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School**

Thank you once again for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. I hope that you will find its contents useful.

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Dear Parents/Carers

The highlight of our week has been the annual International Food Evening. Read all about it and see the pictures on p.3!!

SATs Workshop for Year 2 Parents/Carers

On Tuesday, Stephanie and Ashlie hosted a SATs workshop in the Lodge for parents/carers of Year 2 children. They explained the process of testing the children in reading, writing, speaking and maths and gave them tips and advice about how to help prepare the children at home to build effectively on the work they are doing at school. Handouts were given to those present and these are also being sent home with the children.

'How to read effectively with your child' Workshop

On Wednesday Emma ran a workshop for parents/carers of Year 1/2 children to give them information about how best to help their children with reading skills. There were lots of resources in different languages and information will again be sent home with the children.

It was fantastic to see lots of parents at the Year 1/2 workshops last week and this week. Emma said: 'Parents were already knowledgeable about reading with their children, but loved the idea of using read-aloud stories on internet websites'.

Donation

Thank you so much to Steve (our site manager) who has kindly donated the money to buy a new deluxe guinea pig hutch for the nursery so that the guinea pigs are as comfortable as possible, with plenty of space to eat, play and sleep.

Missing Mobile Phone

If anyone has found a Black Samsung mobile phone that went missing during our International Food Evening, please hand it in to the office. It belongs to one of our children.

Holidays

Please remember that trips/holidays abroad during term time cannot be authorised and may be referred to the Education Welfare Service.

Cooking with Justine

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Justine back to school. Every Tuesday this term she will be taking two alternating groups of children from Orange Class for cookery lessons. Both groups made chocolate chip cookies during their first lesson and in the next two lessons they will make homemade pizzas and cupcakes.

The idea is to get the children excited by learning about food, where various ingredients come from, handling and cooking different ingredients and trying new flavours and foods. In addition, they are learning a variety of different skills, including weighing, chopping, mixing, following recipes and safety rules in the kitchen, as well as tidying away and washing up.

The children will take home the recipe they make each week and it would be great if they could practise making these recipes at home too as this will consolidate what they are learning at school and help them to become even more skilled and confident handling and cooking food. The children said, 'it was great fun and we learned a lot today about cooking'. They were greatly surprised to discover that a tomato is actually a fruit, not a vegetable because it has seeds! Can you think of anything else that we usually think of as a vegetable that is actually a fruit?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 3/4 Curriculum Evening
Monday 27th April 3.30-4.30pm

Bank Holiday (school closed)
Monday 4th May 2015

Polling Day (school closed)
Thursday 7th May 2015

KS2 SATs
Mon 11th-Fri 15th May 2015

Half Term
Mon 25th -Fri 29th May 2015

KS1 SATs
Mon 1st-Fri 5th June 2015

Assessment Week
Mon 1st-Fri 5th June 2015

Thorpe Park (Year 6)
Wed 3rd June 2015

Year 5/6 School Journey
Mon 8th-Fri 12th June 2015

Sports Day
Tues 9th June

KS1 Phonics Screening
Mon 15th-Fri 19th June

Year 5/6 Prom
Wed 17th June

P4C QUESTION

Discuss this question at home, sharing your thoughts and ideas:

Do we choose who to love?

BEST OF THE OSCARS

The proud winners of an Oscar this week are:

Xayanna (Nursery)
for outstanding reading
Shannay and Hosna (Orange)
for being amazing reading helpers



Last week's best classes for attendance and punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most improved Attendance	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Silver	Silver	Lilac, Crimson and Gold
KS2	Brown	All under 95%	Brown and Blue

Incredibly Amazing Facts

- The amount of water that evaporates in twenty-four hours from a large oak or beech tree can be anything from ten to twenty-five gallons.
- Butterflies taste with their hind feet. This is because their taste sensation works via their sense of touch, which allows them to determine whether a leaf is edible.

Year 1/2 Trip to Highgate Wood

As part of Year 1/2's learning for their Marvellous Minibeasts topic, they went on a minibeast hunt in Highgate Wood last Friday.

It was a gorgeous day—the sun was shining, the sky was blue and it was lovely and warm. The children were hugely excited to travel to Highgate Wood by 43 bus and in the wood they loved turning over logs and stones in search of little creatures. They had special containers that they could use to scoop the minibeasts up and then close the lid, which was actually a magnifying glass, so that they could see what they had caught in greater and sharper detail. Among the minibeasts they found were spiders, woodlice, worms, maggots, flies, dragonflies and centipedes, which were all safely released after examination! The group enjoyed their picnic lunch in a sunny field where they also played games. Then, to round of a wonderful day, they played in the adventure playground, which was great fun for everyone. Ashlie even had a go on the zip wire, but we have no photo to prove it!! Many thanks to Stephanie, Ashlie, Kate, Angela, Louise, Taya and all the parents/helpers who joined the three classes for this very special day out. The teachers also want to say well done to the children who behaved in an exemplary manner both while travelling and at Highgate Wood.



International Food Evening

Everyone had the most wonderful evening on Wednesday at our annual International Food Evening. The Bottom Hall was buzzing with conversation and laughter as everyone enjoyed the amazing array of food.

Huge thanks to:

- Emma for her fantastic organisation skills
- The PTA for their huge input to the event
- Everyone who brought along food dishes to share
- The staff and children for making food on the day
- Those who helped set up and run the event
- All our families, friends and staff who joined us to enjoy the feast, and
- Everyone who stayed to clear up afterwards.

The generosity and efforts of all those who contributed to this amazing event are greatly appreciated and it was just fantastic to see all those who came along relaxed and enjoying themselves.



SPORTS NEWS



Futurezone Football League

The good news is that we are still 14 points clear at the top of the table with 9 matches left to go. It's going to be hard, but Tay says there is great talent in the team and we have a good chance of lifting the trophy again this year!! Come on Pakeman!



PE Lessons

After a great half-term before Easter of orienteering in PE lessons, this half-term the topic is athletics. The first sport is running and the children have been practising techniques, including starting and finishing effectively, optimal positioning of arms and head, correct breathing and how to pace themselves during races.

Table Tennis Club

We have a fantastic T3 table tennis table and we would really like to expand our table tennis club, which Tay runs every Thursday after school for children in Years 4-6.

If you would like your child to have a place in this club, which is great for fitness, and improves both speed and hand-eye coordination, please contact Layla in the office.



Young Leaders

We are very proud of our Young Leaders who are doing an exceptional job in all the different roles they are filling—as playground leaders, stair monitors, dinner hall leaders, library monitors, French leaders, PE leaders and lunchtime club leaders.

Here is one of our young leaders, Tia, who is a highly effective playground leader. She is always helpful to her peers and makes sure that they follow the playground rules and play happily together. In addition, she is responsive to needs, whether it is a member of staff asking her to help with something or assisting children with games.

