



# The 6 School Games Values:

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Keep going no matter what. **Determination** is about the journey you go on to push yourself and achieve your dreams. Have the mental strength and self-discipline to overcome obstacles, commit to your goals and keep working every day to become the very best you can be. Don't hold back!



Be **honest** with others and with yourself. Have the courage to do the right thing and what you know is right. Let the best person win, not the best cheat.



Giving it 100 per cent. Put your heart and soul into the game and never give up. **Passion** makes you enter the race and passion makes you finish it.



Show **respect** for the referee, for the opposition, for your team mates, for yourself and for the game. Accepting victory and defeat with grace, treating others politely and with understanding. Have respect every day, in every sport and for everyone.



You've got to believe to achieve. Have the **self-belief** and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.



Treating everyone equally, supporting each other, **team work** is about working together to have fun and achieve. Celebrate each other's success & be a positive team player.



# Schools that took part in #batonontour2016

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**Birchington CEP School**

**Bromstone Primary School**

**Chilton Academy**

**Cliftonville Primary School**

**Dame Janet Primary Academy**

**Ellington Infant School**

**Garlinge Primary School & Nursery**

**Holy Trinity and St John's CEP School**

**Holy Trinity Church of England Primary**

**Monkton CEP School**

**Newlands Primary School**

**Northdown Primary School**

**Palm Bay Primary School**

**Priory Infant School**

**Salmestone Primary School**

**St Crispin's Community Primary Infant School**

**St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School**

**St Gregory's Catholic Primary School**

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

**St Mildred's Primary Infant School**

**St Nicholas At Wade CEP School**

**St Peter-in-Thamet CEJ School**

**St Saviour's CE Junior School**

**The Foreland School**

**Ursuline College**

# School Games Organiser Summer 2015 - Determination

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On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015 the SGO Suzanne Gough set off from Canterbury bound for Umag, Croatia as part of a 7 strong team raising money for a 21 month old boy from Dover 'Malakai' who was extremely ill, and needed funds to travel back and forth from hospital in London.

## Achievements:

- Cycling 924 miles in 9 consecutive days through 7 countries,
- Cycling in temperatures that reached between 32' – 40' most afternoons (but far better than the wind and the rain she had trained in).
- Climbing 22.3 miles out of Innsbruck, Austria across the Brenner Pass (1345m) into Italy.
- Riding 130 miles in one day – my longest cycle ride by 7 miles (superseded in 2016 by a ride that 144 miles on route to Geneva).

## Determination:



At the finish in Umag

Suzanne's determination was to get up every day and start the day with as much enthusiasm as possible and to keep going no matter what. She never once got the bike even on the longest and steepest climbs (and there were some huge ones) and also despite hurting all over never letting the pain get in her way, it was all about finishing what she had set out to do.

## Personal Highlights:

1. Being the only female in a 7 strong team #thisgirlcan
2. No punctures or mechanicals on her bike!
3. The amazing mountain scenery - Austria and Italy specifically.
4. No rain!
5. Being part of such a fantastic team!
6. Riding with 5 family members: husband, two brothers and a nephew

## 2016

At the top of the Furka Pass



Suzanne took to her road bike again in June 2016 and cycled 890 miles to Geneva in 9 days through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany and into Switzerland.

Suzanne never got off the bike and kept going day in day out, and on one day, rode 144 miles making it her longest ride ever in a day! It also happened to be the hilliest stage of the challenge, an elevation gain which surpassed even the Alpine passes! Once again;

1. Suzanne was the only female in a 10 strong team #thisgirlcan
2. No bike punctures or mechanicals!
3. The amazing mountain scenery and climbing the mighty Furka & Grimsel Pass in Switzerland (a height of 2429 metres). This mountain was made famous by James Bond in the Goldfinger film.
4. Being part of such a fantastic team!
5. Riding once again with 5 family members: husband, two brothers and a nephew

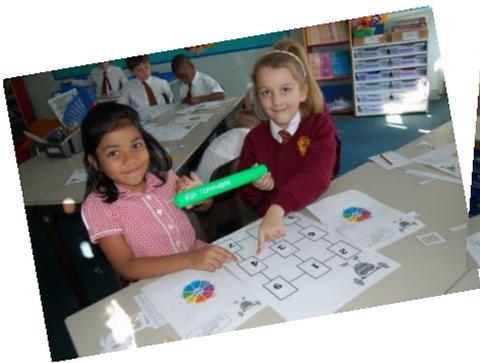
Suzanne Gough

School Games Organiser Thanet (Ursuline College)  
July 2016

# Newlands Primary T1 – Teamwork



In reception we work together to pack away and to keep our classroom tidy.



Year 3 have been working hard together to solve a mystery maths problem.



We all work hard at lunchtimes to work and play together. Markus, in year 4, has even earned himself a teamwork sticker!

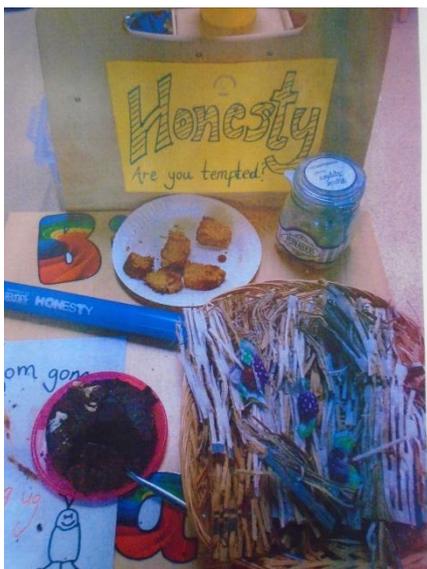


In Year 6, we work as a team to investigate in Science.

