame!
When the sun comes out, it is time to go out...
To the beach, to a park, we might see a skylark...
The bird of prey for today. What will we see on another day?
Together we will walk the zoo of animals.
When we arrive, we check in...
Watch the enclosures of the zoo.
Look for the spiders, eight legs on the wall.
Walking through the massive zoo, time to go and see the kangaroos.
Hop hop up and away, jump around all day.
Look for the elephant, look for the telephone.
Call mum, tell her about today, and tell her all the fun from today.
End the call and speak to the worker, find out your session is over.
We walked to the train; saw a man with a headache.
Offered him some headache pills, he was happy.
Helping people all day, the poem of my wonderful day.

Year 8 Student



Festival of Words Competition

For Creative Writing enrichment, the students have been writing a poem for a competition called the 'Festival of Words' under the theme 'My Wonderful World'. Through the poems, the boys have had the opportunity to think about their values and to connect with their ideas on both protection and preservation of things in the world around us

Made of sweets, trees of candy canes and candyfloss.
Floor of cake. Different for each biome.
In the deserts, cheesecake is hidden under piles of sugar.
The rock cake mountings; Jaffa savannahs; Brownie jungles; Ice cream cake snowy areas.
Corn that is candy, doors of Kit Kat.
Sand of sugar, glass of sugar glass.
Coins of chocolate; Giant gummy bears roam the land.
Hopping, faster and faster.
Chomping on gummy fish.
Chocolate birds laying chocolate eggs in chocolate nests.
Snickers bricks, Smarties that are pebbles.
Skittle smoothie in place of water.
Chocolate oranges.
Clay is the Oreo white stuff.
Gummy worms wiggling all day.
Peppermint rocks and candy cane grass.
In addition, I can eat it all.
It is perfect.

Year 8 student



Work Experience 2022

Work experience for our current year 10's took place this year between November 21st - 25th.

Unfortunately, not all of our students were allocated a placement this year. The general response from local businesses was that, due to the current financial climate, many of them did not have enough work for their current staff so it was not an ideal time to take on an extra pair of hands. After lengthy conversations, some businesses/companies did agree that if we were able to allocate sometime in the Spring term for the remaining students needing a placement that they would be more than happy to assist us if the timing was right.

However, on a brighter note the students that were placed thoroughly enjoyed their time. Two of our students were placed at BOONIES, located in Betteshanger Park, Deal. They assisted with the outdoor assault course activities and general maintenance of the site. Another student enjoyed three days at Owl House stables in St Margaret's, one at his Aunties Sandwich shop in Herne Bay and another at Dame Janet Primary School in Ramsgate, assisting in a year 2 class with reading & PE activities. One student spent a week working with his Father completing general maintenance work, painting & decorating on a private property and, finally, one student spent a week at an Antiques shop in Snargate St, Dover. This student has a great love of antiques and the histories of WW1 & WW2. We are certain that he was able to teach the owner a thing or two about antiques and, quite possibly, bought plenty of the stock! Overall, the week was a great success and enabled the students to gain a small feeling of a working environment.

A big thanks to Karen for arranging another successful work experience for the year 10's!

Ryan M's Christmas card design was selected by Mrs. Bradley to become the design for the School card this year. Well done to all the entrants who produced a design in a very short period of time!



House Activities

We have had 8 House events since September, a variety of Sports, Art, Spelling and Quizzes

Points from those events

Hades - 73

Poseidon - 83

Ares - 85

Therefore, it has been close so far.

Activities next term include - KS4 Football, KS3 Basketball, Geography and many more

Overall House Points for the term including points above, points for achievements and points for Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze awards

1st Place - **Ares 3083**

2nd Place - **Poseidon - 3021**

3rd Place - **Hades - 2401**



P.E

The year 8's have been practicing their partner balances. The balances include a variety of different skills such as flexion and extension of the limbs. The pupils were provided with visual aids in the form of instruction cards that showed examples and instructed on how to complete the balances from here the pupils then experimented with different balances that varied in difficulty.



Art Information

GCSE Art and Design Year 11

Deadlines upcoming:

Friday 6th January will be the LAST day for any work on your coursework portfolio (60% of final grade). Week beginning 9th January all GCSE Art and Design students will begin the Externally Set Assignment (40%) which culminates in their exam days for art in April.

If you are worried you may not complete your work prior to the 6th January for any reason, please see me in the Art room so we can make a timed plan!

Thanks

Ms Craggs



Art piece of the term by Gabe

Bewl Water Trip

The year 10 public service students had a great day out at Bewl Water activity centre, taking part in climbing, which involved strapping on a harness and climbing up a 12ft climbing wall, most students had a go and found it good fun. We all then took part in axe throwing, aiming at a target and throwing either one handed or two handed, and at the end we had a little competition which ended with everyone having a go at throwing 2 axes at once. The day ended with us all having a go at a challenge course, which required balance and lots of core muscle, this was a good way to end the day with lots of cheers and giggles. All the students had fun despite it being a bit cold and we are looking to book another day up there in the spring to take part in some water sports and raft building.



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Jacob said, "Me and my class decorated the school Christmas tree. I was really happy! Me and my class have been growing mini Christmas trees for other children and teachers. I also found an extra star just for me!"



