



## SCHOOL NEWS

- When we return in January we will see a brand new class for our Year 8 students - Rye Class. We also have a new teacher joining us, Abbie who will led Rye Class and she will be supported by Paulette.
- The new year will also see the development of our school therapy team, with Donna (School Therapist/Counsellor) and Georgina (Speech and Language Therapist) joining us.

## EXPECTATIONS

We have established 3 core expectations for the students to follow whilst at school;

- Acceptance
- Safety, and
- Kindness

(ASK for short)

These 3 core expectations form our rules and inform how we will support students with their behaviour and interactions with their peers and with adults. If you have questions regarding our basic rules please do get in touch or discuss them with your child's class teacher.

## KEY DATES - TERM 3

- 2nd January - Term Starts - INSET DAY
- 3rd January - Pupils return to school
- 15th January - Martin Luther King Day
- 21st January - World Religion Day
- 27th January - Holocaust Memorial Day
- 29th January - 2nd February - National Story Telling Week
- 1st - 29th February - LGBTQ+ History Month
- 6th February - Safer Internet Day
- 9th February Last Day of Term
- 12th - 16th February - Half Term
- 19th February - Pupils return to school

# TERM 2





## Message from the Headteacher

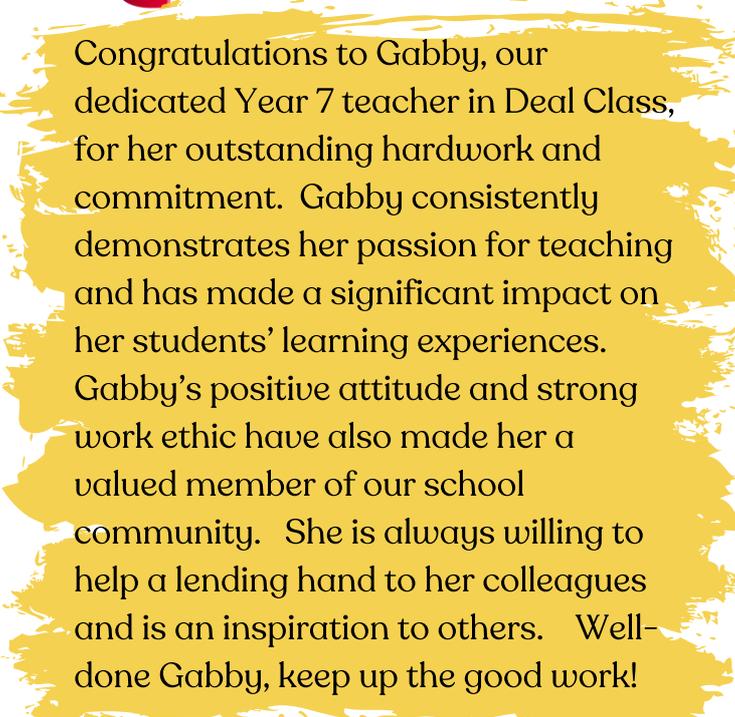
It has been another exciting term here at school with lots of hard work and new learning taking place. It's been great to plan ahead as well and we look forward to the horse riding sessions for students next term. Other opportunities have included work experience for some of the older students and Ten Pin Bowling in PE lessons. Next term there will be PE sessions run by staff from Kent County Cricket Club plus the opportunity to attend cookery and baking sessions with another one of our local community providers. Our school is growing every week it seems and in January we will have a new separate Year 8 class which will be led by Abbie and Paulette.

We are also being joined by Georgina, our Speech & Language Therapist; and Donna our new Therapy Lead. You can read more about them in this newsletter and hopefully the students have had the chance to meet them all before the Christmas break so at least they know who the new staff are in the building. The last part of this message is to wish you all an enjoyable and safe Christmas break and I can't wait to see you all in January 2024 for more of the same.

**David Carden - Headteacher**



## EMPLOYEE OF THE TERM



Congratulations to Gabby, our dedicated Year 7 teacher in Deal Class, for her outstanding hardwork and commitment. Gabby consistently demonstrates her passion for teaching and has made a significant impact on her students' learning experiences. Gabby's positive attitude and strong work ethic have also made her a valued member of our school community. She is always willing to help a lending hand to her colleagues and is an inspiration to others. Well-done Gabby, keep up the good work!