# Northdown Primary T1 – Honesty

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Reception did the following: In class we have been exploring our core values and each week we have explored a value through the use of our Big Talk table. During the week in which we explored what it meant to be honest we placed a 5 lollypops on the table fully wrapped with no explanation of where they had come from. It didn't take long before a child had unwrapped and tucked into one. This prompted a discussion about temptation and owning up to things we have done. Following on this we listened to Michael Rosen's story about Chocolate cake. The following day a whole chocolate cake with spoon appeared on the table and prompted lots of dialogue between children around temptation and about honest behaviour. One child removed the chocolate sprinkles but everyone else honestly stayed away from the cake. In reward for their honest actions at the end of the week the children all received a fresh piece of cake.



Year 5 & 6 had their Sports Day early in term 1 and they competed against each other in Houses. The challenges were in running, throwing and jumping. The Speed bounce jump challenge was the only event where you couldn't visually see a winner, so they had to demonstrate the Honesty value when counting their own teams jumps.



# St Crispins Community Infant School T1 – Determination

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At St. Crispin's we currently have 'SuperCat' who encourages children to use their own super powers in every aspect of their learning and school day. One of these powers is 'never give up' which lent itself nicely to the arrival of the Determination Baton. As the children are used to SuperCat being discussed in weekly celebration assemblies it was agreed that the Determination Baton would also be given out during the Monday morning gathering.

It was made clear that the level of determination required to be honoured with the award of the baton was above and beyond that which is generally expected of St. Crispin's pupils, however it was decided that this determination could be expressed and displayed in any number of ways towards any aspect of school life.

The baton was first awarded a few weeks into term allowing all children ample time and opportunity to stake their claim; it was encouraging to hear the conversations the baton's arrival prompted within the classroom and beyond.



Headteacher De Ellinor passed the baton to our first winner to begin its journey around school.



Upon receiving the baton the winner then had the task of becoming a determination ambassador and spending the rest of the week trying to encourage others to show similar levels of determination within their own attitude. The children enjoyed this aspect of the award and felt "really proud" to have been acknowledged in front of their peers as well as being given the grown up position of helping others with their efforts.

The winners came from a range of classes across the school and each child had a phone call home to tell parents/carers of their achievement.

As we pass the baton onto its next destination we hope the children at its new school get as much enjoyment from it as we did!

# Cliftonville Primary T1 – Respect

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## Cliftonville passing on the RESPECT baton

One of our school values is Respect and we have been lucky to have for this first term the Respect baton as part of the 'Thanets Baton Relay #batonontour 2016' . Each week in Y3 assembly we have been passing the baton to a pupil who has championed the value of respect during that week.



# Chilton Primary School T1 – Self Belief

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Chilton Primary School went to Dame Janet for a football festival and some year 6 and some year 5 took part. We got there at about 3.50pm and we practiced until the game started and year 5 with Adam as their captain and they played really well. Then they played again and won 2-1. We then played against them and won 3-0. The year 6 team with some year 5's lost 2-0 against Christchurch but we got up and had our heads high for the next game and it was our last match and we beat the other team 2-0 and all of us went home with a smile on our faces. The baton was our lucky charm as we showed good self belief!

If you read this thank you. **Written by John. F (6SB)**

In the girls football tournament all of the games started off with our striker and midfield passing the ball. Most of the games we lost by 1-0 but the last two games we managed to keep it 0-0. Chloe (one of our strikers) nearly scored two goals in the last game but unfortunately missed both of them. Our coach kept the self belief baton, which encouraged us to play on. Ashley, our goal keeper saved lots of amazing shots and didn't let us down. Also Gosia, Fearne, Jasmine, Libby and Isis played very well and helped alot. Edanur played amazingly on the last game she kneed the ball out and fell lots of times but she still got up and carried on. **Written by Edanur (6SB)**

The experience was amazing. There was parents shouting and cheering and I'm glad I didn't get distracted. At the end, that was when there was the most shouting and I'm happy that I came 18<sup>th</sup>!!! It was great to be part of the Chilton Team!! **Written by Ben M (5IB)**

Quex Park Cross Country Run 1km.

At the start of the race it was nerve wracking waiting with all my friends. I practised my running skills with my dad. We passed the baton to each other just like Usain Bolt does! When the starting gun went we charged over the line. I sped off as fast as I could and ran my best the whole way round. It was longer that I thought I was excited to see the finish line. I came 18<sup>th</sup> out of 135 runner. It was great and I love the medal!!!! **Written by Taylor. A (4LB)**

On Saturday we met at Quex Park for our first cross country race. Being in year 3 was our first time so we were a bit nervous. Taylor had the baton and Mr. Wheeler reminded us about having self belief. We had to run 1km, there were over one hundred year 3 boys. From Chilton, Toby came in first followed closely by Cameron then Ryan. The rest of us followed closely behind. It was tiring but we all enjoyed it. **Written by Lawson. B (3VJ)**



Breakfast club is great fun with adults from school. After we eat, we have a chance to play games or go on the iPads. Miss Dudley Smith taught us how to hold the baton and we played relay race games. I was cheering the runners. I think it is important to cheer people on so they have more self belief, even when they fall over. **Written by Hazel L (5IB)**

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# Priory Infant School – Self Belief

In Term 1 children had a series of assemblies on the theme of “self belief”, leading up to an inspirational day visit from Chris Cook, former Commonwealth swimmer.

