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The newsletter for
SET Maidstone Infant and Causton Junior School



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MAIDSTONE INFANT
& CAUSTON JUNIOR
SCHOOL

Important Date!

Friday 3 September
Start of term for Reception,
Year 3, Year 6 & Specialist
Units

Monday 6 September
Start of term for All Years

**Pupils begin
Michaelmas Term**

Latest News

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To keep up to date with the latest news and events from the School, please remember that you can follow SET Maidstone and Causton School on Twitter: @SETMandC. Please also check our website for regular updates, and our Facebook page, just search for SET Maidstone and Causton School on Facebook.

Safeguarding

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Brunning Designated Safeguarding Lead on 01394 283375/ 01394 283374 or for more information please visit www.maidstoneandcaustonschool.org.uk/for-parents/guidance-information/safeguarding/ Maidstone and Causton School's named safeguarding trustee is Mr Richard Lane.

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Head of School's Welcome

Here we are at the end of another year in school, what a year it has been. I have felt immensely proud of the way our school community has responded to the challenges of the last 18 months. Staff and children have had to contend with staggered starts, break times, bubbles, lateral flow testing, wearing masks whilst teaching to name a few and everyone has taken the changes in their stride. We have learnt an awful lot about the importance of keeping in touch with others when we couldn't see them and since being back in school we have ensured that well being is a constant topic of conversation and support for everyone.

Despite the challenges, the children have achieved an awful lot. It has been lovely to see such positive engagement in learning. Staff have worked hard to embed the new Maths and Humanities curriculums and I have seen the children really enjoying their new learning. Reading has been at the forefront in every class this year too and I have been blown away by the conversations I have had with the children about books they have enjoyed reading, what they are looking forward to next in their reads and the new language they have come across whilst reading.

This term we have enjoyed the return of our transition activities. Year 2 have taken part in lessons on site at Causton and of course all children have now met their new teacher for next year - this was a very exciting day! Year 6 have completed their moving up days to their respective High Schools and they all came back with a smile on their faces which is a positive that they are ready for their next step. Children also enjoyed sports day activities in their bubbles and we are looking forward to celebrating all their achievements in the upcoming award ceremonies.

In preparation for next year Miss Urey (soon to be Mrs Hearn) and I have been looking at the re-introduction of Enrichment afternoons across both sites in the hope that we will be back to functioning as normal come September. This is an exciting opportunity for us to focus our enrichment sessions on learning new skills such as playing instruments, completing first aid training and learning to cook! More information will be shared on our return in September.

In the meantime I hope you all enjoy a restful and enjoyable Summer break.

Mrs L Thompson, Head of School



- Consultation update -

Proposed merger of SET Maidstone and SET Causton Schools

The Seckford Education Trust (SET) is considering whether to merge SET Maidstone and SET Causton Schools in Felixstowe to form one all-through primary school for September 2022. A public consultation has been launched and runs until 15 August.

What would a merger mean if Seckford Education Trust decides to go ahead with the proposal?

- The site at SET Maidstone would be closed and the infant classes would join the juniors on the SET Causton site from September 2022.
- The admission arrangements for both schools would be varied to create a single set of new admission arrangements for the merged primary school.
- Investment at the single site would bring the two communities closer together to create one true primary school for children aged 3-11.

Mrs Thompson, Head of SET Maidstone and Causton School, said: "We encourage parents, carers, and the wider community to give their views on the proposed merger and the combined admission arrangements which would be necessary should the schools merge."

To give your views you can:

- Complete a survey online:
 - o <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SETconsultation>
- Email your views:
 - o enquiries@seckfordeducation.org.uk with the heading 'SET School Merger'.
- Write to the school:
 - o Write the heading 'SET School Merger' and hand your comments to reception at either school.

Bee Croft Class

We have been exploring emotional literacy and have thought about our 'super skills' whilst learning about Supertato. We made our own model superheroes, used our water superpower to remove Supertato from the wall and designed and labelled Supertato.



Zebra Class

We made 'Under the Sea' moving pictures and 'Under the Sea' scenes in boxes.

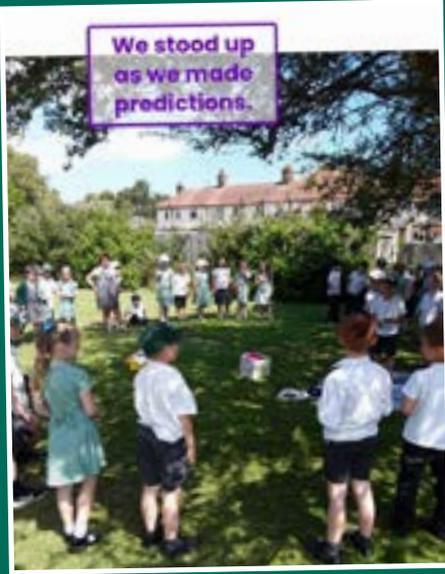


Learning in our Outdoor Classroom. Using our phonic knowledge to write words.



