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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°19)
27th January 2023

- Strike action update: From what I have been told so far, it is unlikely that I will be able to open the school for a normal day. Nearly all of the teachers are members of the NEU and intend participating in the strike planned for the 1st February 2023. Children in the Resourced Provision (Class EW) are expected to attend school as per normal. I should be able to provide child care/some learning for all children currently receiving free-school meals, those with an EHCP and those that have involvement with Children's Services (CiN and Child Protection Plans). The BASC, school kitchen and CM Sports will be staffed as per normal. All strike action causes disruption. I can empathise with families as my own daughter has just received an email from her university stating that her lecturers will be taking 18, yes eighteen, consecutive days of strike action and it's her final year. I also understand why teachers are joining other professional groups, including ambulance paramedics, nurses, lawyers, junior doctors and railway workers, to draw attention primarily to the current economic situation the whole country is embroiled in. All strikes are disruptive by nature and I hope that this day of protest is the last.
- An excellent result for the upper's football team yesterday in the Standing Cup. Please take a moment to read Mr Barry's match report at the bottom of the newsletter.
- Thank you to all Yr6 parents and carers that joined the Google Meets session yesterday (Thursday) evening regarding preparation for the KS2 National Tests. Mr Phillips' presentation is available to view on the homepage of the website under 'Latest Information'.
- The parent and teacher meetings has been arranged for the week beginning Monday 6th February 2023 which is the week leading up to half term. The online booking system via the parent portal on the Arbor App is now open. Please note that no clubs or Yr6 booster classes will take place during this week except my Monday morning (mathematics) booster class.
- HC3S, our caterers, have updated their website. Please click here for more information on school meals.
- There will be a CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) event at Brighton Hill School, Basingstoke on Friday 3rd March 2023. Please click on the following link for further information. PACE 3rd March 2023 – CAMHS (hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk).
  This event is a fantastic resource for parents and carers to be signposted to, especially if their young person is struggling with their wellbeing. There are various workshops running throughout the day which require attendees to book onto. These are popular events so we would encourage early booking if possible.
- Please see the leaflet from Cove Methodist Church sent with this newsletter that we have been asked to share with our parents and carers.
- A few reminders:
  - Monday 30th January 2023: Yr3 Butser Farm visit in Waterlooville. Please remember to bring the items on the kit list that was sent out this week. This can also be viewed on the school's website.
  - Tuesday 31st January 2023: Deadline for the receipt of the second payment of £100 for the Yr5 Residential to Swanage taking place next year. Payment can be made online through Scopay or cash/cheque at the school office. This must be paid by Tuesday at the latest please.
  - Wednesday 1st February 2023: No MC class assembly due to the national teacher strike. Mr Cooper's assembly will be rearranged in due course.
  - Wednesday 1st February 2023: All teacher led clubs and booster classes are cancelled due to the national teacher strike.
  - Friday 10th February 2023: Yr5 Victorian Day as part of their project based learning. Children can come to school dressed as a Victorian for the day.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target. Attendance is a focus for the DfE and I will be updating you soon about changes to the way we monitor attendance.

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W/B. 23rd January 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
CJ	100.0%
MC	99.6%
LA	97.7%
MP	97.6%
EW	96.1%
EA	95.7%
ER	95.7%
AB	94.0%
YK	93.1%
DB	92.6%
KT	91.6%
SD	90.7%
NB	85.4%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate today.
  - Bobby Pitts SD
  - Teagan Barnes SD
  - Emily Wood LA
  - George Jones LA
  - Evie Newlands-Gairns DB
  - Harry Freeman DB
  - Liliya Phillips MP
  - Grace Shipton MP
  - Kai Willmott CJ
  - Zeke Passos-Ribeiro CJ
  - Subhan Aziz EW
  - David McPhee EW
  - Darcy Harris EA
  - Nicholas Henderson EA
  - Erin Turner NB
  - Lex Lovell NB
  - Lilly Dean KT
  - Zachy Kendall KT
  - Megan Field ER
  - Ethan Komaitai ER
  - Blake Dell YK
  - Lyra Devar YK
  - Tom Barfoot MC
  - Isabella Manlow MC
  - Zoey Beckford AB
  - Niamh Reilly AB

Best wishes
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Standing Cup Match Report

On Thursday 26th January the Guillemont Gunners travelled to Samuel Cody Stadium to play in the next round of the Standing Cup against a strong Tower Hill side. The team knew a victory would earn them a place in the Quarter Finals and the boys came out playing strong with this thought in their minds.

Guillemont were hot out of the gates, pressing high and winning back possession quickly. A superb passage of passing play was finished off delightedly by winger Louie Wright to give Guillemont a 1-0 lead in the opening minutes. Captain Drew Crombie played perhaps his best ever game for the green and blacks, winning pack possession with crunching tackles, delivering enticing crosses from wide areas and eventually topping off a man of the match performance with a goal of his own to give Guillemont a deserved 2-0 lead.

This lead was furthered again when defender Max Leatherbarrow found himself open from 20 yards out and delivered a stinging strike that rifled past the Tower Hill keeper, improving Guillemont's lead to 3-0 and opening Leatherbarrow's scoring account. Striker Ollie Callow held the ball up excellently, and made several key passes in the attacking third, leading to multiple Guillemont chances.

Just before half time, Tower Hill found their rhythm and strung multiple attacking passes together. A free kick was won and scored by Tower Hill, the ball just above the hands of star Guillemont keeper James Robinson. Robinson showed excellent concentration throughout the entire game and was quick off his line and accurate with his distribution, building the Guillemont attack. Half time Guillemont 3, Tower Hill 1.

After a quick team talk full of praise by Head Coach Mr Barry, the team responded well. Charlie Cooper battled ferociously in midfield, winning the ball back on multiple occasions, his clever passes and fantastic pitch vision served as the base for the team's attacks.

It didn't go all The Gunners' way however, the experienced side of Tower Hill made things tough for the defenders and it was wing-back Louis Bertoux's last ditch slide tackle followed by two blocks from the floor that kept the Tower Hill strikers frustrated. Louis' ability to read the play was vital part in Guillemont's success.

Debutant Miller Crymble came on for the second half, his link up play with team-mate and class-mate Cody Pilkington provided Guillemont with lots of attacking opportunities from wide areas.

With constant pressure going forward, it wasn't long until Guillemont added another, a fantastic piece of trickery was finished off calmly by Louie Wright to bag his brace for the game.

The scoring wasn't done there however. Linking up with Louie, Cody Pilkington latched onto a rebounded clearance and dispatched the ball home from just inside the area, his first goal for the Gunners!

Assistant manager Mrs Vaughan commented "Lots of leadership was shown by the experienced players and the whole squad worked as a team – the team's communication throughout was excellent."

The game finished 5-1 and will see Guillemont progress to the quarter finals of the cup, with the next game (and hopefully the semi-final too!) to be played at Salesian College. Well done boys! COYG!