Children were asked to think about things they found a challenge and had persevered at, both at home and at school.

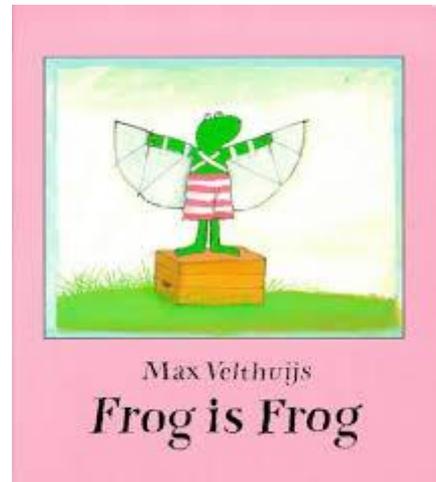
We introduced the idea of self-belief to the children as “I can do it if I try!” or.... “I can’t do it....YET!”

We read “Frog is Frog” by Max Velthuijs, where Frog gets very upset that he can’t learn to fly until all his friends remind him of the fantastic talents he has for leaping, jumping and swimming.

We talked about our own talents and how different people have different strengths.

In the next assembly children were invited to nominate themselves (or others) to come and hold the self-belief baton in assembly and talk about what they were trying hard with and wanted to achieve.

Another assembly focused on building confidence to try new things and some children talked about new clubs or activities that they have started recently and what they were challenging themselves to achieve.



Edith has just started karate club and her challenge is to try to get her next belt



Freya and Izabel both belong to the same dance school and they have the challenge of learning new dances every term for their dance shows

Henry belongs to a swimming club and he wants to achieve his level 3 certificate.



When Chris Cook visited the school and spent a day with the children he told them about his career as a world class swimmer and how hard he had to practice – he showed us the video of his race in the Commonwealth games in Sydney when he was in last place at the halfway mark but fought back to win the Gold medal in the last 100 m!



# Garlinge Primary School T2 – Team work

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At Garlinge Primary School and Nursery we chose teamwork as our value. We treat everyone equally, support each other, work together to have fun, achieve, celebrate each other's success and be a positive team player.

We achieve this in so many ways and through so many experiences as shown by our teamwork journey throughout the School.



# Chilton Primary T2 – Passion

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On Wednesday 2nd Decemer Year 6 and 5 went to a Dogeball competition and competed against twelve schools and we were divided into groups of 4 and those were the teams we competed aganist in our first game. We lost all our rounds and then we went straight back on the court and played our next three rounds. Our first round began and for two minutes it was going on and we had a draw left with me and Tom. We played 1 extra minute. It started already and Tom was already out. It came down to two v one and I was the last one left. With passion our team was cheering me on.

Bam! One person was outwith my hard solid throw. It hit him with his foot and we had 5 seconds to go. I threw the ball at the other teams stomach and 1 came off the court in disbelief that I won us the round for our team. **John year 6**

# Monkton Primary School – T2

## Determination

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I was **determined** to win for my team as I was in goal. I was **determined** not to let people get past me to score a goal. I was nervous because they rely on me. I have made an acrostic poem about being in goal for netball.

**D**EFEND – the goal

**E**NERGETIC – being full of energy

**T**RY – you're hardest

**E**NSURE – the ball does not get through

**R**EADY – all the time

**M**ARK – the players

**I**NVOLVE – everyone not just one person

**N**ET – protect the net

**E**VERYONE – in the Team is important

**D**YNAMIC – make positive moves

**By Sophie Ainsworth**

**Y5 Monkton CEP School**

# St Saviour's CE Junior School T2 - Self Belief

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In Term 2 Year 4 competed in a Sainsbury's School Games Rounders Competition. Three classes were split into A teams and B teams, with each team playing 2 games against teams from the other classes in their year . The competition was played in great spirit, whilst maintaining a competitive edge.

The "Self Belief" baton went to Robyn Davies who after struggling to hit the ball on her first couple of goes, never gave up and kept believing in herself. Such self belief went rewarded as she then went on to hit a half rounder, awarding her team vital points.

It was a great afternoon of Rounders and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part!

# Newlands Primary T3 – Passion

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Here at Newlands we are passionate about sport and taking part in local competitions.



# Salmestone Primary T3 – Self Belief

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This term at Salmestone we received the self-belief baton, Self-belief in sports relies predominantly on the athlete's ability to believe they can be successful in their efforts. Self-belief isn't always about winning but importantly challenging yourself to improve, we can show our self-belief in many ways; our behavior, our mood and the way we carry ourselves.

During the indoor P.E lessons this term we are looking at Fitness and the belief that anyone can improve if they focus and put their mind to it. We have designed a circuit exercise looking at 3 key athletic based techniques running, jumping & throwing. In the first week the children completed a set of 8 stations focusing on these techniques and each week we will focus specifically on one aspect that we are trying to improve. In the final week we completed the same circuit from the first week to see how much improvement has been made.



