



SIX VILLAGES

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Flying high with Blue Peter badges!

Firstly, what is a Blue Peter badge? It is an award for Blue Peter viewers, given by the BBC children's television programme in recognition of an achievement. They are awarded to children aged 6 to 15.



To be awarded the Blue Peter Music badge students have to explain all about their passion for music, the musical instrument they play, or information about performances they have been involved in. This is perfect for any of our Year 7 students who are now proficient in either the violin or cornet. Well done to the students below who have already achieved this honour!



Making a pledge.

Pledges are an opportunity for students to gather evidence of the things that they do in or outside of

school and gain recognition for it. Our school values make up our 6 pledges. Once evidence has been written for each pledge students will first gain their Bronze Award before moving on to Silver and finally Gold!. For example, they may have helped with the space 180 project for 6 weeks or taken part in an inter-form event which could be evidence for their community badge. They may have hosted a bake sale for Ukraine and this could be evidence for their Kindness badge.

Miss Hull would like to say well done to the following students on completing their Bronze Pledge Award. Certificates and badges were awarded at our end of term celebrations assemblies this week!

Layla-Grace T, Mia W, George G, Josie R, Leon H, Sophie L, Hayden T, Gracie C, Shreyya P, Madison P, Sophia A, George B, Tiana E, Molly S, Finlay H, Tyler H, Hattie G, Skye C, Matthew T, Brooke S, Charlie S, Clemmie R, Keeley W, Rihanna B, Luke W, Zac H and Finnley L. Next term why don't you make a pledge and earn your Bronze Award!



This year celebrated 25 years of World Book day. Well done to all the staff and students who were involved in decorating their classroom and office doors in the theme of their favourite books! Flying the flag for the English department, Mrs Sutton's depiction of A Midsummer Night's Dream won the competition!



Special Visitors!

Last week year 9 and 10 were lucky enough to take part in a Q and A with none other than Daliso Chavonda. Daliso Chavonda is a Zambian-born Malawian stand-up comedian living in England. In 2017, he became a finalist in the variety show Britain's Got Talent, finishing third overall. In 2018 he launched a BBC Radio 4 series Daliso Chavonda: Citizen of Nowhere. He spoke about his journey from Malawi following his

aspirations of writing with his teacher positively encouraging him and reading his work, to becoming a comedian and author.



Poetry Delight!

In March, we took a group of students from Year 10 and 11 to the Brighton Dome for the 'Poetry Live!' conference. The event aimed to bring together students and the poets they study for GCSE. It was wonderful to see 20 different schools enjoying and listening to poetry. Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage, Imtiaz Dharker and John Agard were some of the poets who delighted us with their performative readings. They answered questions and had exam-related wisdom to impart. The AQA Chief Examiner also ran two sessions on how to respond to exam questions. I believe we all left Brighton a little more inspired than when we got there. Thank you, Poetry

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Sporting triumphs!

This term has seen some incredible sporting successes. First up Harley Sinclair in Y9 competed at the Sussex County Finals in Table tennis. Although he competed in the U16 competition and did not win overall, he was playing 2 years up and still won several games!



Shortly after there was another achievement for Harley—this time in Tenpin Bowling! Harley and his team participated in the South of England youth competition in Dunstable, bowling a total of 9 games each. Harley took 3rd place with his doubles partner - and he even bowled a 200+ game in this category. Harley and his team then went on to bowl in the 'Graduate Team' category - as a result, Harley ended up bowling against (and with) much older boys. He held his nerve and the team pulled together to take 1st place in this category!



In other sporting success stories, fellow year 9 student Katie O is a rising swimming star and definitely one to watch.

Record breaking!

Katie has recently participated in the Sussex Counties Swimming Championships which involves clubs from all over Sussex to determine the fastest in individual age groups in an Olympic sized swimming pool. Katie came away an array of medals including 2 Junior Championship Golds, 3 Championship Silvers and 1 Championship Bronze. Furthermore Katie's Gold medal win in the 50m Butterfly saw her break a Sussex County record that has stood since 2018. Her time has also made her eligible for selection at the British Championships held at Sheffield in April. This competition in Sheffield is essentially Katie's opportunity to gain qualifying times for Team GB commonwealth. Well done and good luck Katie!



Duke of Edinburgh Award preparations.

The Year 10 Students recently completed their practice DofE expedition braving the cold weather! Well done to all students and good luck for your upcoming assessed expedition.

So what is the D of E? It is many things, a life-changing experience, a fun time with friends as well as an opportunity to discover new interests and talents. It is a tool to develop essential skills for life and work and a recognised mark of achievement; respected by employers.

The DofE is many things to many people, supporting generations to successfully navigate adult life.

14-24 year-olds can do a DofE programme at one of three progressive levels which, when successfully completed, leads to a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.



Coming soon...

Starting on Wednesdays after the Easter holidays, the **Humanities** department will be running an art project in which students will plan and then paint/graffiti key people from History, Geography, and Philosophy and Ethics on the classroom and corridor walls. This will be open to all students in Years 7-10. Classrooms for each session will be shared each week - come and be creative!



Standing in solidarity with Ukraine.

In March, Six Villages took part in a non uniform day with proceeds raised going towards supporting Ukraine. This was a trust wide initiative and as a school we raised £655.15.



Some of our students went even further— Amy O' C and Jenna L decided to raise some extra money by running a cake sale. They managed to raise a whopping £87! Yum!