



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

### 26th April 2024

#### Mrs Hopkins

We warmly welcome an additional Teaching Assistant to Venus class on Monday. Mrs Hopkins is an experienced TA and we all look forward to working with her.

#### Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see accompanying letter advertising a parent governor vacancy on our Governing Board and details of what the role entails. If you are interested, do please come and speak to me and I can explain more about the role.

#### Ofsted

Once again, I would like to send my sincerest thanks to all of our school community for your support during our recent Ofsted inspection. The full report and my accompanying letter will be sent to all families along with this newsletter. As mentioned before, the children were an absolute credit to their school.

#### Manifesto

Neptune class have been taking part in many of the challenges and competitions set up by the company Ootiboo. This week they have been studying Sustainable Development Goals and have created their own manifesto of their vision for the future. Please see their wonderful work on the next page.

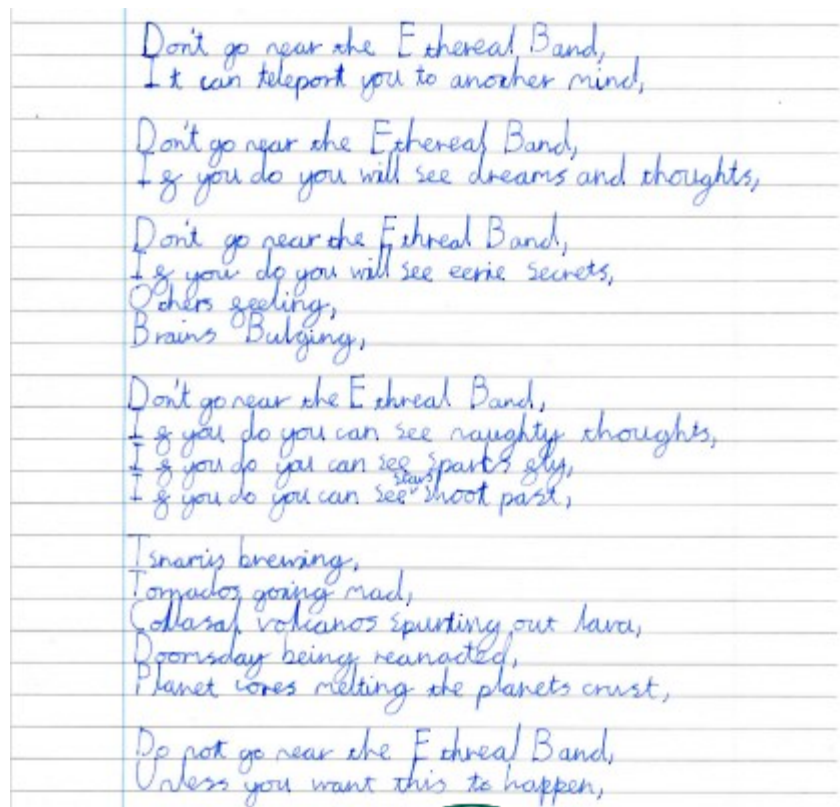
#### Mobile Telephones

A reminder that children should not bring mobile phones or any valuables into school. Please make sure your children do not have these with them when they arrive at school.

**Bird Competition** The children may earn some bonus team points by designing a bird to go in our tree display in the hall. Please hand in designs to Mr Stapley.

#### Willesborough Writers

Several of the children from Neptune class attended a writing workshop at Willesborough Junior school led by the author Ed Boxall, writer of "We The Wild Ones". The children wrote some fantastic surrealist poetry and please see Milius' work:



## Neptune Class – Sustainable development goal manifesto

Imagine a world where, by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2051, **GLOBAL WARMING** is a thing of the past. **PLASTICS** will no longer be made, what is there will be reused and a new **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY ALTERNATIVE** will dominate the shelves in our shops. **FOSSIL FUELS** will be still and more **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOURCES** will cover the earth, **ELECTRIC CARS** will be affordable, effective and available to all. There will be **NO** deforestation and **NO** poaching – the world will be a happier place, with **KINDNESS** and **HARMONY** at its centre, therefore there will be **NO** bullying, **NO** crime and **NO** need for guns. Wars will be a memory only, there will be no need for armies – The world will be **PEACEFUL**. Animals raised for food will be treated with **KINDNESS** and **RESPECT**, there will be **NO** food waste, reducing the number of animals needed to feed carnivores. Food will be shared with all, **AFFORDABLE** and everyone will have **CHOICES** and clean water. Wild animals will live safely in their **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**, cages and captivity – a thing of the past. All children will receive an **EXCELLENT EDUCATION**, where they can **CHOOSE** what interests them and where they can learn **REAL SKILLS**, exams will not be so important. People around the world will **VALUE** and **CARE** for the **COMMUNITY** in which they live in, helping thy neighbour will be an **HONOUR**, not a **CHORE**. People will have moved away from the **TOXIC LURE** of technology, in favour of **WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES** with their loved ones. Homes will be available to everyone. **LITTERING** will no longer occur anywhere, as everyone will care about the planet and the creatures that live in it. Medicines will have advanced and lives will be saved. People will **LOVE AND WELCOME DIFFERENCE**, there will be **NO DISCRIMINATION** of gender, colour or disability. This manifesto is a call to action, a commitment to never cease developing, striving, and evolving for a better world. (Neptune Class – Brabourne – England – April 2024)