Salmestone entered into the Tri-golf tournament held at Ursuline College. Having previously never won the competition the children were apprehensive and believed they had the ability to win the tournament. Salmestone was one of eleven schools taking part in the tournament. There were 8 different events for the children to participate in, which focused on their ability to putt and chip the ball. The team sailed through the various events of the tournament and the belief grew with each event. I am thoroughly impressed by the amount of effort and belief displayed by the team. Well-done Team Salmestone!



One of the afterschool clubs this term was Skip2BFit which is a good initiative to show self belief, as each week the children will be working up to a final skip were they see how many skips they can complete in 2 minutes. Each week the scores will be recorded and you will be able to compare against other pupils and also try to improve your best score. At least three quarters of the pupils beat their first score and some even managed to double and even triple their first score.

THINK 2 SKIP! SKIP 2 THINK!

## SKIP<sup>2</sup>BFIT<sup>®</sup>

### CLASSROOM CHALLENGE

NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maddison	50	46				
Deanna	42	42				
Deborah	42	42				
Elham	42	42				
Maddie	42	42				
Lucy	42	42				
Ella	42	42				
Orionna	42	42				
Leyla	42	42				
Riley	42	42				
Summer	42	42				
Emilia	42	42				
Charlie	42	42				
Tilly	42	42				
Lucas	42	42				
Ellie - May	42	42				
Brandon	42	42				
ELLA	42	42				
TEOW	42	42				
WAD	42	42				

Sainsbury's BEST EFFORT! TOP BANANA! MOST IMPROVED!

# Palm Bay Primary School T3 – Respect

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Can you spot the baton in the big photo??



Being respectful is a value that is central to the lives of pupils, staff and parents at Palm Bay. It is one of our six school values, so it was important for us to show the pupils that respect goes beyond the school gates and is a key value for life.

During this week our value focus has been respect, so the dance festival provided us with an ideal opportunity to demonstrate it with our fellow competitors!



# St Ethelbert's Primary School – T3

## Determination

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The children in PE lessons, after school clubs and competitions were asked to show determination individually, in groups or whole classes.

The teachers and sports coach worked on resilience and being determined to keep on, play well whilst being down in goals etc. and trying to beat own targets.

The PE pupil council also had a hand in awarding the baton.

This is all the Year 6 Class for showing great determination in practicing their skipping for a forthcoming Skip2B Fit competition.



This is Ronan from Year 5 who found this speed bounce really difficult and he was determined to do well and he never gave up before the time ended. He then asked to do it again to beat his score.



# Holy Trinity & St Johns Primary School

## T3- All 6 values

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Year 5's used the baton during circle time and passed it round to discuss the key words. The pupils explained to the rest of the class how they have demonstrated the values of determination, honesty, Passion, respect, self-belief and team work. The pupils used examples from P.E lessons, sports day and life experiences to share their own stories. Overall, it was a very positive learning experience for the pupils as they reflected on their achievements and the importance of developing their life skills for the future.



# Bromstone Primary T3 - Honesty

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In term 3 we had the HONESTY BATON at Bromstone Primary School. We were unsure at first how to utilise this sporting attribute in our school until one of the students had a brilliant idea around the game of Dodgeball.

We love playing Dodgeball at Bromstone and we were the proud winners of the Dodgeball competition for Thanet Schools this year.

One of the children said it would be a good idea to award the baton to the most honest person playing the game during Dodgeball Club every Friday. This was very successful and all of the children were very conscious of the rules and whether they'd been hit by the ball or not!

Because of the success we found with this idea we decided to take it one step further and have an Inter-House Dodgeball competition where we awarded the Honesty Baton to a child in each year group after their tournament. The children were proud and honoured to be awarded the Honesty Baton and we saw a huge increase in the rules being adhered to from start to finish of each game.

Thank you for the opportunity; we had fun and upheld the value of honesty at the same time!

# St Peters in Thanet T3 - Team Work

St. Peter's took great pride in accepting the Spirit of the games 'teamwork' baton for term 3. We decided to target our Basketball team who had just qualified into the Kent School Games finals.

Our motto in training, in qualification and during the finals was 'teamwork'. Everything the team did was for each other. Every pass, interception, rebound and point was for the greater good of the team.

Teamwork was every where! We tweeted about it, we talked about it and even the local paper commended us for our desire to work together.

Focusing on teamwork rather than winning and losing really paid off for us as we finished the day with silver medals! Our team really worked hard for each other and had so much fun doing it too!



@SGOThanet @pas\_sport #batontour2016 in full swing. Teamwork baton is currently on its way to KSGfinals for Basketball! Let's go Thanet 🏀🏀🏀

8:03 AM - 4 Feb 2016



# Dame Janet Academy T4 - Determination

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Our **cheerleading club** went on a journey of mental strength and self-discipline in order to overcome the challenging routines faced. They had to work hard every session in order to achieve their final goal – a full routine where they had to co-operation with other members of the troop.



Our **Physical Education** lessons in year 4 were extremely challenging and we had to push ourselves to our limit in order to achieve our targets if being the best we can be. We attacked a variety of obstacles and kept on persevering no matter how tired or challenged we felt.



# St Mildred's Primary Infant T4 – Respect

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At St Mildred's we used the opportunity of having the relay baton to embed our school value of respect into all areas of our school life.

Having the baton coincided with our Inter House Infant Agility Competition.

The children talked about how they can have respect for team mates so that they could encourage each other.

