



Smarden
Pre School



SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th May 2022

May

19th Year 5/6 football away to Egerton—boys match

23rd Blyton & Austen School trip

26th Year 1/2 football away to Egerton—mixed match

June

10th-12th Yr6 Residential Trip

13th Yr6 Bikeability

13th Class photos

20th NED Workshop

22nd Music afternoon NKS

29th-30th Yr5 Residential Trip

27th Yr6 Safety In Action Trip

July

4th Yr6 to Kent Police

12th Guitar assembly

18th Governor prize giving

Term Dates

Term 5—19.04.22—27.05.22

Term 6—06.06.22—20.07.22

Term Dates 2022—2023

Term 1—01.09.22—22.10.22

Term 2—07.11.22—16.12.22

Term 3—03.01.23—10.02.23

Term 4—20.02.23—31.03.23

Term 5—17.04.23—26.05.23

Term 6—05.06.23—21.07.23

A message from FoSP:

“A person whose task is to seek financial support for a charity, cause or enterprise with no personal gain in return.” That is the definition of a fundraiser!

FOSP recognise how hard it is to approach family and strangers for sponsorship – especially when you're still little! This is why we are awarding FOSP Champion Fundraiser trophies to the children who have raised the most money for the school Colour Run.

In first place, raising £224 is Maize Bundy!
Joint second place, raising £105 each are Madi and Jasper Gird.

Third place goes to Chase Medlock who raised £100.

Together these 4 children took in 30% of the total sponsorship raised for the school, well done mini legends – that's a lot of knocking on doors, you're all very brave! Thank you to all parents for their support with this event, it's been overwhelming! We'll be able to share how much FOSP raised after the actual run. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to do something a little different, all in aid of the school we love.



Safer Schools App

Please copy and paste the below links to find out more about the What's App media platform and Mental Health Awareness Week which has been this week nationwide.

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/05/13/your-safety-gude-to-whatsapp-new-features/>

<https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/05/11/mental-health-awareness-week-2022/>

Collection Time for Pupils

All children finish school at 3.15pm, please could we ask that children are picked up on time and if you are running a little late please call the office in advance. This helps us pass messages to children and alleviate any anxiety it causes them if

We would also ask that DoJo is read for school messages as this is our main contact for all parents. If you see a message and are part of a What's app group of parents, class group etc please help by spreading the word.

Dates for your Diary

Please check the front of the newsletter weekly for events that are added for each class and whole school. Term dates are also found on the front page.



Fixture: Headcorn Girls v Smarden Girls
Date: 12 May 2022

Headcorn Girls 0 Smarden Girls 3

After narrowly losing to Charing by a last gasp goal in their last game the Smarden Girls were looking to seek their first win. We went to Headcorn with a full squad of 11 girls and they all played their part in what turned out to be a convincing win. Willoe, who played her second game in goal, had little to do and was a spectator most of the game. The Y6 trilogy of Maisie, Amelie and Leila formed the spine of the team while Autumn, our captain from Y3, showed maturity beyond her age and was easily the player of the match as she orchestrated proceedings from the midfield. From Y4 we had Isabella and Dollybelle who both had chances to get on the score sheet. The Y5 girls of Belle, Margot, Lauren and debutant Ava all played well. The goals came from some great play from the team which enabled Amelie score two while Leila scored the other. Well played everyone and we look forward to the next fixture.