Lion Class

We have had a great term in English and our reading. Lots of hard work and some amazing achievements. Well done Lovely Lions!



In Science we have been exploring our different materials and working outside scientifically with other year 1 and 2 classes. We were good at making predictions and enjoyed working with others.



In Maths, we have been using lots of resources to help us do some brilliant counting, adding and subtracting and finding fact families. We have worked really hard!



Tiger Class

In English we used lots of different techniques to help us understand characters in our texts. We created a 'Conscience Alley' to decide if Jack should have stolen the hen that laid the golden eggs or not!



Tiger Class have so enjoyed learning more about the Neolithic period this half term. We have even attempted to recreate miniature houses using clay. The children decided that they preferred this to using 'wattle and daub' - far too smelly they felt. However, they were very happy to attempt to build Stonehenge using biscuits!

Panther Class



Goldcrest Class



We have been growing sunflowers from seed.



Our amazing diversity tree.

Robin Class

We enjoyed creating our own fireworks from our Guided reading book, The Firework Maker's Daughter.



Enjoying sports.

Puffin Class

In science this half term, Puffins have been focusing on solids, liquids and gases. We have enjoyed practical experiments using water, ice and air to learn about their properties.



Kingfisher Class

We have been combining our topic on Living Things with writing non-chronological reports. We were challenged to use a range of materials to invent a living thing which contains all the characteristics of living things (MRS GREN!) We had to think about its habitat, diet, prey and predator. We had to consider how it produces young and even how it eats and breathes! Here are some examples of what we came up with.



Dove Class



A 'hands on' time in Doves! We've measured and reasoned in Maths; experimented with sound; worked hard in Athletics and thoroughly enjoyed 'Diversity day'. We've developed our team working and discussion too!

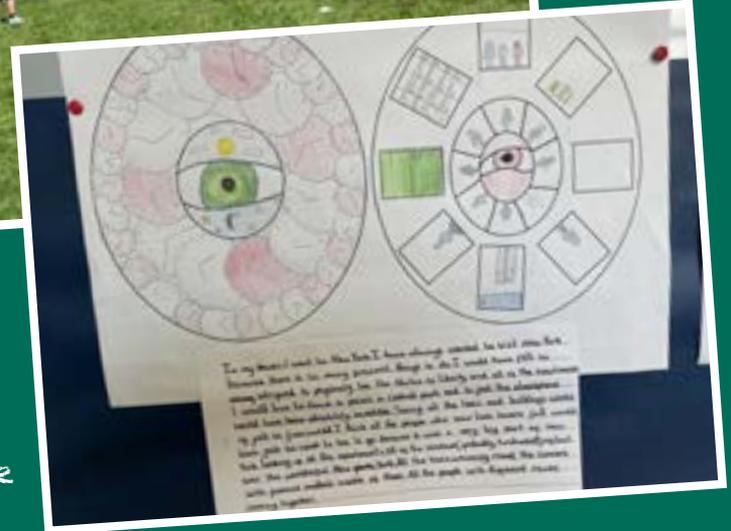
Owl Class

We all worked together on Diversity Day



Year 5 read the book *The Viewer* by Shaun Tan. We then thought about where our own viewers could take us.

A great game of cricket with tutoring from an outside coach. We learnt many new skills.



Wren Class

Our diversity tree.



At last we could harvest our potatoes!



Factors and multiples in maths.



Kestrel Class

Kestrels have worked so hard this year to make progress despite all the challenges they have faced. Ratio and proportion was a good challenge!



In Geography we have been learning about biomes and so completed our Biome in a Bottle text.



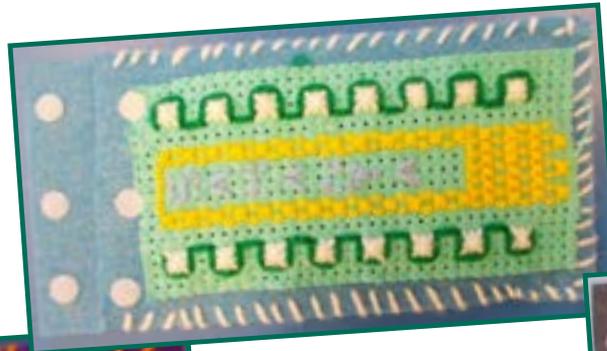
Kestrels had a fantastic time at Level 2.



