



## Newsletter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### Poetry Competition

Today was the final of our annual poetry recital competition. We have had a fabulous afternoon listening to a variety of poems from children in every year group and have been amazed by how well all of the finalists performed. The standard was extremely high this year and the judges found it very difficult to choose the winners. The poems ranged from shorter rhymes to classic poems by William Wordsworth. The judges were particularly impressed with how all the pupils were word perfect and combined expression with actions to make an entertaining performance.

A huge congratulations to this year's winners Connie Ollis and Finley Baisden who came joint first; Hollie Robertson and Henry Gooding-Matthews, joint second and Isla Crumb who came third.

A special thank you to Dawn Wallace, a former school governor of Two Village, who helped judge the competition.



### Football Celebrations

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Mr Cornell is inviting children and staff to come to school wearing either a football kit or England colours to celebrate the England football team reaching the semi-finals of Euro 2020. This is not compulsory and no donation is required.

### Transition Days

Next week, the children will be visiting their new classrooms and will be taught by their new teacher for three days, from Monday to Wednesday. Children will still arrive at the same time and in the same place but their new teacher will collect them. We always find our transition days very helpful in preparing the children for the next academic year and it gives their new teachers a chance to get to know them and what they are capable of before they start teaching them. We hope the children enjoy these days and that they help them to feel confident about returning to school in September.

### The 2 Johns E Safety Event

A reminder that The 2 Johns are running an E Safety event for parents on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00 pm. If you are interested in attending, please use the link below. I would highly recommend joining if you can.

8pm 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021- <https://tinyurl.com/4bc2yk73>.



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### Reports

You will soon be receiving your child's end of year report. You will notice that, this year, due to the school closure period, the reports will not contain information about attendance or formal assessments/tests. This is because attendance figures have been affected by the closure and formal assessments for Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 did not take place this year. You will however find information about your child's current attainment in the report, which is based on teacher assessments for all year groups. When you receive your report, you will be asked to complete a comment slip which should be returned to school. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher about their report, having received it, please contact the office to make an appointment with them before the end of term.

### Sports Days

Last week we had our first sports day for two years! After keeping a keen eye on the weather, we were finally able to get proceedings underway. The children took part in a series of relays and challenges, including bean bag throwing and the classic egg and spoon race. The highlight seemed to be the balloon race, with the children coming up with some very interesting techniques. All of the children gave their very best and we are pleased to announce the results as follows:

1. Ashdown
2. Thetford
3. Rendlesham
4. Sherwood

The children also enjoyed their drinks, crisps and ice poles – thanks again to the contributors!



### Inter-house Football Competition

We have a very exciting in-school football tournament coming up on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. All of the children have been asked if they would like to participate, and those that said yes have been put into teams. Heats will take place in the morning with the KS1 and KS2 finals taking place in the afternoon, with the rest of the school being our crowd! We will keep you updated on the result in a future newsletter.

### Geography Competition

We have just held our first ever Euro-linked Geography competition and were very impressed with the number and quality of the children's entries. Pupils were set the challenge of researching their favourite football team's country using atlases or the internet to produce a colourful A3 information sheet. There were entries covering Scotland, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, Netherlands and Turkey with Denmark proving particularly popular.

Here are the winners with their fabulous fact sheets: Harry Barton in Year 1 took first place, Max Harrison in Year 2 came second and Libbi Brown in Year 5 took third place. A massive well done to everyone and keep an eye out on dojo to see when the winners will appear in the local newspaper.



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## Performances

Year 6 are busy preparing a performance of Heroes of Troy which links into their topic work on Ancient Greece. This will be recorded and will be sent to parents as soon as it is available. We are very lucky that Mrs Gravenor has kindly offered to film it for us. In addition to this, Year 4 will be putting on a performance of The Wizard of Oz which they hope to film in the Garden of Curiosities. Again, once this is available to view we will let you know.

## Tea Party for Great Ormond Street Hospital

In collaboration with the School Council, we have decided to hold a fundraising event, during the last week of the term, that will help the children celebrate the end of a challenging year, as well as raise funds for charity. On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding a tea party on the school field (weather permitting). The children will sit in their bubbles, at tables laid out on the field, and will enjoy an afternoon of drinks and cakes whilst listening to music and spending time talking to their friends. In order to help us make this event a success, we would appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits. On the day, children will be asked to donate a minimum of £1 to attend the tea party. This money will be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital.



## Uniform

We understand that this year has been difficult and children have not always had the correct uniform as they may have outgrown this over the school closure or towards the end of the academic year. As we are approaching the end of the year and new uniform is likely to be purchased during the summer break, we thought that it would be useful to remind everyone about our Uniform Policy, which can be found on our website. We would encourage you to remind yourself of the policy so that you are clear what the uniform is before buying new clothing and can ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform when they return to school in September - this includes appropriate footwear. Please could we also remind everyone that, if children want to have their ears pierced, the summer holiday is a good time for this to be done. Unfortunately, children who have their ears pierced during term time are unable to do PE and end up missing a significant number of lessons.

## Reading

Congratulations to Year 6 for winning the Reading Challenge for three weeks in a row this half term. Congratulations also to Year 1 and Year 2, where at least 85% of the class read at least 5 times and to Year 5, where at least 90% read at least 5 times.

Please see the results from the Reading Challenge for this half term so far.

Week	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
8/6/21	40%	88%	85%	50%	72%	90%	78%
14/6/21	40%	100%	92%	62%	72%	90%	100%
21/6/21	40%	88%	88%	57%	69%	95%	100%
28/6/21	40%	85%	92%	62%	58%	95%	100%



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### Healthy Eating

As a healthy school we would like to remind you that children should bring a healthy snack to school which should be peanut free.

### Community Board

We have only had one enquiry about being on our Community Board so I thought that I would share the information about the Community Board again, in case anyone would be interested in being part of this from September. It would be wonderful to have some parents/carers on the board. Being a member of the Community Board is not as involved as a governor role and would be likely to involve three meetings each year and some visits to special events if you are available. It would be wonderful to have some parents/carers on the board.

*Having joined the Vine Schools Trust, governance at Two Village looks slightly different. Instead of 'governors' /a 'governing body' we now a Local Schools Board, which we share with Mistley Norman and St Osyth primary schools. The Local Schools Board is made up of members who have been appointed by the Vine Schools Trust and is led by our Chair Carole Adams. In addition to the Local Schools Board, we will be introducing a Local Community Board from September which will consist of representatives from the church, parents, and members of local community based organisations. The main aim of the Community Board is to strengthen links within the community and celebrate the school's achievements, alongside sharing and discussing information about the school. If you would be interested in making an application to become a member of the Community Board or know someone in the local community who would like to be involved in working with the school, please contact the office for further details and an application form.*

Mrs Natasha Bennett  
Headteacher

### Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Last day of the Summer Term for pupils Leavers Assembly 1.45 pm – weather permitting
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	HDHS Transition Day for Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Green Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Transition Week
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	NON PUPIL DAY
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	NON PUPIL DAY