

# Work together, learn together, achieve together.

# Breakwater Academy Newsletter



## Message from Mrs Franceschi

This week, Year 2 began their KS1 SATs. The KS1 SATs are made up of a mathematics arithmetic paper, a mathematics reasoning paper and two reading papers.

The papers are spread out over a few days, and are mostly taken in small groups, facilitated by the class teacher. This is not only reassuring for the children, but also means that the children can work through the test at a pace which is most suitable for them. So far, all children have approached the tests confidently and, as one child told me, quite matter-of-factly, 'I did my best.' That is exactly what we want all our children to do!

This week, the school also received the 'Green Tree School' Gold Award from the Woodland Trust. This was to recognise the work the school is doing to contribute to helping the environment, whether that be through the curriculum (geography and science in particular) or the woodland walks and the food waste project, to name a few examples. Thank you to Miss West for working with the Woodland Trust on this project.



## Attendance and Punctuality

This week, three classes achieved 100% attendance! Starfish, Turtles and 5CW will each be presented with a special attendance cup. A fantastic achievement, and well done to all three classes. Now let's see what the other classes can do!

The class with the most improved attendance was 5CW.

Please remember that the school gates open at 8.35am, so that the children can be in their classrooms by 8.40am, which is the start of the school day. Registers are taken at 8.45am. If your child arrives in class after this time, they will receive a late mark.

Before booking a holiday, either to take place this academic year or next academic year, we would ask that you take account of term dates, by looking at the school website or by contacting the school office. Please be mindful that any holidays, which are taken during term-time, will not be authorised and could result in a penalty notice being issued, or a fine.

If you know in advance that your child is not going to be in school, please talk to your child's class teacher and complete, and return, a withdrawal from learning form (available from the school office.)

Please remember that if your child is extremely ill and unable to attend school, parents/carers should contact the school to provide details regarding the absence, before the start of the day, **on each day** that your child is absent.

**Date: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**



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## Dates for your diary –

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Starfish class trip to Bollens Bush am

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Play on the Pitch Y5/6 girls' football team

team

End of term 5

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Start of term 6

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

Y6 swimming am every Tuesday until 11/07 – excluding 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 5 trip to South Barn Hill

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 3 trip to Brighton Museum

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 2 trip to Lewes Castle

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Residential starts

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Year 6 Residential returns

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Sports day

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## Class News

Message from Miss West

This week, the children in Jellyfish class have been observing live caterpillars and exploring their life cycle until they change into butterflies. The caterpillars are now in their cocoons, how exciting! In anticipation, Jellyfish children have been having lots of fun decorating butterfly pictures, and writing about what adventures they think the butterflies will have, once they are released.



## Mental Health and Wellbeing

Message from Mrs Axson

This week was mental health awareness week, with a focus on Anxiety. The children had another assembly explaining what this means and the things they can do to support themselves and others.

Please follow this link for some great resources you can use at home

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/teach/childrens-mental-health-week/zk37bdm>

Below is a photo of children on Wellbeing Wednesday, dancing during break time!



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## STEP Vacancies

STEP Academy Trust is currently seeking to recruit a passionate and committed Kitchen Assistant.

Join us in our journey to improving the life chances of children – where we have the capacity to make a difference we are morally bound to do so.

If you have the commitment to transform children's lives then take a look at our latest vacancies which includes adverts, job descriptions and application forms at: <https://www.stepacademytrust.org/working-for-step/>



# May HALF TERM

Saturday 27 May to Sunday 4 June

**Get buzzy this May half term as we learn all about bees and why we need them.**

With hands on activities, you can explore our 40 acre site and follow our Busy Bees Trail around our historic gardens.

Whether you are 5 or 95 there is something for everyone to enjoy.

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW.**



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