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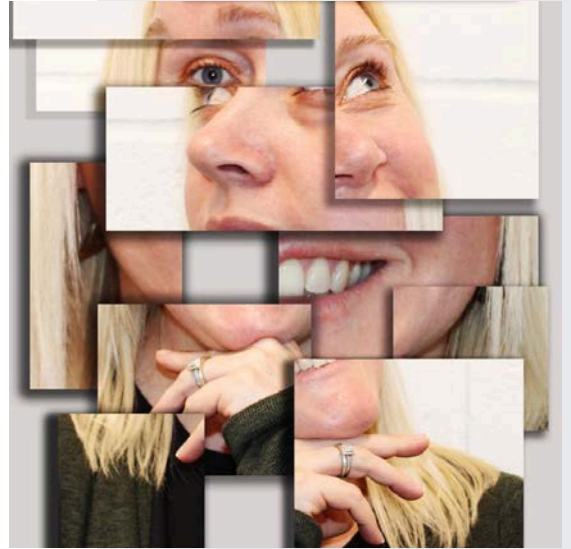
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SUBJECT FOCUS: PHOTOGRAPHY

BY MISS CALDER

The GCSE Photography students have been working incredibly hard on their exam preparation. They have been working consistently and just putting the most amount of effort in. They have displayed a mature attitude and taken it seriously. A big well done to Lee, Jess, Brandon, Elissa and Kaidan. This is a selection of some of their final ideas.





STUDENT COUNCIL: AFTERNOON TEA

BY MISS KING

Student Council have been extremely busy throughout term 5 and 6! We have continued working hard behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our Red Nose Day event including; cake sales and tag day raising a spectacular £82, thank you all staff, pupils and parents for your continued support. Later on in the term the Student Council met with our Trustees for an afternoon tea, discussing and celebrating all of our achievements in student council as well as having the opportunity to showcase some of the pupils' work.

A lovely email from one of the trustees included:

"The students were amazing hosts and I was impressed by their attention to their role and their pride in what they have achieved in their various subjects at The Rowans. It was such a pleasure to be part of the occasion, to see the principles we often discuss so clearly enacted, and to see the outcome of all that you all work so hard to achieve."

Thank you to all of our Student Council representatives for continuing to support such worthy causes and for all the ideas that you have put forward. You have all been a pleasure to work with this year!



BLOOD BROTHERS

BY MISS HORSLEY

During term 5, pupils were given the exciting opportunity to watch Blood Brothers at The Assembly Hall Theatre in Tonbridge Wells. After studying the play in great detail it was an enjoyable experience to watch it live on stage. There were a few jumpy moments which took staff and pupils by surprise and lots of laughter throughout. The pupils behaved exceptionally and were fantastic role models representing the school.



MATHS REWARD TRIP

BY MISS KING

It is that time of year again, where the Maths Team reward both KS3 and KS4 pupils for their commitment to learning in maths! This year we had the pleasure of taking a small number of pupils to Prison Island, where pupils were offered a unique blend of educational and team-building experiences.

On this trip, pupils worked together using their problem-solving skills to navigate their way through each of the rooms to get the most points. A favourite of all rooms was where pupils had to climb through giant inflatable balls in order to find buttons to press without being timed out, even if we did have to try it quite a few times before we were successful! It was questionable as to who was more competitive; staff or pupils! Experiences like these not only reinforce classroom learning but also promote critical thinking and resilience among our students. We are proud of their achievements and the positive attitude they demonstrated throughout. It was a pleasure to take all pupils on this trip and we cannot wait to see them progress even further in maths and show us just how capable they are!





GREAT LEAPS

BY MISS SKINNER

During term 5 a group of KS3 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend a Bushcraft carousel at Great Leaps. Pupils learnt all about knife safety and the law, used tools to make their own mallets and discovered how to make effective, sustainable fires.

These skills were then used to cook breakfast and relax in hammocks afterwards.

Pupils did a fabulous job of cooking everyone sausage, bacon, eggs and toast, which were all cooked to perfection.