One of our Reception teachers reported that...

Lola said, "You can do it" to another child in her team.

Oliver said, "Come on, just one more" to Hollie when she had knocked down 5 of 6 skittles.



Louisa Bay Class cheering and encouraging each other.

This theme continued throughout the competition and in Year 2 we thought about respect for each other and ourselves, making sure that we tried to improve on our personal best for each activity.



Botany Bay encouraging each other and improving themselves.

Finally we thought about respect for winners and being able to celebrate achievement.



Crampton Tower house captains with Inter House trophy

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# Chilton Primary Academy T4 – Team Work

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On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Ashley, Olivia, Libby, Finn, Alan and Jake from Year 5 took part in a hockey tournament at Chatham and Clarendon to represent our school.

When we arrived at Chatham and Clarendon, all of us were very nervous due to the fact we had never played as a team before. The baton reminded us to stay confident as a team.

We played 4 matches and won 1, drew 2 and lost 1. Overall, we came fifth out of 10 schools.

We really enjoyed our time playing and we hope to do it again.

Olivia and Libby



# Ellington Infant School T4 – Team Work

Ellington invited all of their children and parents to walk a mile for Sports Relief. The uptake was so fantastic that the front of the walk reached the back of the walk. This did mean that the pace was a shuffle but, very proud that the turnout was that good. This showed great team work!



Sports Relief 2016  
Sponsored mile walk  
Stacey, Kirsty, Helen and  
Chloe were collecting the  
donations from staff and  
families.



We passed the baton along the line from start to finish! Seren Nickols and Sadie Roberts holding the sports baton.



Kelvin Ni holding the  
baton.

Great team work was seen in the Foundation Stage sensory garden. Old stones needed to be removed and then the foundations dug deeper. The children told Mr Barker our caretaker that they would help. They worked tirelessly. When the old stones had all been removed the new stones needed to be collected in the wheelbarrows and the areas topped up.



This team work was shown across all three classes.

Veronika Chroma, Phoebe Alexander and Lucy Crow removing the old stones. It was really hard work but they worked together and got the job done.

5 Boys in Indigo Class produced this amazing piece of art work. They negotiated, cut, coloured and stuck showing great team work.



Ethan Francis, Morgan Wakefield, Rhys Bainbridge, Kyan Hines and Jack Howes all showed great team work.

Gym Festival – These children had to perform a variety of moves.



### Gym Festival

Leo Ottaway  
Winston Ottaway  
Amy Keeting  
Ruby Parker  
Owen Parry  
Baton Nagel

Ellington Children had a fantastic day out at Kidzania. Here they were taught about life skills and different careers. These children learnt how important team work is in these jobs.



Charlie Dunc,  
Jaden Meecham,  
Layla Howes and  
Sophie Manning  
were all on  
firefighter training.  
They now know  
that working as  
part of a team  
could save your  
life!



Jaden Meecham and a team of Ellington Children learnt about Surgeons – They learnt how important it is to work as a team in a theatre.

# Monkton primary School T5 – Passion

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My passion in sports.

On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> April I appeared in a musical theatre showcase. I sang songs and danced. I love to sing and dance and my passion is seeing the joy on the faces in the audience as I perform.

I do get nervous, on Sunday I was anxious about singing one particular song 'Castle on a cloud'. The reason why I was nervous as this was my solo spot. I was out there on my own in the spotlight.

The lights dimmed and I did a fantastic job!

My passion in my sport got me through. I did a brilliant job!

I was scared, but in the end my passion to perform and to make the audience smile helped me conquer my fear.

One of the dances I loved that I was in, was I just can't wait to be king.

Also we did a song from Annie called never fully dressed without a smile.

**Jessica Coleman Year 3 Monkton COE Primary School**

# Chilton Primary T5 – Honesty

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On the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2016 Chilton primary school went to play a match of football at Margate football club. It was fun but very emotional, we played lots of schools and we all went home with a golden medal. We tied one, lost one and won one. There will also be upcoming football tournaments with a lot more space to run around in.

The best thing about the matches is that at the end of each match we all shook hands to show respect. I carried the honesty baton to remind us of good sportsmanship.

The man of the match was Jamie, we all played very well but Jamie was really respectful and caring. We played three schools that were also as respectful.

**Written by Ethan for the Year 3/4 football on 10th May**

# Ursuline College T5 - Determination

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What would you do if you had only one arm, no help and an important parcel to send? This challenge was set by teacher Donna Steel to her Year 9 English class to teach the core value 'determination' as part of the Thanet Baton Relay.

The relay #batonontour 2016 aims to reinforce School Games values, including determination, which Ms Steel's Year 9s certainly proved they had.

They had been studying extracts from Aron Ralston's 127 hours: Between A Rock And A Hard Place, describing how he had to cut off his own arm with a pen knife in order to survive a rock climbing accident in Utah. His life changing accident was also made into the 2010 film 127 Hours.

The Year 9s had learnt how Aron now gives Inspirational seminars to students about living with one arm and still manages to go rock climbing with a special prosthetic arm.

The class were tasked with wrapping up a present, tying it with string, sticking on a label and writing a message on the label only using one hand. They then had to write up their experience in a similar style to Aron Ralston, using appropriate language features for their assessment.