## PTA NEWS

### Money for Miles Fundraiser:

A big 'Thank You' to all pupils who have joined in with our 'Money for Miles' fundraiser and have been clocking up the miles to help us to move from Brabourne School to our partner school in Germany. A special shout out to Jupiter class, who had moved a combined distance of 373.6 miles when we added up on Friday last week - impressive! Today is the last day of the fundraiser and we will let you know if we have made it back home from Germany very soon.

We also kindly ask that everyone who has received sponsorship money from friends and family to pay their money by Friday, 3rd May 2024. Hopefully we have raised a good amount that will bring us one step closer to getting the monkey bars added to the playground.

### Cheeky Monkey Day - Friday, 3rd May:

Next Friday will be a 'Cheeky Monkey' Day at Brabourne. This means that children can come to school in non-uniform, wear crazy hair, nail polish and temporary tattoos and bring squash in their water bottles. Please bring £2 per child on the day - again, the money raised will go towards our fundraising goal for the monkey bars. Thank you :)



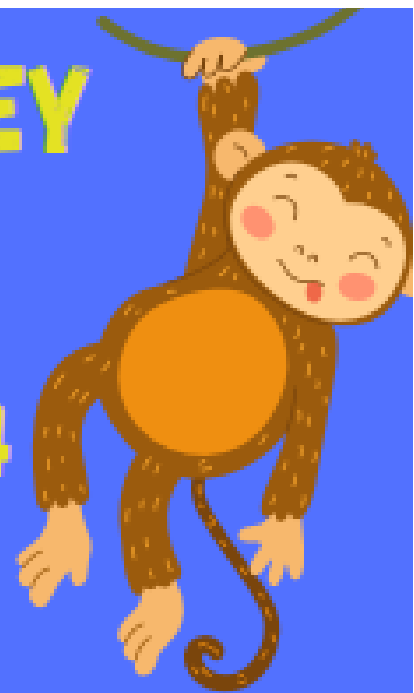


# CHEEKY MONKEY DAY

**FRIDAY, 3RD MAY 2024**

**ON CHEEKY MONKEY DAY YOU  
CAN:**

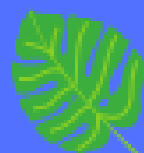
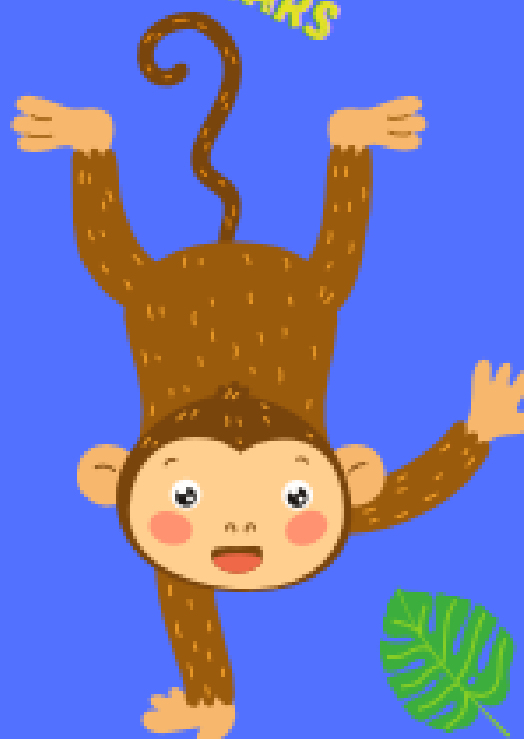
- WEAR NON-UNIFORM & WEAR YOUR CLOTHES ANY WAY YOU LIKE
- HAVE CRAZY HAIR
- WEAR NAIL POLISH
- WEAR TEMPORARY TATTOOS
- BRING SQUASH IN YOUR WATER BOTTLE



**COST: £2 PER  
CHILD ON THE  
DAY - ALL  
GOING  
TOWARDS THE  
MONKEY BARS**



**GO BANANAS  
& MONKEY  
AROUND (WITHIN  
REASON!)**



### Pupil prayer of the week:

Dear Lord

Let us follow Jesus's wise words and always do the right thing. Let us learn to forgive those who have made mistakes and remind ourselves to be the best we can be.

Amen

### Tree & Wildlife Projects

As I am sure you will have seen, the felling of the conker tree has begun this week. Despite the loss of our tree, affected by disease, we have some exciting plans to redevelop Wobbly Wood as well as plans to develop a wild flower meadow on the field. Please continue to support the farm shop as proceeds will go towards these Eco projects.