A special mention to Brad and Freddie who came to the sessions twice and were mentors for the rest of the group and displayed our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience every week.



TERM 5 VALUES DAY!

TIER 1

BY MR KETCHER

Pupils who finished in tier one of our term 5 values chart for modelling kindness, commitment, and resilience were rewarded with a trip to Whitemills Aqua Park in Sandwich. 18 pupils and 3 staff took to the water to tackle the aqua assault course which included, slides, monkey bars and balance beams. Despite the cold-water temperatures, all of the pupils on the trip had fun, thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were a credit to the school.



TIER 2

BY MR CHEAL

On the final day of term 5, tier 2 and staff went to Mote Park to take part in different sports. All pupils participated in a very competitive game of kinball and football before sitting in the sunshine to enjoy a well-earned picnic. All pupils were very well behaved, showed great sportsmanship when playing the games and it was a great way to end the term.

TIER 3

BY MISS HORSLEY

For Tier 3 Values Day children took part in arts and craft activities where they decorated paper butterflies. These beautiful designs will be part of our new art installation which will be displayed in our reception foyer when completed. The piece will feature hand drawn designs from all pupils and we cannot wait for it to be ready for you to see over the next term.



YEAR 11 LEAVERS

BY MISS HORSLEY

It is always a sad time of year when we have to say goodbye to our year 11 pupils. However, we know that they are ready to start the next chapter of their journeys.

To celebrate pupil successes and achievements we hold an annual Celebration Assembly for pupils and their families. At this assembly, there is always an exclusive viewing of the leavers' video, which has been created for the pupils by the staff team, as well as an array of gifts and rewards. The evening was enjoyed by all and was a special moment to reminisce on the good times and have an emotional farewell!

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our year 11s good luck for the future. Take care, stay safe and work hard.



FORM KC LEAVERS TRIP

BY MISS CALDER

Everyone in Form KC had a lovely final form trip to celebrate the end of their time at The Rowans. Pupils were able to 'rage' during our visit to Rage Out in Maidstone - a great way to relieve their exam and end of year stresses! They then showed a lot of skill when we did axe-throwing, competing in a mini tournament and making some great trick shots (some intentional, some not!) Following this, we all went out to lunch and it was a lovely way to say goodbye to the group. Miss Tamlyn and I wish them all a huge amount of success in their exams - we look forward to celebrating on results day! We also wish them all the best when moving forward into their post-16 pathways.



FORM FR LEAVERS TRIP

BY MISS RAVATA

This term we said goodbye to form FR by having fun at The Immersive Gamebox at Lakeside. We split into two teams, girls vs boys (needless to say the girls won!) and played the Squid Games rounds. We were at the heart of the action in this atmospheric digital adventure that reacted to our movement and touch. We managed to survive 6 rounds and advanced through the 60-minute game, collecting rewards and climbing the leaderboard. We worked up a sweat and an appetite and then sat down for a delicious Pizza Hut lunch.



ICSEN

BY MRS BOWLEY

As the final term of the year draws to a close, we have lots to share and celebrate. Learning in term 5 focussed on staying healthy and what animals and humans need to survive. In geography, we have practised our compass and map work skills by giving and receiving directions. In Willow class, daily tuff trays have been a great addition to formal learning and have given lots of opportunities to demonstrate newly learnt skills. Some exciting examples of these have been cutting spaghetti hair for motor skills, car garages for position and direction and Numicon and cubes for exploring maths. Aspen class has seen a huge development in their resilience and commitment to learning through challenging themselves with tricky spellings and times tables.

The final term of the year has been all about Ancient Egypt and it really has been engaging and fascinating. The children have researched ancient Gods and Goddesses and the famous Egyptian pyramids in Giza. As part of the art and DT focus, we created 3D models of Egyptian Death masks using papier mache and painted them in the style of Tutankhamun's own death mask. We also created our own papyrus paper and practised writing our names in hieroglyphics. In English, the focus has been around creating fact files about all of the interesting facts discovered about Ancient Egypt over the term. The children also wrote in first person to write a diary entry imagining they were Howard Carter discovering the tomb of King Tutankhamun for the first time in history.