Some students appeared to wrap themselves in the Sellotape rather than the parcel, mouths were used to tear, tie and tease the paper around the parcel and various body parts were used to hold down the wrapping paper, much to Ms Steel's amusement. "Apart from the grunts, groans and grimaces, it was the quietest my Year 9 class has ever been," she said.

Furious, frustrated and flummoxed describes some of the student's experiences but all were determined to finish the task.

They lived up to the School Games value about keeping going no matter what, pushing yourself to achieve your dreams, having the mental strength and self-discipline to overcome obstacles, commit to goals and to keep working every day to be the very best possible, without holding back.



Sivan has found a way to sellotape using his teeth.



Evie is tongue tied!



Josh focuses all his concentration on succeeding.



Oliver looking confused!



The winners, Amelia and Josh, showing how their determination helped them to succeed with the challenge.

### **Sitting Volleyball**

On Wednesday 25th May 15 lucky year 7 students had the opportunity to watch the Canadian National Women's Sitting Volleyball Team train at Medway park before they take part in the Paralympics in Rio 2016.

The aim of sitting volleyball is to hit a ball over a net and land it within the opposition's court. Teams have three passes, to form an attacking play, before the ball has to go over the net.

#### A Introduction to sitting volleyball

Sitting Volleyball requires players to maintain contact between their pelvis and the floor at all times. The sport features a smaller court (10 metres by six metres) and a lower net compared to its Olympic counterpart. The net height internationally is 1.15m (men) and 1.05m (women). As a result, Sitting Volleyball is faster than the Olympic indoor game. Another change from Olympic rules is that blocking of the serve is allowed.

Each team is allowed to feature six players on court.

The first team to 25 points wins a set, but they must win by two clear points. The first team to win three sets is the winner. A maximum of five sets are played. If a match goes to a deciding fifth set, the first team to 15 points and with a two-point advantage wins.

#### Team Canada show 'Determination' in abundance

On arrival to Medway Park students took their seats to watch the women train, a truly inspirational experience to see these athletes perform at this level despite their obvious physical impairment. Most of these athletes were amputees as a result of trauma and have had to overcome both physical and emotional challenges showing a huge amount of 'Determination' in their quest for Olympic glory.

Students had the opportunity to act as line judges and retrieve the smashed volleyballs to the coaches and had the opportunity to try the sport for themselves and realised it wasn't easy!!

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Towards the end of the session the students met with the team and had the chance to ask them questions, take selfies, get autographs and have a team photo with the 'Determination' Baton.

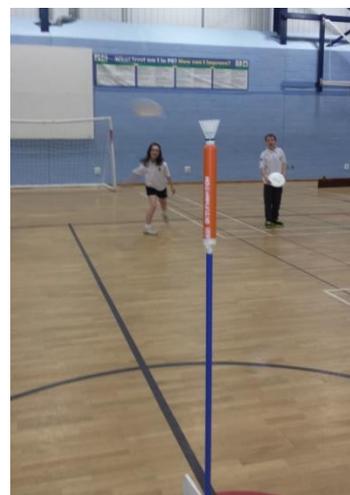


During a year 8 PE lesson the Relay Baton was used to support a shuttle cock which was balanced on the top.

Students stood in a circle each holding a Frisbee .

Students were set the challenge to try and knock the shuttle cock off by throwing their Frisbee .

Three students were successful in this task after many efforts and a great deal of 'Determination'





Sixth form students show 'Determination'  
Mrs Close delivered an assembly to sixth form students highlighting the importance of determination.

The students heard about inspirational athletics that showed the core value of Determination. Eric Moussambani the Equatorial Guinea Swimmer who had only taken up swimming months before the 2000 summer games. Even though he

finished last his determination wowed fans all over the world.

Dan Jansen finally won gold after 10 years of trying showing true determination.

Jesse Owens wasn't 'supposed' to win. He showed determination to win four gold medals.

The Jamaican Bobsleigh team.

Derek Redmond a British runner tore his hamstring halfway through his 400m race. Redmond refused to give up and finished the race despite his intense pain with the help of his father.

With these inspirational stories and evidence that all these athletes showed determination, students were given the task to pass the relay baton from one end to the other without using their hands. The students showed great teamwork and didn't give up until they completed the task showing great 'Determination'



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# Birchington T5 - All 6

Year 4 children spent an afternoon during a PE lesson linking the values to their activities. After the PE lesson, they worked alongside a small group of Year 6 children to create a display which is now on show in the hall space to be referred to during future PE lessons.

In groups, children were given a value and together then defined the word, wrote about how they have shown that value, thought about different sports men and women and drew pictures.



# Holy Trinity T5 – Respect

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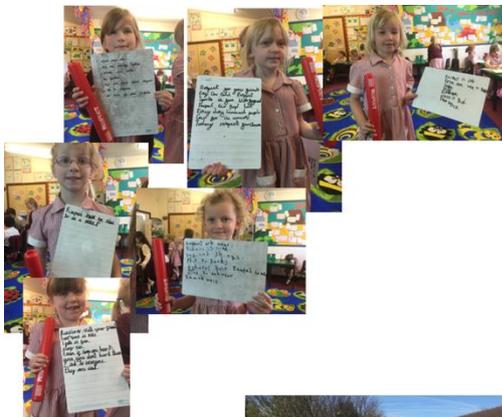
We used the Respect Baton in Ramsgate Holy Trinity School to help us understand how respect in sport and PE can be matched with respect for one another in our everyday lives.