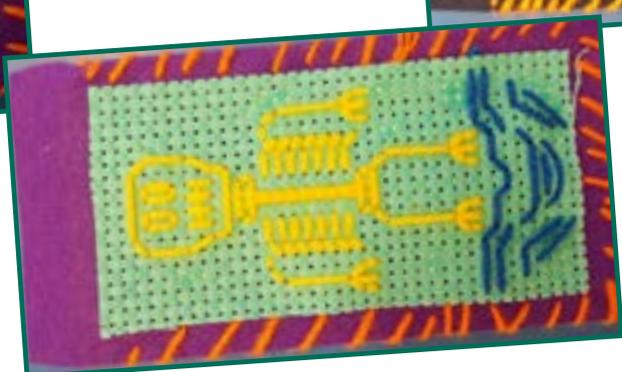
Stone painting using Sharpies to show Only One Me as part of Diversity Day.



Eagle Class

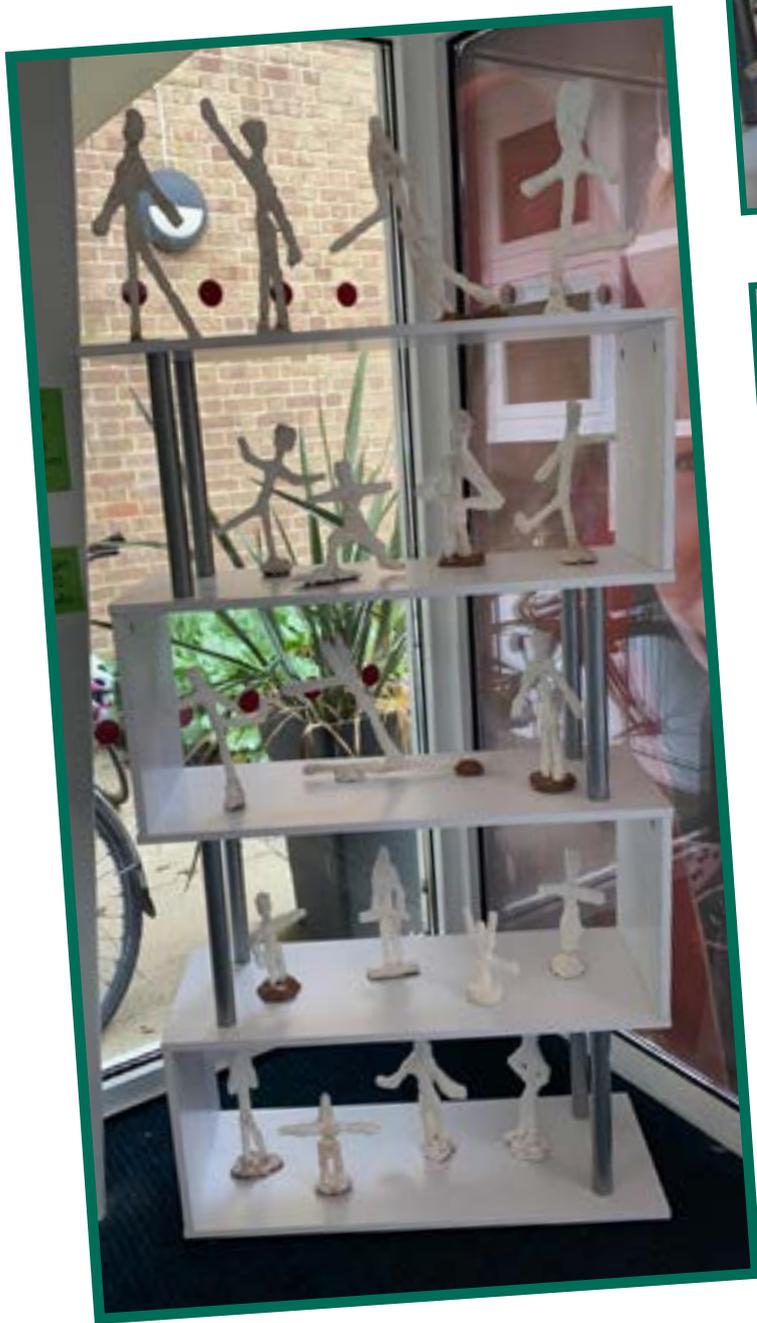


We made amazing phone cases!



Art around school

Year 5 made their own versions of Alberto Giacometti sculptures using Modroc.





Robins class created clay slab dishes using two contrasting colours of clay.



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