

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

This week we have been really pleased to welcome so many of you into school. It has been really great that so many of you joined us in our learning through the two maths cafes and our bedtime stories reading evening. The feedback you have given us has been very encouraging and we would just like to thank you all again for your support.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been CHALLENGING OURSELVES. Those of you who joined us for the maths cafes this week saw just how challenging the new curriculum is for learners and joined in with the children in their hard, harder and hardest work. Our pupils of the week for challenging themselves are Alex in Oaks class, Ruby in Hawthorn class, Jake in Rowan class, Thomas in Chestnut class and Ross in Silver Birch class. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be RESILIENCE THROUGH HARD WORK as we work as hard as we can to excel.

School Council

The School Council have been talking to their peers about ways of fund raising to purchase items for the classroom, requested by the children. They have decided to hold a table top sale on Saturday 12th December, between 9am and 12 noon. Doors will be open at 8.30am for stall holders to set up. Large tables are £7 each and classroom tables £4 each, payable when booking your space please. Spaces can be booked through Mrs Elias in the school office and tables will be on a first come first served basis due to space.

Wanted

Wanted: Persuasive parents and other talented family members. Would you be willing to join with one or two others to seek sponsorship from various organisations to raise the funds to implement an exciting and progressive science and computing curriculum? We have the basics but would love to take the children's learning to a new level through the use of even more engaging resources. Please see Mrs Elias or Mrs Atherton for further information about how you could support us in this.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure so far is 96.9%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The classes with the best attendance this week was Silver Birch with 99%. Attendance improved in two classes this week.

Junior Road Safety Officers

The JRSOs have been working with PC Maples this week, using the speed gun to check how fast cars have been travelling through the village. They have also taken an assembly and all of the children have learnt a new song about road safety, written by Mrs O'Dwyer.

Reminders

We would like to remind everyone that nobody should be on the grassed area outside the front of the building before or after school. Parents should wait on the hard playground area with your children until the bell rings at 8.45am and the children line up to come in to school. It would

be helpful if the children could be reminded that they are not supposed to be under the trees or on the grass. This will help us preserve our surroundings, keeping them neat and tidy.

In the Community

Finley has received a certificate and badge for swimming 50m in the Rainbow swimming scheme. Well done Finley, we are proud of how hard you have worked.

Maths Cafés

It was lovely to see so many of you in school this week joining in with our maths and exploring the new methods the children are using in their calculations. If you didn't manage to attend and would like a copy of the calculation policy so you are able to help when homework is challenging, it can be found on our website or a copy can be obtained via your child's class teacher. Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback, we will be holding more learning cafes next term. There will be a Phonics café and Grammar café after Christmas and we hope you will be able to join us on our learning journey and quest for excellence.

Bedtime Stories

We had a lovely time on Thursday evening with hot chocolate and bedtime stories. Teachers will read some very unusual and entertaining stories in their classrooms and several teddies also came to join in the fun. It was lovely to see all of the children so engaged in listening to the stories. There will be another story telling session next term. Keep an eye on the newsletter for diary dates.

Twitter Account

We have a new twitter account, if you are a twitter user and would like to follow us. Mrs O'Dwyer has been busy tweeting about our hugely successful Parliament week. Find us at @ColdfairGreen

Dates for your Diary

- Week beginning 23.11.15 Road Safety Week
- 23.11.15 Key Stage One Problem Solving Maths Café
- 26.11.15 5pm Bedtime Stories
- 27.11.15 Key Stage Two Calculation Maths Café
- 02.12.15 Violin Recital to parents of Violinists 3.15pm
- 04.12.15 Non Uniform Day - Bring an item for the Christmas Hampers
- 07.12.15 School Council to judge the Christmas Baubles Competition
- 09.12.15 Christmas Fayre 2-5pm Classes running stalls
- 10.12.15 Choir Singing at local Nursing Homes
- 12.12.15 Table Top Sale
- 14.12.15 Choir Singing outside Solar Supermarket in Leiston @ 4pm
- 11.12.15 Years 3,4,5 to Ipswich Museum Egyptian Collection
- 11.12.15 Years 1 and 2 Flu immunisation
- 15.12.15 Little Blue Star Nativity Play Reception and KS1 Children 2pm and 6pm
- 16.12.15 Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.15 Singing around the Christmas Tree in Mill Hill 6pm
- 17.12.15 The Meaning of Christmas - Christmas Service
- 17.12.15 Christmas Disco Reception and KS1 4-5.30pm and KS2 6-7.30pm
- 18.12.15 End of Term (Last day)

There are three weeks to go and a lot to pack in to the rest of this term. Please do keep your eye on the newsletter and the website, which we are currently redesigning, to ensure you don't miss anything.

Mrs Amanda Fewkes