**Year 4** used the respect baton during their Kent Cricket Day. They learned about fair play and respecting opponents when we win and lose. They learned about respecting the different abilities of those on our team and how we can use those strengths and weaknesses to work better as a team.



**Year 4** took their learning back to the classroom and used the respect baton to debate what respect means to them.

**Year 1** Talked about what respect means. They wrote poems about respect. The children shared their ideas with each other.



**Year 6** – Used the respect baton to practice for sports day – considering how respect can help them to respect the health of their bodies and environment.



# St Nicholas at Wade T5 – Team Work

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Here at St. Nicholas at Wade our assemblies during term 5 were all based on teamwork. Children heard stories and played games around this theme. They learned about Jesus' team of disciples and the different strengths they all had that made the team strong. Children learned that a team is all about the sum of the parts all working together, both in sport and in other areas of life and that each job is as important as the other. The baton was displayed on our collective worship board to remind us all of the theme.

# St Gregory's RC School T6 – Determination

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St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Margate, were lucky enough to be given the 'Determination' Baton for Term 6, to demonstrate how St Gregory's children show and display this school games value within their PE and Sport.

At the start of term 6 in the lead up to the 1st Kent Catholic School's Partnership Sports Day, 16 St Gregory's children were chosen to attend a weekly afterschool club. This was to prepare them for the competition where they would be competing against 15 other strong catholic primary schools within Kent at the Julie Rose Athletics Stadium, Ashford.

At the club the children worked really hard at the specific individual events they had been chosen for, so they would feel physically and mentally prepared for the big day. For some, they were very new to the events they had been chosen for, but through sheer hard work and determination this allowed for them to be successful both in practice and in competition.

The 16 children selected were placed into 2 teams, a lower key stage 2 team and an upper key stage 2 team and both team's final event at the competition would be to run a relay race as a team of 8. This is where the 'Determination' relay baton really came into fruition, as the children were able to use this throughout their practices and be reminded of what it stood for. During training, the baton got dropped a few times, didn't get handed over smoothly and even got thrown to the next runner, but this didn't phase anyone. The children showed lots of determination and resilience as they worked harder and harder with a positive growth mind set. They knew they would improve with practice....

When the children arrived for the Partnership Sports Day, they were confident and ready for competition. On the coach over, the baton was passed around the team bus and whilst the children waited in anticipation they dreamt of winning the partnership cup.

The baton couldn't have worked any better as the children were allowed to use it for all 4 relay races in which the year 3 and 4's came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of 15 schools and more importantly the baton didn't get dropped once!! The practice had paid off... The final race for St Gregory's was the Year 5 and 6 race which turned out to be the closest race of the day. The look of determination on all 8 children's faces whilst running around the track was a picture to watch and it really came down the wire.

As the baton was handed over for the final time and Charlie, St Gregory's Super Sprinter received it 5 yards away from the leading school runner, the gold medal looked out of reach, but he just put his head down and went for it any way. As he closed the gap more and more it didn't look as though there was enough track left for him to catch the leader before the finish line but astonishingly his final stride took him to a photo finish placement (photo attached). It looked as though it was a tie, but amazingly St Gregory's had won a nail biting photo finish finale. Somehow Charlie was not only able to catch the leader, but in his final few strides, was able to get his foot and upper torso just past the finish line first. This was pivotal to the Year 5 and 6 children being crowned as winners of the race but more importantly Champions of the Catholic School Partnership Sports Day. The children had done it! All that practice and determination had worked and the baton was now recognised as our 'lucky charm'. The children and school were ecstatic and so proud. A dream of the children had been fulfilled. What a day and what a way to sign off the year with the school games baton!



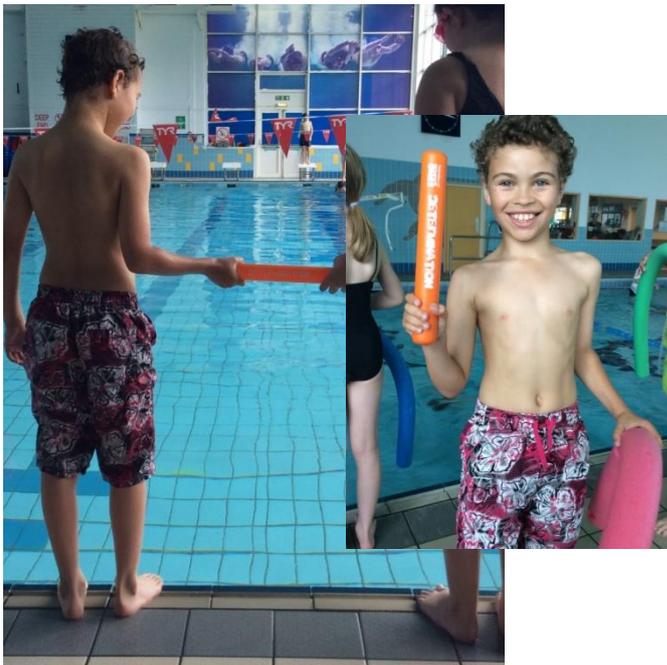
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Another area where St Gregory's have used the Baton is during swimming where those children recognised as being weaker swimmers and not able to swim 25 metres in Year 4 and 5 were selected to attend weekly lessons in the hope to raise their confidence for the last term.

