

Dear Parents/Carers,

Gold (gold), always believe in your soul . . .

Sadly for me, many of you may be too young to remember Spandau Ballet and their 1983 hit but whenever I hear the word 'gold' in isolation I find it difficult to avoid this piece of music leaping into my head. This week we had a very special visitor Olympic hurdler Jack Green.

Meeting an elite athlete is always quite inspiring and we were fortunate to have Jack share some of his story and his journey to the Olympics. We received this fantastic treat because of the tremendous effort that our pupils have made in Walk on Wednesday.

It is clear that when pupils have that bit of physical exercise in a morning; followed by a healthy snack, they are energised and better prepared for their day ahead. The Walk on Wednesday initiative has supported schools in driving this notion and trying to ensure that our pupils squeeze even more quality time out of their school day.

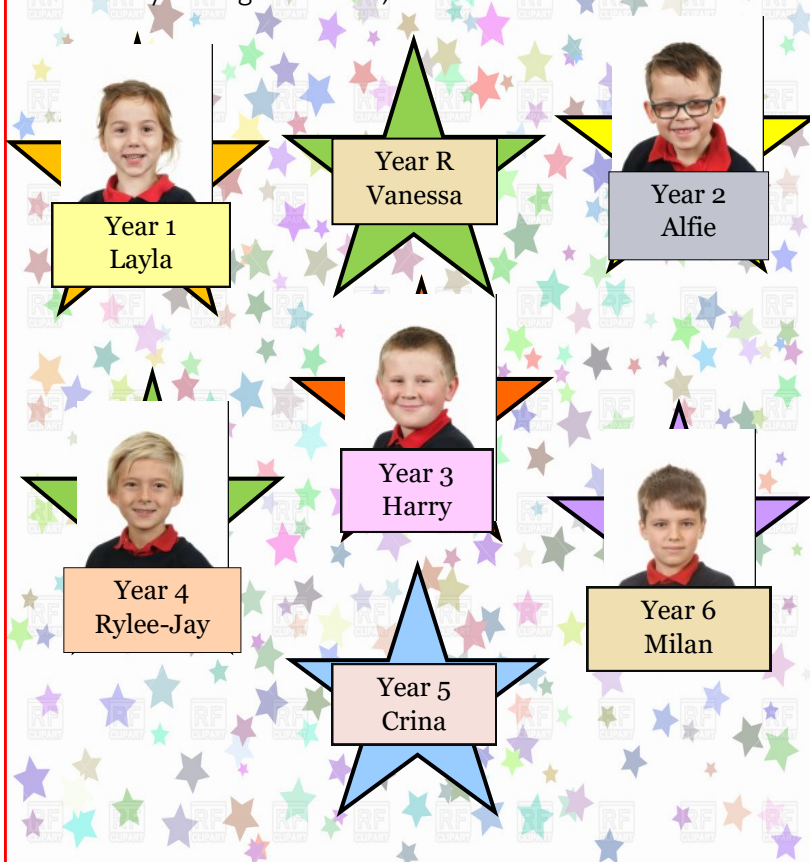
Making the most of our time is always important, please keep up the effort in greeting your children with smiles and not mobiles at the end of the day. Showing an interest in your child's learning will help them to value what they do and promote engagement and success.

Mr F.E Westmorland

Find out more about Jack Green's visit here <https://www.kentononline.co.uk/news/charities/sprint-star-inspires-dreams-of-olympic-glory-216935/>

Well done to our Stars this week!

These children have impressed their class teachers in some way during this week, well done to all of them!



Punctuality Pup and Attendance Ted!



Well done to Fletcher in KS1 with 92.1% attendance and Cowell in KS2 with 94.2%, they are the proud keepers of Ted!



Pup will go to Donaldson and Shakespeare this week with the fewest amount of late marks—

Well Done!

~Most Improved Writers~

Year R- Robert

Year 1- Preston

Year 2- Casey-Leigh

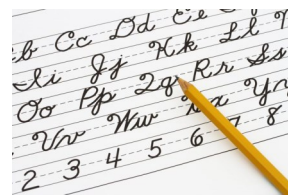
Year 3- Tyler S

Year 4- Tyler

Year 5- Riley

Year 6- Angel F

Well Done!



| Year | Good to be Green | Attendance 11/10 to 15/11 |
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| | | 100% |
| Donaldson | 17/19 | 11/19 |
| Fletcher | 29/29 | 21/29 |
| Kerr | 25/29 | 22/29 |
| Walliams | 27/29 | 24/29 |
| Morpurgo | 26/28 | 25/28 |
| Shakespeare | 29/30 | 25/30 |
| Cowell | 24/26 | 21/26 |

Dinner Money Arrears

Please ensure all dinner and breakfast money arrears are paid. If you have any issues then please speak to Mrs Milton. The school has to pay the catering company for all meals ordered and in these times of financial difficulty debts owed to school reduce our available funds for school supplies e.g. 2 weeks of dinner money for one child would buy a box and a half of exercise books.

After School Clubs

Internal clubs have now finished.

External clubs that are run by Shepway Sports or Premier Sports including Football, Gymnastics and Infant Agility will **continue to run until the week ending 6th December.**

Notes:

- Please can parents/carers ensure they speak to the class teachers on the playground rather than going in to the classroom at drop off and pick up time.
- All children will have a school Christmas dinner, unless we receive an opt out slip. To everybody who is not entitled to free school meals you will be charged £2.40. If you do not wish for your child to have a Christmas school dinner on Tuesday 17th December then please ensure you return the opt out slip and hand it in to the office. If you require another copy of the letter, then please see the office.



Olympian Visit



Year 5 won a Walk on

Wednesday competition, the prize being a visit from Olympic Hurdler Jack Green who did a whole school assembly followed by a workshop for Year 5 on Wednesday. The children got the chance to hold some Olympic medals and listen to Jack's experiences.

During the Year 5 workshop, the children were shown how to use their arms to be able to run faster and jump higher.



Milk Cartons

If you have any empty plastic cartons then could you please bring them in to school as Year 4 will be making igloos in class. Thank you!