CLASS ATTENDANCE 9th May—13th May

BLYTON = 93.0%

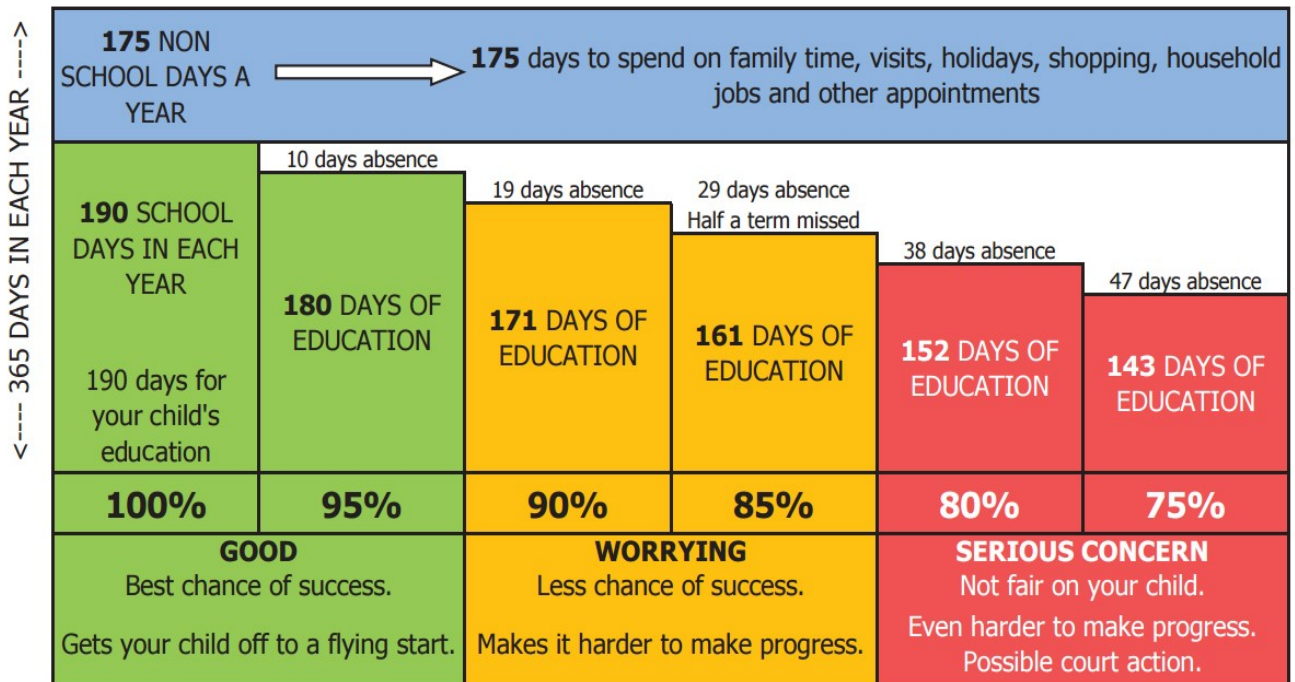
AUSTEN = 96.3%

SASSOON = 94.4%

DICKENS = 98.3%

ROWLING = 98.7%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 96.0%





For Mental Health Awareness Week 2022, we have been talking about loneliness. We have been completing activities in the classroom to help us feel more connected to others. We thought about who is important and special to us and shared positive messages about each other!



This week our Jigsaw celebration is for children that 'show respect in how they treat others'

CATERPILLARS

Thomas Demery for sitting beautifully and joining in with our Jigsaw circle time.

BLYTON

Evie Sheppard for always being very polite, kind and considerate towards the children and adults in the classroom

AUSTEN

Jasper for always lending a helping hand

SASSOON

Jolene for always respecting and helping others

DICKENS

Joseph Gibbs - For supporting the class by always showing everyone respect.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

FOSP

invites you to :



*All Hail
the*

Queen

in the:

FOSP MARQUEE

celebrating

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

Swarden Village Green

Sunday
JUN
5TH

11AM - 4PM

KIDS
MINITURE
SUMMER
FAIR

ICE
CREAMS

FACE
PAINTING

CUPCAKES
&
PROSECCO

A message from Mrs Miller

Another incredibly busy week at Smarden and the term is flying by. We are all looking forward to taking part in the Colour run this afternoon and I would like to say a huge thank you to Lesa Gird and all on the FOSP team for organising this. FOSP have raised over £1500 already from this event alone, and this money will make a huge difference to your children. For example, FOSP are just about to purchase an all weather outdoor table tennis table, which pupils will enjoy playing at playtime.

Well done this week to all children in Year 6 for coping incredibly well with their SATS. The football teams continue to do well, and a special well done to the girls' team who beat Headcorn 3-0 yesterday.

We are looking for a volunteer school librarian. If you would be interested in this position (hours flexible to suit you), please let the office know.

As ever, if you are worried about your child, or would just like a chat about their progress, please do not hesitate to email me at any time: head@smarden-tkat.org.

