

Nexus News

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This week's featured class is Puffin. Puffin class have been spending more time out of class and are now taking part in a weekly visit to the local shops. They have also been developing the sensory areas within the classroom with the introduction of an adaptable polytunnel that can be themed around termly topics.

We had sports day at Wouldham and Tonbridge this week and both events were amazing. It was fantastic to see so many families and supporters at each event, as well as the performances by the students...and staff!



You will find a letter below from Louise Langley (Head of SEN Assessment and Placement) asking for your views and concerns regarding SEND in Kent. Please take some time to follow the link and complete the questionnaire.



Have a great weekend

Scott Jarred – Headteacher

Puffin Class Newsletter

In Puffin this term we have recently set up a new poly tunnel in the classroom to create a new environment in which the pupils can explore and learn in. This is a work in progress and can be adapted to the topic of the term. This term we have put lots of summer time accessories in for the pupils to use.



We have now started to access the local shops on a weekly basis with two pupils at a time. This has given the pupils the opportunity to get out of school and buy some exciting resources to take back to class.



This term for Art we have been exploring with a range of materials in order to create marks. We have got very messy!



Puffin Class wishes everyone a wonderful summer!

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) conducted a joint inspection of Kent between 28 January 2019 and 1 February 2019 to judge the effectiveness of the area in implementing the disability and special educational needs reforms as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014.

The inspection identified a number of areas of significant weakness. These were set out in a letter which was published on the Ofsted website on 29 March 2019.

As local leaders from education, health and social care we were disappointed with this outcome but accept that we hadn't progressed as quickly and effectively in meeting the expectations of the Children and Families Act 2014, as we should have. However, we are committed to working in partnership to make the necessary improvements for children and young people with SEND and their families.

As part of this we wish to fully understand **parent/carers and children/young people's** (CYP) views and concerns to ensure our actions have a positive impact on the lives of children and young people with SEND and their families.

With this in mind, we wanted your help in gathering these views. An online questionnaire and supporting information is now available at;

www.kent.gov.uk/sendyourvoice

Regards,

Louise Langley - Head of SEN Assessment and Placement

WOW MOMENTS!

We know that your children do amazing things outside school. They are part of clubs. They excel in sport or dance. They win competitions, take part in charity events and much more that makes everyone very proud of what they have done. These are **WOW MOMENTS** that we, in school, may never see...unless you tell us about them!

If your child has achieved something through their hard work and persistence please let us know. If they have a copy of a certificate, a photograph or something that shows what they have achieved please encourage them to bring into class we will pin it up on our **WOW tree** for **EVERYONE TO SEE!**

We want to educate ‘the whole child’ at Nexus and we really want to share their successes at school. You can use the attached templates to complete some **WOW moments**.





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Chair: Michelle Mathias

There are some dates below for donations towards the upcoming Summer Fair on Saturday 20th July;

Friday 5th July – collections for the adult tombola.

Friday 12th July – collections for the kids tombola.

Friday 19th July – Cakes/sweets.

Nexus School PTA

The school is holding an Open Evening on Tuesday 9th July 2019 between 5pm - 6:30pm for Parents & Carers to 'drop in' and visit their children's classrooms and learn what they have been doing.



Nexus School PTA Leadership Team will be at the school selling Tea & Coffee, Squash plus Home-made Cakes and Savoury Tasty Treats to raise funds and answer any questions relating to the PTA.



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Dates for the diary;

Monday 8th July – PTA Meeting 9.15 am

Tuesday 9th July – Open Evening 5 to 6.30 pm

Thursday 18th July – Leavers Do

*Tuesday 23rd July – Last Day of Term
(Return to school 4th September)*

Regular Cake Sales in Café Area – Tuesdays and Fridays.