# FUNDRAISING

This term we organised several fundraising events to support some incredible charities. These included a Tag Day for **Children in Need**, a Christmas Jumper Day for **Save the Children** and a Reverse Advent Calendar for our local **Food Bank**. The response from our school community was heartwarming, with generous donations flowing in. A huge thank you to everyone who participated and supported these events - your kindness really does make a difference.



## HASTINGS

## CLASS

Throughout term 2, Hastings class had grown in size and we have welcomed two new students into the class. The students have been working hard on their ASDAN portfolios for science and Geography. They have explored physical processes in Geography, researching volcanoes and earthquakes, using their own research to create a news report on a real life event. In science, students have been learning about space physics, watching videos and completing tasks in preparation to design a space travel brochure.

Hastings class have also been preparing for work experience opportunities, attending visits to potential employers and taking part in interviews. This has been very successful and we look forward to supporting the start of work experience placements. In term 3 we will also be visited by careers advisors so that year 11 students can access the support they need to create plans for their post 16 pathways.

Art lessons have been very successful for Hastings class again this term, with lots of excellent pieces completed in the styles of chosen artists. Students have also embraced the outdoors in their Duke of Edinburgh sessions.

**Tina Hirst - Class Teacher & AHT**

# MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS...



## ALL ABOUT ME



MY NAME IS

Abbie Pheby

I AM FROM

Dover

I AM

A Teacher

Hello! I am looking forward to meeting everyone at Newingate School. I love it when learning is fun and interesting, so please let me know all the things that you enjoy when you meet me.

I like art and crafting activities. I like to draw pictures to explain things, but I am not the best at drawing so please look out for my stick people and feel free to help me with my drawing,

Outside of school, I spend time with my children. I like to go out on adventures, and find new places but I do get lost a lot. I enjoy being outside and absolutely love a camp fire.

My top 5 activities to do are:

1. Mud slide
2. Snow rings
3. Baking
4. Zoo/ wildlife parks
5. Play games

My favourite things are:

Subject: Science  
 Colour: Blue  
 Chocolate: Chocolate shaped as cute animals  
 Season: Winter  
 Place: Home



## ALL ABOUT ME



MY NAME IS

Georgina Butler

I AM FROM

Sittingbourne

I AM

Speech and Language  
Therapist (SLT)

I am looking forward to starting my career and first ever job at Newingate School- it's all very exciting and nerve wracking so please do come and have a chat if you see me. I cannot wait to meet everyone and start working with you all. I hope to make a difference and help you in any way possible as an SLT so you feel valued and comfortable in your learning environments.

Outside of school I love going to concerts (especially Harry Styles). I hope to travel to different places around the world and bake some new things.

My top 5 activities to do are:

1. Reading
2. Baking
3. Going to concerts
4. Watching TV
5. Drawing/ colouring

My favourite things are:

Subject: Art  
 Colour: Light Blue  
 Chocolate: All of them (expect fruit and nut!)  
 Season: Summer  
 Place: Home



## ALL ABOUT ME



MY NAME IS

Donna Curtis

I AM FROM

The Isle of Sheppey

I AM

A Therapist

I am really looking forward to meeting everyone at Newingate school. I am a therapist and really like to help people when they have problems or maybe feel anxious, I am a good listener.

I am hoping you will be able to give me ideas to create some calming spaces at Newingate school.

Please say "hi" if you see me walking around the school.

My top 5 activities to do are:

1. Swimming in the sea all year round
2. Walking
3. Yoga
4. Meeting up with friends
5. Going to new places

My favourite things are:

Colour: Black  
 Chocolate: Dime Bar  
 Season: Autumn  
 Place: Home

# SANDWICH CLASS



'Sandwich class have settled back well after half term and welcomed a new student into their class. This term we have celebrated lots of world events such as Remembrance Day, World Kindness Day, World Science Day, Children in Need, Hanukkah, Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas.

Our English focus this term, has been based around the book of 'The Picture of Dorian Gray' by Oscar Wilde. During our English lessons the students were able to analyse the theme, characters, and relationships between the characters. By doing this they could explore the impact Victorian society had on the writing of the novel, which encouraged lots of class discussion.

For Maths this term we revisited mean, median, mode and range before moving on to Statistics. We focused on data collection, with the pupils conducting their own research around the school to be able to create a bar chart using the data collected. We then moved onto Algebra and worked hard to understand and simplify expressions to solve one and two step equations.