Pre School Caterpillar Class

We have used The Jolly Postman by Allan Alhberg as the focus of much of our learning this week. The children have been very busy in the writing area creating postcards, letters and invitations with stamps and envelopes which have then been posted in our post box. We have read the traditional tales referenced in the story such as Little Red Riding Hood and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

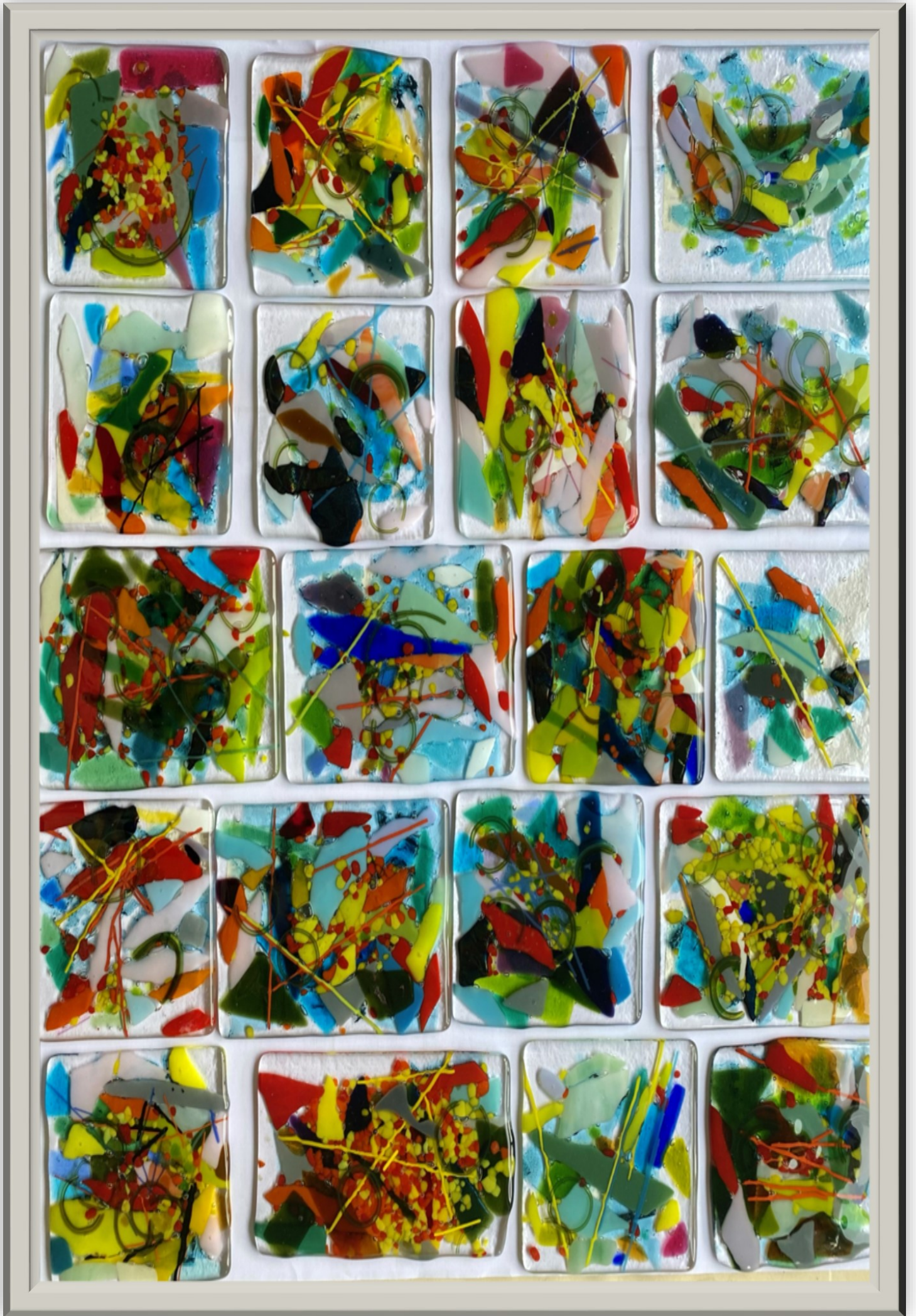
Philippa created maps with the children during Forest Time and they went hunting in the wooded area for treasure! We decorated gingerbread men on Thursday and the children created some beautiful biscuits. We have some real life

caterpillars in our classroom that the children have been fascinated to observe.

We are excitedly waiting for them to build their cocoons at the moment! Our Shape of the Week has been a triangle and our phonics have been 's' and 'd.' In phonics the children have been introduced to Fred the frog and are beginning to understand how he talks by breaking each word into each sound.

