



## Owls Class Newsletter - Term 6

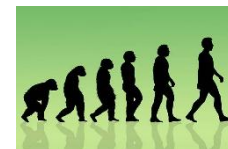
Can you believe that we are now into the final term of the school year? I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and the fantastic weather that we had. This term brings a lot of exciting events and activities for year six as they embark on their last weeks of primary school. Further details about the end of term events will come out nearer to the time but key dates are included on this newsletter.

### Our Curriculum



Our topic this term is 'All Change'. We will be finding out all about Charles Darwin and his work on evolution and inheritance, including Darwin's travels to the Galapagos Islands, which were a key factor in developing his theory. We will also find out about the amazing Galapagos Islands and some of the living things which can be found there. The class will draw upon their prior learning of volcanoes to understand some of the geographical features of the islands, located off the coast of Ecuador.

Linked to this, we will also learn about evolution and inheritance in Science. In this unit of work, children will find out more about how living things on earth have changed over time. They will be introduced to the idea that characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring and that variation in offspring over time can make animals more or less able to survive in particular environments.



In computing, pupils will be introduced to creating websites for a chosen purpose. They will identify what makes a good web page and use this information to design and evaluate their own website. Throughout the process, they will pay specific attention to copyright, fair use of media and the aesthetics of the site.

PE will continue take place on **TUESDAY** afternoons. This term, we will be outside on the field as much as possible practising for Sports Day and working on our Athletics skills. Please ensure children come into school on this day with the correct PE kit. Girls must have their hair tied back and if wearing earrings on that day, they need to be able to remove them for this lesson (a small box or pouch to keep them safe in is advisable).



### Transition Visits to Secondary Schools

This term naturally sees a lot of focus on the transition from year six to secondary school in September. We will be completing some transition activities as part of our class learning and several secondary schools have already been in to meet with pupils who will be joining them in September. By now, your child will have been invited to attend a transition day, sometimes two days, at their secondary school. For most children this will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> and /or 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. These dates are not automatically communicated to pupils' primary schools. If you have been made aware of dates when your child is expected to attend a transition day at their secondary school and it is not one or both of the dates above, could you please let us know via the school office. This helps us to avoid any clashes with in-school events.

### Year Six Events

#### **Safety in Action - Cobham Hall**

Following on from previous successful visits, our year six pupils have been invited to take part in a North Kent 'Safety in Action' interactive event, organised by Project Salus. The event will be held in the morning of Wednesday 1st July at Cobham Hall School. The event is specifically designed for Year 6 pupils to learn about some of the dangers they may face as they become more independent and prepare for transition to secondary school. Thanks to support from the PTA, there is no cost to parents for this event however we will require parents to transport their children to and from the venue. To enable parents to support each other with this, a consent form and further details will be sent out very soon.



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### **End of Year Activities/Enterprise Days**

Year 6 worked extremely hard this week on their Enterprise project and raised a fantastic amount of money (final total to be confirmed). They are now starting to think about what they would like to do for their leavers' events to mark the end of their time with us here at Higham. More details will be sent out nearer to the time. We are so grateful to everyone who supported the children with their enterprise stalls.

Our **Leavers' Assembly** will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am. We would like to invite up to 2 guests per pupil to attend.

The **Year Six BBQ** will also be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July. The BBQ will begin during the school afternoon (2:30pm) and will finish at 4:30pm.

More information and permission letters for both events will follow soon.

### **Main dates for the diary**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - Enterprise Days (including after school on Tuesday for around 30 mins)

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Class Photographs (am) and Open Classroom (after school)

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June** - PTA Colour Run in the afternoon

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - Whole School Sports Day

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Y6 Safety in Action trip (details to follow)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - most Y6/7 Transition days for schools (this may differ slightly depending on school)

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - PTA School Disco

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Y6 Parent Lunch

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** - Leavers Assembly 9.15am / Leavers BBQ 2.30 - 4.30pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July** - Last day of term (1.30pm finish)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact via the school office.

Mrs Driscoll & Mrs Turner