We have put up a new display in class featuring our Geography work from the term. The focus was to research London and it's population by identifying human and physical landscapes, as well as London's transportation network and settlement. Pupils were then able to sketch a map of London's famous landmarks and annotate a photo based on these landmarks.

In Science this term we focused on Space, motion and pressure with the pupils participating in an egg experiment to show gravity as a force. Whilst in PSHE we focused on radicalisation, extremism, Sharia-law, and cults. We looked at prevent duty to understand what can be done to prevent radicalisation and researched information on CULT leaders.

With the lead up to Christmas, students have experienced some exciting opportunities such as bowling for PE, going to the cinema, and celebrating the end of term with a Christmas party! We also had our first horse-riding session in the last week of term which was a huge success.

We look forward to welcoming Sandwich class back in January and continuing our UNO championships as well engaging with more learning opportunities across the curriculum. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a happy new year.

Zara Ines - Class Teacher

# DEAL

## Class



The students in Deal class settled back into the school routine well and were eager to engage in the planned activities. Attendance has continued to be excellent this term.

Students celebrated World Science Day and spent time investigating gravity and chemical reactions. It was excellent to see the students work as a team to carry out their experiments. Team building and working together as a class has been a real focus this term, students have engaged in educational games such as scrabble, boggle and wordle to start our school day.

In English we have been reading the text 'Skellig'. Students have made predictions about the genre, story and characters in Skellig and have read for detail to understand the events throughout chapters in the book. In addition to their English lessons, the students are supported by our reading doctor and every student has a weekly session. Students in Deal class worked independently to write either a short story or poem for the Pyxis Anthology. We were so impressed with the creative submissions.

In Maths, we have been exploring graphs, expressions, functions and formulae. Students have been learning about colour theory in Art and have produced some outstanding outcomes.

World kindness day, Anti Bullying Week, Remembrance Day and Children in need were all acknowledged this term.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year and look forward to next term!



Gabby Dengate - Class Teacher

# Forest School

We are excited to share some highlights from Term 2 at Forest School, where our students have continued their journey of outdoor learning and exploration. In addition, we had the pleasure of introducing Year 8, 9, and one of our Year 11 students to the wonderful world of Forest School.

During our outdoor sessions, students have been engaged in various hands-on activities, allowing them to develop their woodworking skills. They have been busy creating mallets using hand saws, knives, and hammers. Additionally, they have taken great care in sanding and varnishing their mallets, ensuring a smooth finish. It has been inspiring to witness their craftsmanship and the pride they have taken in their creations.

In the spirit of remembrance, we paid tribute to Remembrance Day and Children in Need. Our students showcased their creativity by crafting their own crosses, with a poppy in the centre, using the square lash knot technique. This activity provided an opportunity for reflection and a deeper understanding of the significance of these important commemorations.

As the weather has turned chilly, we have embraced the coziness of the season by introducing the use of the Kelly kettle. Our students have been able to experience the joy of making their own hot chocolates, fostering a sense of independence and resourcefulness.

We are immensely proud of our students' enthusiasm, resilience, and commitment to learning in the outdoors. Forest School continues to provide a nurturing environment where they can develop essential life skills, connect with nature, and build lasting memories.

Wishing you a fantastic Christmas and looking forward to reconnecting with you all in the upcoming year!

**TraceyLyn Treeby - Forest School Leader & Andy Bennett -Duke of Edinburgh Leader**



# TERM DATES

## 2023 - 2024

<b>Term 1 (34 days)</b>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	
	<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>	<b>Staff Training Days</b>	
<b>Term 2 (30 days)</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
<b>Term 3 (28 Days)</b>	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	
	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>	
<b>Term 4 (29 Days)</b>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	
	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>	
<b>Term 5 (28 Days)</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	
	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>School Closed - Bank Holiday</b>	
<b>Term 6 (35 Days)</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	
	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>Staff Training Day</b>	
<b>INSET DAYS</b> Staff Training & Development	1	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	School Closed to Pupils
	2	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	School Closed to Pupils
	3	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	School Closed to Pupils
	4	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	School Closed to Pupils
	5	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2024	School Closed to Pupils

**PLEASE NOTE:**

In addition to the above, Newingate School may be closed on certain days to undertake essential Staff Development and Training. We will notify you in advance of these days to minimise disruption.