In term 6, the children have enjoyed lots of practical learning and experiments including planning, carrying out and evaluating how mummification works using fruit. In science, we conducted our own tooth decay experiment using egg shells to represent teeth and the impact of sugar whilst highlighting the importance of brushing our teeth. It has also been great fun joining the secondary pupils for celebration assemblies and sharing our learning and achievements with the whole school community.

We were fortunate enough to have been joined by Medway Youth for an exciting afternoon of activities. These included a silent disco, karaoke, arts and crafts and a Nerf battle. This was a firm favourite amongst the children as they particularly enjoyed targeting their teachers! It was also our first ever sports day as a school and we were excited to join the secondary pupils at Medway Park. We all wore our house t-shirts and participated in the long jump, discus, shotput and javelin. The children demonstrated all three of our core values: kindness from cheering each other on, commitment to improving at each activity and resilience for never giving up.

Mrs Bowley, Mrs Deacon, Miss Buckenham, Mr Gardner, Mrs Bentley and Mrs Brown would like to thank all of the children, parents and carers for a wonderful first year at ICSEN. We are all proud of Mark for his sporting skills and abilities and Skylar for challenging herself to engage in activities even when she doesn't feel up to it. Alfie has produced some fantastic art work and Makenzie always has a 'can do' attitude to his learning. Diondre has worked hard in phonics and is applying this to his writing and Aiden has shown resilience and perseverance in challenging learning activities. We would also like to celebrate CJ for always having a go at any challenge, Mickey for his creativity skills in making a 'stick family' and Kayden for being a kind and caring friend. It has been our pleasure getting to know all of the children and watching them grow in confidence and ability. Have a wonderful, safe and restful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back ready in September.



ICPAP

BY MR MAY

What an exciting last two terms of the year we have had! Term 5 saw the children learning all about space. They loved investigating the different planets of the solar system and even learnt a song to remember them in the correct order. The children had English, maths and foundation subject lessons each day, followed by cookery or art, or working at the Rowans, having additional intervention sessions or PE, each week. The children, really enjoyed going to Chatham Town to develop their football skills and one or two hope to be scouted into the first team soon! The class have previously gone to the Cyclopark in Gravesend to build on their cycling skills and in one case, learn how to ride a bike. All children have shown commitment and resilience, particularly keeping going on the long hill back to the finish, Mr Vincent and Miss Clarke have certainly struggled to keep up with them!

The topic for term 6 has been 'Rainforests' and the class have engaged well with all of their learning opportunities. They have used handprints and footprints to create creatures that live in the rainforest, used a range of resources to research insects and created their own based on their findings and have explored a range of fruits, examining and planting their seeds. The children loved going to Lower Ladysden Farm and picking their own strawberries and visiting The Museum of Kent Life to see a wide range of animals that live in a variety of different habitats. The class love being outside and have enjoyed learning in our outside spaces both at ICPAP and at The Rowans. In the outside space, they have made dens, explored the site and found seeds and insects that they have incorporated into their work. At Minnis Bay, the children had a great time exploring the beach and building sandcastles and were able to expel lots of energy trying to 'beat the wall' at Ninja Warrior.

Everyone at ICPAP wishes you a brilliant summer and we look forward to another fabulous academic year starting in September.





GCSE ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, TEXTILES & DT EXHIBITION

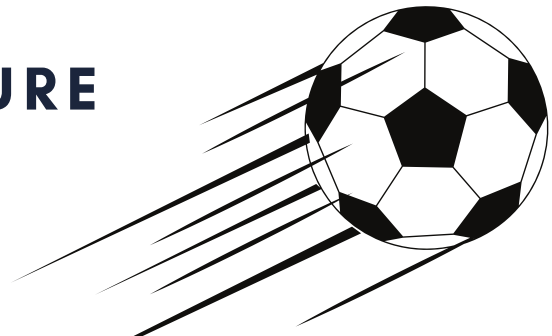
BY MISS RAVATE

On the evening of 4th June, The Rowans held their annual GCSE Art & Design, Photography, Textiles and DT exhibition. Family and friends attended to celebrate the successes of our talented pupils. There was a variety of artwork on display from paintings, fabric wall hangings, sculptures, DT products and digital installations. Everyone enjoyed the evening and it was lovely to see pupils proudly sharing and talking about their work with those in attendance. It has been a pleasure to guide pupils on their creative journeys through the GCSE courses and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who joined us at this fantastic event.