The baton was incorporated and introduced within their lessons being used as a target for the children to aim for and swim to in the pool. Each week the baton was thrown further and the children showed great determination in reaching the baton which had once been out of reach within their first few lessons.

Some children even used it to hold together whilst they jumped into the bigger pool allowing them to jump in together by having a hand each on it as they jumped with determination and through gritted teeth. (photos attached)

Younger children within class asked to have their photo with the baton as a celebration of the Year 5 and 6's success alongside the trophy and my class children all had a photo with the baton which will be displayed in their classroom at the start of the new academic year. To be given the 'Determination' school games baton was a real privilege for the school and they responded very positively to it being used throughout Term 6 during PE and Sport in the school.



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School T6 - Self belief

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St Josephs had their annual sports week. In this week the children were offered many opportunities from sports clubs and schools in Thanet. Furthermore they split each class into 6 nations as part of an Olympic themed year. The Countries were:

1. Great Britain
2. Ghana
3. India
4. Brazil
5. Canada
6. Australia

Throughout the week the children were given a chance to: Archery, rugby, American football, squash and inflatable football.

The children were given slots during the week to compete against the other countries for the National Sports Week cup. Some of the events included: Obstacle course, javelin, dodgeball, speed bounce, skipping, bean bag throwing, standing long jump, shot put, races, howler throws and discus. All of these team activities were based on particular sports value: self-belief.

At St Joseph's we believe that self-belief is very important part of sport. A big part of activities is individual goals and achievements. The baton was used to inspire children to persevere in what they do.



# The Foreland School T6 – All 6

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The baton was passed around by a pupil from the class and everyone within the junior department had an opportunity to hold the baton. Alongside the letter was read aloud to let them know what it was representing. Finley - the little boy on his own, kept saying 'England win'.



Pupils from the junior department seemed to enjoy the participation of the baton passing.

The second photo is of Lucy from the PMLD class, and as you can see, she is smiling away.



Finally there is a photo of Abigail passing the baton to Michael, which was in a really appropriate setting, as they were just about to do PE and they were practicing relays - which was really good and this is a very natural, un-posed photo



# Chilton Primary School T6 – Passion

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Chilton Primary School showed keen interest to take ownership of a Thanet relay baton and were lucky enough to be given one for every term of the academic year 2015-16. For the first few terms, we were given the choice of which value to focus on, and so we left it to our Sports Crew to nominate one.

After discussion, the children decided on 'Passion'. Our Sports Coach introduced the baton early during an assembly and thereafter the children were familiar with it during competitions. We used it as a visual reminder of the 'Chilton Way' so that children knew that they were representing the school.

Again, our Sports Crew stepped in and used it as a way to motivate children during a Tri Golf competition to spur enthusiasm despite going behind early on. For the Year Two football festival at Margate FC, the Sports leader rallied the children around, each one being able to hold the baton. They used it as a reminder to thank the referee, organiser of the competition and peers they played against.

Towards the end of the year and due to prior successes, Chilton submitted their interest in the baton again. This time, our School Games Organiser informed us that we were lucky enough to have a baton again and we were designated the 'Honesty' baton. Here, we used the baton during a Key Stage Two Euros-style football competition, which involved 128 children, organised by our Sports Coach and led by Play Leaders. The baton reminded children that, whatever the score may be, they should tell the truth about whether there were goals or not. The children were great at shaking hands at the end of the games!

Although I was unsure of the benefits of accommodating a Thanet baton at first, I was overwhelmed by the children's positive responses to it. It certainly encouraged the children to work as a team; to keep going no matter what and, most importantly, have fun with sport.



# Thank you!

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Suzanne would like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff at the schools that took part in the Thanet Baton Relay across 2015 – 16!

Keep the School Games values alive in Thanet!

When working with your school teams to take part in the competitions, please help them to think through the School Games values, and put them into practice in all aspects of the competition. Of course winning may be important but what's more important is that ALL students have a positive and rewarding experience in and through sport and learn some important life skills rather than just winning every competition.

Competition creates the perfect context for young people to explore personal values and conduct, as through it they can not only learn how to handle victory and defeat, but also how to put themselves to the test, how to respect our opponents and how to work with their team mates to achieve success. All of this will translate into everyday life and work.

As teachers & staff you have a massive role to play in ensuring that we use the School Games values to underpin all competition in Thanet. You should help young people to understand the values, by communicating them at all times, involve young people in championing the cause to bring the 'Spirit of the Games' to life across Thanet, and teach them each of the values through each aspect of the competition, remembering that teachers are role models! What you do and how you do it, has a lasting impact on the young people!



Keep going no matter what. **Determination** is about the journey you go on to push yourself and achieve your dreams. Have the mental strength and self-discipline to overcome obstacles, commit to your goals and keep working every day to become the very best you can be. Don't hold back!



Be **honest** with others and with yourself. Have the courage to do the right thing and what you know is right. Let the best person win, not the best cheat!



Giving it 100 per cent. Put your heart and soul into the game and never give up. **Passion** makes you enter the race and passion makes you finish it.



Show **respect** for the referee, for the opposition, for your team mates, for yourself and for the game. Accepting victory and defeat with grace, treating others politely and with understanding. Have respect every day, in every sport and for everyone.



You've got to believe to achieve. Have the **self-belief** and confidence to succeed and reach your personal best.



Treating everyone equally, supporting each other, **team work** is about working together to have fun and achieve. Celebrate each other's success and be a positive team player.

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