Headteachers Award

Isobel Demery for being a good friend and following our class rules



BLYTON CLASS

This week Blyton have continued the life cycle theme with the emphasis being on the chicken life cycle. The children explored both fertilized and unfertilized eggs and learned about the difference. They then constructed their own creative lifecycles, and verbalised the life cycle in our talk for writing lessons.

We undertook subtracting in maths in a variety of ways: we used fingers, ladybird counters, number lines and counting back as a means of finding the answer. We learned that the biggest number will always go first in a subtraction number sentence.

Mr Hall set us a PE circuit challenge this week including hurdles and a sprint finish which went down well with all the children. We are all grasping the concept of team work more and more. A special mention to Thomas who was fantastic at throwing and beat everyone (including Miss Judge) at throwing his beanbag the furthest.

We distributed our completed glass pieces this week. The children were absolutely overjoyed with them. A huge thank you to Sarah Sillibourne who did a wonderful job with the design and has promised to revisit Smarden at some point soon.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Luella Chittenden for enthusiasm in all areas of her learning and for trying extremely hard in all lessons.

Alice King for offering well thought out answers and being willing to try all activities and learning.

AUSTEN CLASS

Another exciting week In Austen class as the children watch the chicks finally hatch! It has been a truly amazing experience watching them grow on the inside of the egg by candling with a light in the early days, to the fluffy chicks that they are now. There will be a long line for cuddles, that is for sure!

In Maths, Year 1 have started a new unit counting to 50 -100 and beyond using our number bonds. In English, Year 1 have finished the Alfie's Star text and have created some amazing stories that we are super proud of.

In Maths, Year 2 have been focusing on sorting 2D and 3D shapes, then talking about position and direction. In English, Year 2 have been planning and writing our own version of The Last Wolf.

This is our first chick which hatched over night 12th May.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Natalie for having lots of lovely ideas for her story.

Violet for consistently doing the right thing by listening and completing all of her work.



DICKENS CLASS

This week we have been busy completing our Hot Task Play Script writing up in English and It has been great to read such amazing work. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable unit of work and every child in the class has put in an incredible amount of effort to perfect the use of all the key features a successful play script has.

In Maths we finished our conversion of measurement topic by studying Leonardo Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man and we looked at the proportion of our limbs and, spans and height to work out what relationships exist between body parts. Did you know your foot is the same size as the inside of your elbow to your wrist?

We have also been looking at the human form in Art and have closely studied perspective. We have learnt how to sketch figures of perfect proportion based on perspective. We have mastered how to use horizons and vanishing points to create depth in a composition.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Belle Tucker - For working well in group activities and equally well in independent work.

Freddie King - For putting in a lot of effort and taking on board feedback to make work even better.

ROWLING CLASS

MR BEDOFRD COOPER WILL SEND OUT A DOJO ON MONDAY
WITH HIS WEEKLY REPORT AND HEADTEACHER AWARDS
UNFORTUNATELY HE HAS BEEN UNWELL TODAY

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

SASSOON CLASS

It has been a bit of a topsy-turvy week due to the year 6 SATS and therefore having to be more flexible with the structure of the day.

In Maths the year 3's have been learning about length and perimeter. They have been doing lots of practical lessons involving measuring objects. The year 4's have been learning about decimals and they have been working really hard and really persevering with it.

In English we have continued to read and discuss Charlotte's Web and the children have been writing their own playscripts inspired by a scene in the book. We will hopefully be finishing off the week by watching the film as a treat.

In Science we had a very practical lesson with a quiz and making a whizzer wheel which is made up of 6 colours and when spun they appear white.

In PE the children played non competitive rallies, trying to get the highest score.

In PSHE the children discussed loss, which was taken slowly and with consideration, there were some interesting discussions. This was followed by a more uplifting French lesson, in which they collated a graph of each other's choice of breakfast foods and drinks. There were some very long sentences they had to say but they impressed Mrs Wilson and Mrs Leeks with their enthusiasm.

The year 3's had an art lesson with me whilst the year 4's had violin. We were opening our portraiture unit and looked at examples and discussed them. The children then had to complete warm up activities to loosen their drawings, such as drawing with their left hand and drawing without looking at the page. This resulted in some hilarious drawings!

There has been lots of times table practice for the year 4's as the MTC check fast approaches.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Sam: For gaining confidence to contribute his fantastic ideas in class

Fred: for huge effort in his work and an improved concentration and behaviour