FOOTBALL FIXTURE

BY MR CHEAL



This term we had another 2 really competitive football fixtures against Inspire. The boys were backed by the amazing support from the primary pupils who were in fine voice throughout. The first game was a very close encounter with both sides scoring plenty of goals and showing sportsmanship throughout. A debut goal for Kaidan who produced an amazing header to level the scores. The highlight was an amazing come back from the Rowans who were 3-0 down after a very poor first half. However, they showed amazing resilience to pull the game back to 3-3 and could have easily won the game if it wasn't for the Inspire goalkeeper making some great saves. Inspire did manage to steal a late winner and this then led to the boys eager to make things right in the 2nd game. Final score 4-3. Man of the Match was Charlie who put in a great performance both attacking and defensively.

Before the second game the PE department spent an entire day getting the pitch match ready with Mr Ketcher finishing mowing and racking the grass at 6:30 in the evening.

The Rowans fell behind straight from kick off however goals from Brad, Jacob and Brandon put us into a commanding lead. The boys didn't let up in the second half and continued scoring more goals through Brandon and Brad. The final score 9-3. Man of the Match was Jacob for some clinical finishing in front of goal.

This term has seen a record amount of pupils take part in our school football team and we would still love to see more of you take part. If you are interested in playing then please attend training Tuesday after school.

MATHSLETICS

BY MISS HARRIS

The Rowans hosted its yearly Mathletics event where pupils across the Trust were invited to participate in 6 maths-based athletic activities. One of the events involved pupils making paper aeroplanes and ensuring they were aerodynamic enough to make it the furthest distance. Another event had pupils being blind folded and then having to stand up after exactly 42 seconds! One of the most enjoyable events had the pupils playing "Office Tennis" where they had to bounce a ping pong ball between two clipboards and then score a goal. A lot of fun was had by all and there was a healthy amount of competition between the houses! Overall though, the Gladiators came out with the victory and scored the best across all of the events. A special shout out to the primary pupils who helped score extra points for their houses!



ARCHERY

BY MRS SKINNER

Throughout term 6 four groups of pupils have had the opportunity to take part in archery sessions with Great Leaps at Buckmore Park. All pupils had never tried archery before and found that it required strength, balance persistence, patience, mental focus and coordination. Pupils worked together and showed each other lots of encouragement and advice and by the end of every session all pupils had achieved a bullseye! The year 11 group even managed to pop a balloon which was attached to their targets!!

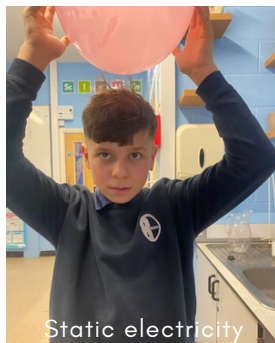
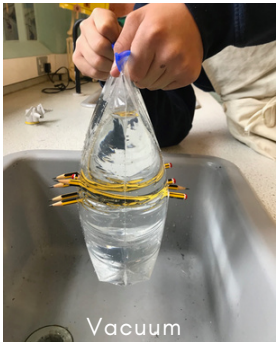


SUBJECT FOCUS: SCIENCE

BY MRS MARTIN

The science curriculum at The Rowans is enriched by the use of practicals where pupils enjoy learning by experiencing science in real life through a journey of discovery

