

Flourishing!

We love celebrating children’s talents and achievements and this week we have plenty of flourishing to celebrate.

On Saturday 17th June in the evening, Georgina and Sophia Hospice completed Weald 8 mile Moonlight walk. The girls set out to raise £200 but in fact raised an amazing £502 for Hospice in the Weald. What an accomplishment – well done girls!



Harry (Year 6) has a passion for cooking and in April he decided to enter the Young Cooks 2023 competition. For Harry’s entry he decided to cook a cottage pie and a Victoria sponge cake and it most certainly caught the panel’s eye as he has now been congratulated on his entry and invited to the headquarters at Brakes Foodservice for a Young Cooks Masterclass with Jane Beedle from the Great British Bake off. Many congratulations Harry.

Supporting Wellbeing,

We would like to share with you a really lovely resource that we have been using with some of our children across the school. The HappySelf Journal helps to promote wellbeing and develops reflection about emotions which helps children to understand and recognise these. If you would like to know more, the link below has further information about The HappySelf Journal and how to purchase one.



<https://happyselfjournal.com/products/happyself-junior>

The HappySelf Journal is a daily journal for children aged

“Do everything in Love” 1Corinthians 16:14

6 to 12, based on scientifically proven methods that promote happiness, develop healthy habits for life and nurture enquiring minds. Beautifully illustrated and easy to use, with just a few minutes focus each day, children benefit by being encouraged to express gratitude, reflect on their emotions and think about their actions.

Saplings and Elms Coffee Morning

Many thanks to all those who have attended the Saplings and Elms Coffee Mornings over the last two weeks. The aim of these is to help you understand all the work that the school is currently undertaking to ensure that your children have a gentle but supported start to their new year group in September. Please support your children in managing this change mentally by sharing stories with them about moving on and managing change. Stories like “The very Hungry caterpillar” provide really good opportunities to discuss changes that children have already experienced in their lives and those yet to come.

We have had some really lovely feedback from parents about these events, including the following.

It was a lovely meeting to hear all that is going on behind the scenes to support transition.”

It would have been fine to move into year one without this meeting, that 20 minutes contact with Mrs Hillman and the school felt really valuable. Thank you

If you would like to add your feedback, please do contact the school office.

Saplings Transition

This week we welcomed our new Saplings children and their parents to the school for their first transition events. The children loved exploring the Saplings classroom and outdoor area with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Drysdale and, once settled, the adults crept away for a short transition meeting.

Many thanks to all who attended these events including members our PTA, who were available at every meeting to talk about their own experiences of being part of the Ide Hill School community, to answer questions as current parents and to talk about the important work of the PTA.

I wanted also to share with our whole community the feedback that the Oaks children gave to me, which I shared in the majority of the new Saplings parents meetings. I had explained to Oaks class on Tuesday that I would be meeting with some of our new parents and asked them to suggest the key messages that we should pass on to our families. The children's responses were wonderful so I thought that I should share a few of them with you.

"At Ide Hill School everyone will look after your child. We are a small school so all the adults know all the children and everyone will take care of you."

"At Ide Hill we are a Silver Rights Respecting School and our rights are important to everyone. We talk about them all the time and they are respected"

"When I was a Sapling I remember feeling really safe and everyone taking care of me. It made me want to do the same as I got older and be a role model to others. Now that I am moving on to secondary school it will be like I am going to be a "Sapling" all over again and I hope that I will be looked after at my new school in the same way as when I joined Ide Hill."

On Thursday Morning we invited all the new Saplings families to a morning of sports events, Led by Mr Taylor. This was a new event for us as we wanted to provide an opportunity for children to come together and indeed for parents to come together and do something fun as a community. The children looked like they had a whale of a time and it was so lovely to see their confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you for joining us for all these events. We hope that these events have given you a welcome start to your child's start at Ide Hill School.

Many thanks to all those who have made these events possible – to Mrs Daniels, Mrs Drysdale, Mr Taylor, Mrs Marshall, Miss Bruce, Mrs Warner, Mrs Harland, the PTA and our sports morning helpers – Aria, Seth, Harvey and Winston.

Year 1 Trip to London

As part of our history project about explorers, yesterday, Elms class went on our very own explorer's expedition to London! We started our day at the Golden Hinde in London Bridge where we found out all about life on board a ship 500 years ago. We then travelled by foot to the River Thames where we boarded the Thames Clipper. We then travelled by Clipper to Greenwich where we saw the impressive

Cutty Sark. The children had an incredible day and saw some amazing sights. They were impeccably behaved and demonstrated excellent listening and safety during the day and certainly did Ide Hill School proud!

- Mrs Farrar

Mrs Hillman wishes to say a big thank you to Mrs Farrar and all of the staff and parents involved in making this trip happen. It sounds like they had a wonderful day!



<p>Happy Birthday!</p>	<p>Finn M Mia N</p>
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Online Safety

We know that in this digital age children are very aware of popular social media apps and we would like to take this opportunity to provide some information to enable all parents to help children make safe choices. As we have done in previous years, we will be including information on a range of apps and sites over the next few weeks including those with age restrictions above primary school age.



Upcoming Dates

- 26th June – Girls Cricket Competition
- 28th June – Year 6 Residential Trip
- 28th June – Year 4 School Trip
- 3rd July – Inset day
- 5th July – Sports Day (Timings TBC – Pick up 3:15)
- 11th July – Year 5 School Trip
- 11th July – Year 3 School Trip
- 12th July – Reserve Sports Day (*please note, if we need to use this date then school trips will be moved to give Sports Day the priority*)
- 12th July – Reception School Trip
- 12th July – Year 2 School Trip
- 13th July – Year 6 production
- 14th July – School Reports
- 21st July – Year 6 Leavers Service at 1:30pm
- 21st July – End of the School Year – Pick up at normal time

School resumes 5th September.

Saplings	Finn - For your amazing landscape collage. We can see you worked really hard on putting your landscape together! Well done! Flora - For making a fantastic effort in your reading! Keep it up Flora!
Elms	Elms Class - For demonstrating excellent behaviour, good manners, great listening and always caring for each other on our trip to London yesterday!
Beech	Hanna - For being really creative in your writing and applying neat handwriting! Ralph - For being imaginative in your writing and trying your best with your handwriting!
Willows	Aryssa - For her thoughtful answers to questions in her learning and for her willingness to have a go. Treyon - For his great answers and ideas in our RE learning about Sikhs
Hazel	Elliott - For working incredibly hard and producing some wonderfully descriptive writing during our English lessons. Harvey - For his excellent effort in Maths identifying and classifying quadrilaterals
Ash	Cora - For a fantastic start to her sports commentary on 'High Diving Giraffes'. Summer - For her incredible lifecycle of a butterfly homework, creating every stage through felting or sewing her own stuffed toy.
Oaks	Grace L - For her outstanding attitudes to rehearsals Logan - For his continued efforts during swimming lessons

News From Nature School

Summer has begun! This week saw the official start of Summer with the Summer Solstice on Wednesday.

We celebrated this special day in the calendar by making sun fire fliers - which streak across the sky, sharing the sunshine longest journey in our northern hemisphere.

With the younger children we made treasured places for the fairies to party for their solstice celebrations - swimming pools were a popular theme and one fairy den allowed 'boy fairies only' - so much creativity and joy in this task, using clay, treats from nature and an abundance of imagination.

Enjoy the warmth and nurturing light of the Sun over the weekend.