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★ Mini Christmas trees growing for gifts ★



Enrichment Wednesdays

Cake Decorating

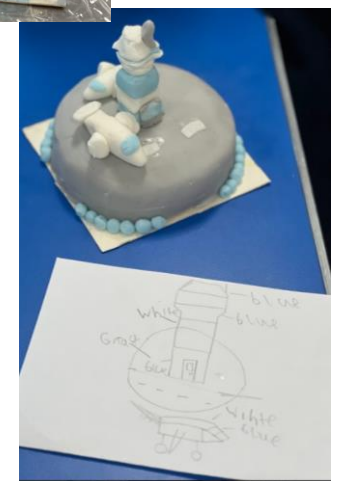


Harvey said, "I made a Geode Mining cake in Enrichment, it was so fun! I wish I could do it again. The cake was chocolate, the icing vanilla, and we made the crystals by baking hard boiled sweets."



Enrichment Wednesdays

Cake Decorating



Enrichment Wednesdays

Historical Events / Visits

A trip to the Dover Patrol Monument.



Enrichment Wednesdays

Historical Events / Visits

World War II

Across

- Where did the Americans drop the first Atomic Bomb?
- Where was the British army evacuated from in France?
- What country did Hitler invade first?
- What Japanese attack brought the USA into the war?
- What was Churchill's first name?
- What month did WW2 start?
- Where did the allies invade on D-Day?

Down

- What did the Nazis implement to exterminate all Jewish people?
- What was the German airforce called?
- The restriction of food in Britain was known as...
- 'Keep Calm & Carry On' posters were a form of.....
- What was the bombardment of London & other cities known as?
- What is the Nazi's attempt to eradicate the Jews known as?
- In what month did Germany surrender in 1945?
- Another Ally country

We completed some coding work sheets and a WW2 crossword. We then watched Private Peaceful and done some colouring sheets that were based on Remembrance Day .

Crack the code!

TOP SECRET

THE WAR OFFICE, (A.C. 13),
32, Grosvenor Gardens,
London, S.W.1.

July 1940

To: Lt. Col. Rawlinson,
M.L.19 (a).

Code No.1

Dear code breaker,

We have intercepted the following messages from the German military. It is of the utmost importance that you decipher these as quickly as possible - the fate of the British people rests in your hands!

8 10 15 23 7 22 26 15 18 25 22 22 23 1 22 8 22 15 21 22 1. 16 22 16 15 14 2

FRANCE HAS BEEN DEFEATED WE WALK

5 17 7 21 24 10 17 24 13 18 14 4 21 26 10 24 13 20 26 12 15 10 17 18!

VICTORIOUSLY THROUGH PAPER

D	K	Q	Y	V	Z	C	F	J	R	M	P	U	L	A	W	T	S	X	G	T	E	N	O	B	H	R
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

Yours sincerely,
The War Office

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Enrichment Wednesdays

For this week's Historic Events / Visits Enrichment (09/12/22), we had Wyatt giving us a talk on the timeline of WW2. Wyatt also brought in lots of artifacts from the war to show the other pupils what he has collected. I managed to source old WW1 paperwork, which the students really enjoyed looking at.



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Food Tech Competition-Celebratory Desserts

Students have been making a range of celebratory desserts for Christmas, all involving chocolate. It has been a messy week with lots of extra washing up. There were tense moments by the microwave, trying to avoid hotspots in melting the chocolate and the oven, waiting for dishes to come out so they can be decorated; all in just an hour! I am pleased to say, that the students rose to the challenge and produced some fantastic results. Each class was awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd. place, then an overall 1st place for each year group. Points will be awarded to each house (Hades, Aries and Poseidon) with 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd place.



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Food Tech Competition-Celebratory Desserts

Congratulations to all students for the amazing results, it was a very difficult competition to judge and many thanks to all the TA's who helped to judge the competition. Congratulations to the students awarded 1st place: Ryan M, Patrick C, Evan P, David B, Logan B, Hayden W, Vinnie JF and Jacob O. Fantastic effort for 2nd place were James M, Kai H, Oliver H, Ciaran B, Oscar E-M, Lucas C, Kye S and Ryan M. Great work too by those in 3rd place: Brandon B, Taylor F, Louis H, LJ P, Logan T, Kenzie O and Dylan B-W. Well done to Evan being voted 1st place for best result in Year 11, David for Year 9 and Vinnie for Year 8. Years 7 and 10 to be announced. Happy Festive cooking to you all and please do share photos of your creations.

Happy Christmas

Mrs. Rowarth

£500 prize money

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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Important Dates 2022/2023

Term 1 -

Starts - 1st September '22
Ends - 17th October '22

Term 2 -

Starts - 31st October '22
Ends 16th December '22

Term 3 -

Starts 3rd January '23
Ends - 10th February '23

Term 4 -

Starts - 20th February '23
Ends - 31st March '23


Term 5 -

Starts 17th April '23
Ends - 26th May '23

Term 6 -

Starts 5th June '23
Ends - 21st July '23

FREE Parent Workshops
@ Portal House School



We are proud to be hosting the following events in our school in the new year:

Friday 27th January 2023 13:30-15:30:
Restoring Family Relationships

Friday 24th February 2023
13:30-15:30: **Exploring Behaviour Strategies**

Fridays 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st March
13:30-15:30 2023 (4 sessions of 2 hours)
Building Family Resilience

If you would like to book a place for any of these workshops, please email office@portal-house.kent.sch.uk stating which workshop(s) you would like to attend and confirming your name and how many spaces you require.

Uniform Prices

Fleeces - £15
Polos - £8



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