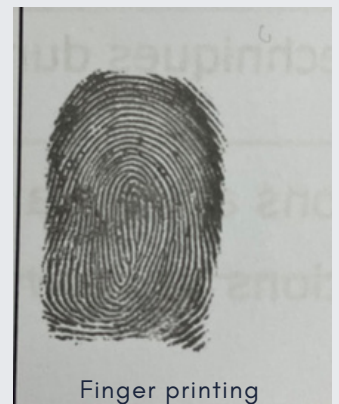
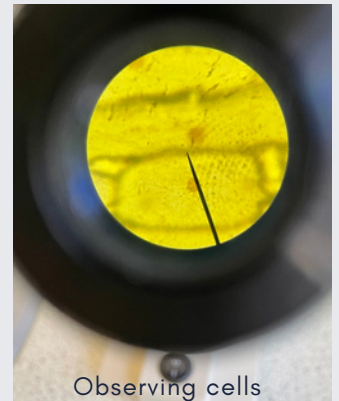
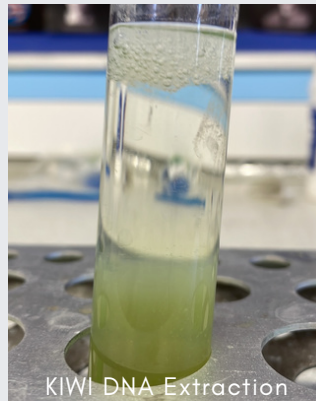
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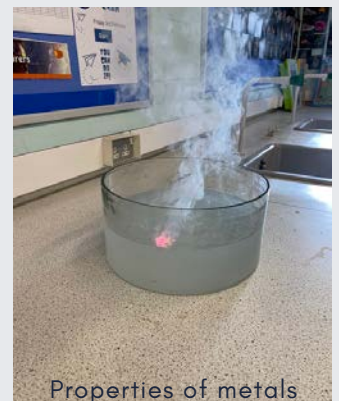
PRACTICAL SKILLS



BIOLOGY



CHEMISTRY



MEDWAY YOUTH SERVICES

On Wednesday 3rd July, we hosted Medway Youth Services, to trial their summer activity bus and dome. It took place in the school hall and a number of Medway youth staff helped to facilitate the activities.

The activities that pupils had access to were:

- Nerf battles
- Xbox
- Craft
- Silent disco
- Music studio

The pupils had a lot of fun and the karaoke especially was a big hit for everyone!



SPORTS DAY

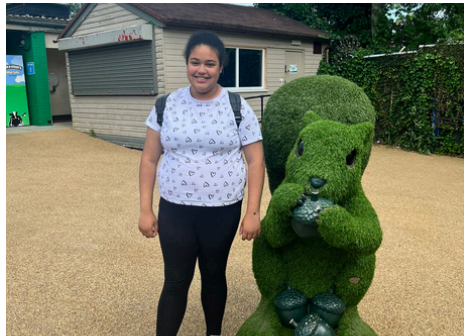
BY MR KETCHER

This year's annual Rowans Sports day took place at Medway Park on Monday 8th July. For the first time we also had pupils from ICSEN competing in their house teams alongside Rowans pupils. Throughout the day pupils took part in a range of events such as discus, javelin, long jump and the 4 x100m relay. All pupils represented their house with pride; however, Spartans were the overall winners, with Gladiators in 2nd, Warriors in 3rd and Titans in 4th. Summer won the Sports Star of the day award for her excellent commitment and determination.



ENRICHMENT WEEK

Every year the pupils' have an opportunity to explore new enrichment activities and enjoy some team building. There were lots of fun activities this year to choose from and the pupils' all represented the Rowans well.