### Tourette's

This week we welcomed River, a young man, who spoke passionately about Tourette's and autism. The children were inspired by his honest and informative speech and workshop.

### 21 Together & Tuckshop

The children from Jupiter class organised a tuck shop at break and lunch time to raise money for the Down's charity, 21 Together. In total they raised £186 which was gratefully received by Mrs Wildgoose on behalf of the charity.



May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. **To ensure we always have appropriate staffing levels, we cannot accept bookings on the day.** Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). Please book in advance on [School Money](#).

**COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Would you kindly collect your child(ren):**

**Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.**

### Dates for your diary:

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| Thursday 2nd May          | Neptune Trip - Living Land                  |
| Monday 6th May            | Bank Holiday - School Closed                |
| w/c 13th May              | Year 6 SATS week                            |
| Tuesday 21st May          | Year 5 CAT test                             |
| Thursday 23rd May 5.30 pm | Year 5 secondary meeting for parents/carers |
| Friday 24th May           | End of term 5                               |
| Monday 3rd June           | Start of Term 6                             |

With best wishes,  
Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher





### Hockey

Congratulations to our incredible hockey team who came first in both the Community League and the tournament at Ashford Hockey Club yesterday. The children demonstrated such tremendous skill, determination and sportsmanship. We are so proud of you all.



### Attendance

Class Attendance: Congratulations to Venus Class who gained 97% attendance last term. I will be awarding a trophy to the class with the best attendance at the end of the academic year.

### Plans

Please see links below for termly plans, detailing subject coverage in each class. Our key concept is **Change and Continuity** this term, with each class exploring the following questions in their topic work (detailed plans can be found on the links below):

### Vinnie's Diner visit

A group of Jupiter children went to Vinnie's Diner in Ashford this week, a charity set up to support the homeless and vulnerable. The children saw first hand how the food was brought in and watched volunteers prepare hot meals as well as welcoming visitors to the diner.



I would also like to congratulate some of our children who were awarded trophies for their work with Action On Homelessness in Folkestone and dropped off many of the donations from Brabourne families.



Please see a report from the children below.

[Venus](#)—What was the World like long ago?

[Mars](#)—Why is Woodland so important to life?

[Neptune](#)— How did the Grecian and Egyptian Empires change the world?

[Jupiter](#)—How did prehistoric Britain change how we live today?



Thank you to everyone who sponsored me. I exceeded my target of £2,000 and completed the Marathon in 4:51:51.

Well done Mrs Vasu from all the children and your colleagues, you are amazing!



### Y5/6 visit to Vinnie's Diner

At Vinnie's Diner we met Ann, who 25 years ago met a homeless man called Vinnie. She gave him food and support in improving his life and had the idea of founding Vinnie's Diner, where everything is free, both food, company and support. We watched the volunteers welcome all sorts of people from the homeless to lonely people, providing them with hot food, smiles and bags of supplies. We saw the food stores, which are supplied by Harvest Festivals like ours, as well as by supermarket donations. Ashford Council also offer grants to support the food bank. There were so many amazing volunteers here who helped welcome, pick up food, cook and make teas and coffees. It was a privilege to visit.

**The food bank still need supplies of tinned soups and strong plastic bags—please drop off any donations at the school office.**

Thank you for your generosity.

Isaac, Hugo, Josie, Phoebe, Bella, Evelyn

# Class News



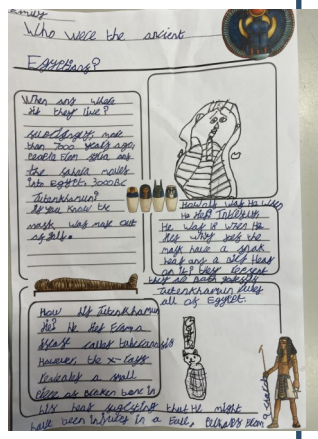
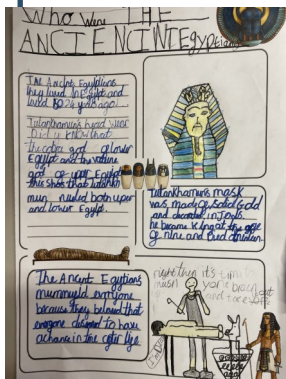
Venus class enjoyed gathering leaves to have a go at leaf pounding this week. We used the mallet and hammer to pound the leaves gently and then harder to see the difference in results.



Children in Mars have been looking at fruit and vegetables and creating still life pictures using oil pastels. They have been working on their art skills of observation, colour building and blending.



Neptune class have started learning about the Ancient Egyptians by researching who they were. We created colourful and interesting information texts about them.



This term, Jupiter have started a new topic called Scavengers and Settlers. We are learning all about Prehistoric Britain - the time before history was written down. To start with, we are finding out about life in Stone Age Britain and have created timelines to identify the significant events that happened during this time.

