

It has been super to welcome pupils back following the Easter break this week and we hope that families had a restful, safe and enjoyable fortnight.

They have focused well on learning this week as we widen the curriculum and timetable as much as possible within continued safety restrictions.

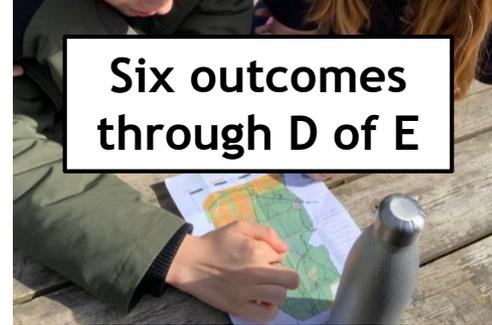
Rendlesham class led an excellent assembly for the whole school via Teams, sharing thoughts about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, an important part of our Upper School curriculum, particularly in memory of its royal patron who died last week.

We have also been finding out about the Union Jack flag as part of our theme of the week. Year 9 pupils have been given a design commission to develop our visual signs around school as part of their literacy for life skills and Acorn and Oak have been enjoying some of the activities set up for them over the Easter holiday in their outdoor area. Pupils have been gaining extra **Employability** credits for full uniform and appropriate PE kit across the school and celebrating achievements as part of our Friday Teams assembly.

See page 4 for more information about uniform.

Wishing everyone a good weekend.

Mrs Constantine, Headteacher



Six outcomes through D of E



Acorn and Oak outdoor area and mud kitchen



# DID YOU KNOW...?

The Union Flag, also known as the Union Jack, is the flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It comprises of three flags - England, Scotland, and St Patrick, (representing Ireland)

After Queen Elizabeth I of England died in 1603, King James VI of Scotland inherited the English throne and became King James I of England. It was a Union of the Crowns, but not yet of the nations. Each country still kept their own parliaments and national flags - the red St George's cross and the white St Andrew's cross.

Scottish flag



English flag



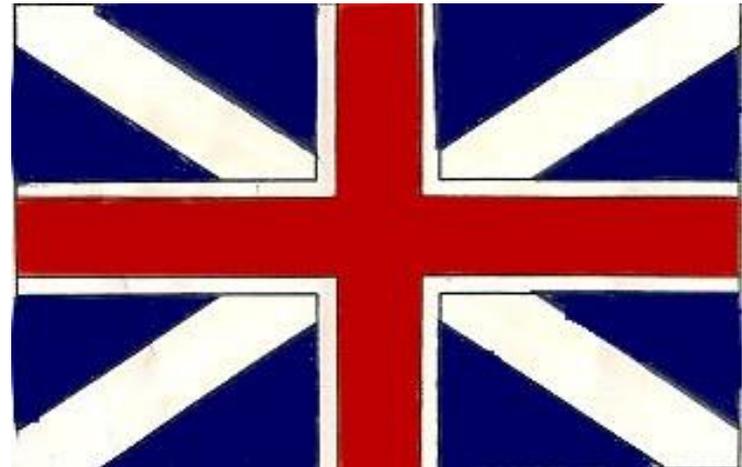
On 20 October 1604 James I proclaimed a new title for himself as 'King of Great Britain'.

On 12 April 1606, the National Flags of Scotland and England were united for use at sea, thus making the first Union 'Jack'. However, the old flags of England and Scotland continued to be used by their respective countries on land. A royal decree declared that the ships of the Kingdom of Great Britain "*shall bear on their maintops the red cross, commonly called St. George's cross, and the white cross, commonly called St. Andrew's cross.*"

[Information on the Union Flag for kids \(projectbritain.com\)](http://projectbritain.com)

The Duke of Edinburgh was...

- Son of Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg
- Married to Queen Elizabeth II for 73 years
- Great-great grandchild of Queen Victoria
- In active service in the Royal Navy throughout World War II





# KS4 PE



This week Key Stage 4 pupils have been making the most of our freshly painted Sports Field.

We have practised using the javelin, running 100 metres and passing the baton in relay races.

*Improving health, well-being and sports skills in PE*

We have also made use of the rounders pitch, having a game of rounders and softball.



Parent and Carer Communication  
Summer term 2021

# EMPLOYABILITY: Uniform



With the start of the new term, we wanted to remind you of expectations in regards to uniform at school. Whilst we understand that with classroom windows open pupils sometimes need extra layers due to Covid-19, dressing smartly and appropriately for school is an important Employability skill so we have been encouraging pupils to do this as the weather improves and we settle back into our timetable this week. We understand that it may have been difficult to source uniform as pupils have grown over the last year, but most major supermarkets now have appropriate school clothing in stock.

All pupils should arrive at school appropriately dressed, according to the school uniform policy. There is information and relevant links for uniform on our website : <https://www.kingswodehoe.com/uniform>

On P.E. days or other specific outdoor activities such as Forest School they should come dressed appropriately. If for any reason pupils cannot come in school uniform, this should be discussed with the school in advance, as the school may be able to offer an alternative. We do have some items of uniform that have been donated to the school by past pupils so please get in touch if you need help with this.

Please support us with this by reinforcing our expectations at home and helping pupils develop independence with their clothing wherever possible so they understand the importance of being well presented, keeping hoods down indoors and having the right footwear to keep safe.

We are sure you understand the importance of making sure all pupils wear the appropriate clothing in a school environment and thank you for your support with this. If you have any queries please contact the school office in the usual way.

There are some exceptional circumstances when parents or carers can apply for small grants to help with uniform costs but please be aware this has very strict criteria:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/grants-in-exceptional-circumstances>

## STAFF UPDATE

With thanks and a fond farewell to Mrs Small, HLTA, who will be taking time out after maternity leave to focus on her young family.  
Very best wishes for the future!

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Amey, LSA, who will be joining us on Monday 19 April to provide additional classroom support for pupils.



Next week, our theme will be Respect and we will continue to focus on Employability.



## DIARY DATES

Bank holiday:

Monday 3 May

Half term:

Monday 31 May -

Friday 4 June

Last day of summer

term: Tuesday 20 July

## COVID-19 testing



Click for more information

[Testing for household members link](#)

Results of Lateral Flow tests should be sent to [covid@kingswodehoe.com](mailto:covid@kingswodehoe.com)

Click below to see the 'Swiss Cheese' model which reminds us why we need to keep a number of safety measures in place at the moment...

**Covid-19: Vaccines alone will not stop Covid spreading - here's why - BBC News**

## IMPORTANT

Any Covid-19 symptoms or cases must be notified as quickly as possible- please ask to speak to Mrs Constantine or Mr Lee if you need to report anything relating to Covid-19.

Even with vaccines and testing in place, we continue to update our risk assessment in school and follow safety measures to keep staff and pupils as safe as possible.