GRIPPED LONDON



BAKE OFF

ESCAPE ROOM



WHITSTABLE

KAYAKING

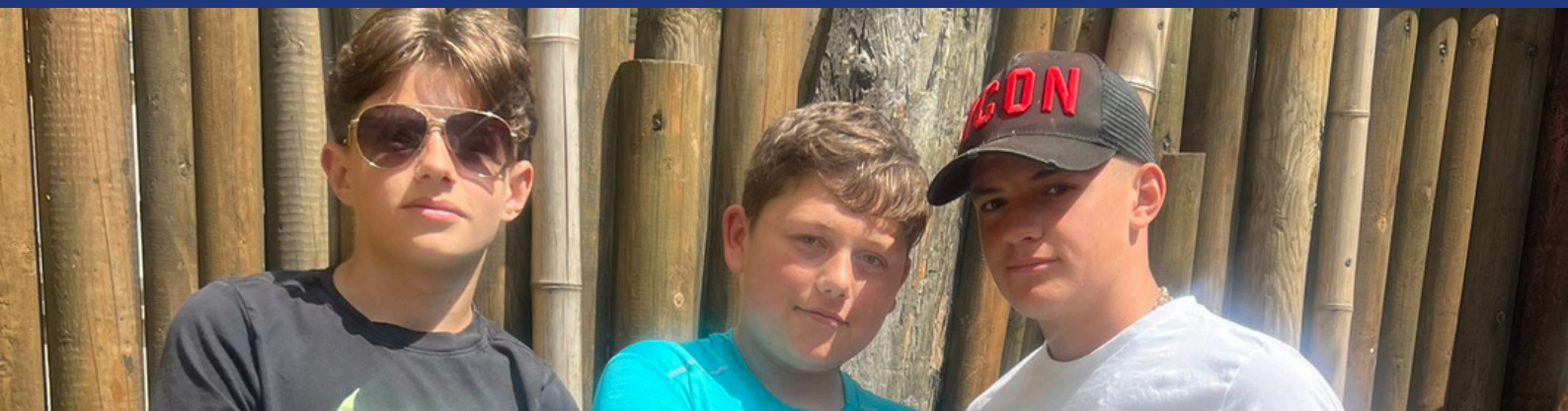


PRISON ISLAND

BIKE RIDING



BEACH AND PICNIC



ENRICHMENT WEEK

O2 CLIMB



CHESSINGTON

**EMIRATES
TOUR**



PAINTBALL



**LONDON
SIGHT-SEEING**

GO APE



**DRIVING
RANGE**



ENGINEERS

**FABRIC
STORAGE**



**DOVER
CASTLE**



**BEACH AND
PICNIC**



KENT LIFE

FINAL MESSAGE

BY MRS MAY

We have reached the end of another busy school year, it's a great time to reflect on the various successes and achievements made by so many at The Rowans, both primary and secondary. It has certainly been an actioned packed final two terms. We have had the exam period where pupils conducted themselves with maturity and positivity, demonstrating our core values of kindness, commitment and resilience, on a daily basis. We have already seen what hard work can accomplish with the amazing art, textiles, photography and DT pieces that have been produced during the final exams in these subject areas. It was a real pleasure to see all of this final work displayed at The Rowans' Exhibition, the quality of work was impressive and the talent was clear to see.



Pupils at The Rowans are fortunate to be surrounded by kind, selfless, dedicated and inspirational staff, who work tirelessly to ensure pupils are making progress academically and personally. I am grateful for their commitment and service and believe it is important to recognise the amazing work they do to support all children and young people at The Rowans. Our primary outreach team have been formally recognised at the Kent and Medway Teaching Awards 2024, with Miss Webb, Miss Gardner and Mrs Nicholson being awarded Medway Team of The Year, we are incredibly proud of them and recognise the transformational work they do, supporting primary pupils, staff and schools in Medway.

We have enjoyed our annual sports day, with primary and secondary pupils both working alongside each other, within their house teams, to earn points. It was a well-earned win for Spartans this year with many individual successes.

As we look forward to the summer break and the new academic year, we are excited about the expansion of our primary team and buildings, enabling us to support more children. We look forward to more collaborative work between primary and secondary as we share our vision 'Inspiring change for a brighter future'.



Finally, the partnership we share with parents and carers is vital so we thank you for all your support this year, it is appreciated and valued. I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Should you need support, please contact us by emailing help@therowansap.co.uk. All that remains is to wish you all a wonderful summer break, we look forward to secondary pupils returning to school, with academic induction day on Wednesday 4th September and primary pupils returning on Monday 9th September.

Mrs May