

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

Have we only really been back for just over a week? Lots of things are planned for the term and details of educational visits and events to support the curriculum will follow shortly, once details are finalised. We want to make learning irresistible for the children, to develop their natural curiosity and inspire and excite them about the curriculum we are teaching. We plan to do this by offering them both local and national 'must have' experiences and teach them the values that will enable them to lead happy fulfilled lives beyond school. We value our relationships with our parents and hope you will continue to engage with us and support the work of the school and look forward to working with you closely this year.

Stars of the Week

This week we have been focussing on our CONFIDENCE. Children have considered how they can become more self-confident in their learning and how this will enable them to make better progress. We have been working hard to become more confident learners.

Our pupils of the week for confidence are : All of Oak class; Ollie in Hawthorn class; Chelsy in Rowan class; Cameron in Chestnut class and Fin in Silver Birch class. It has been good to observe children trying hard to believe in themselves and rising to the challenges we have been setting them in their learning. Next week's value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be DEMOCRACY. The school council will be working with all of the children in their classes to consider the curriculum and what the children would like to be learning about, recognising that children's achievement is high when they are excited and motivated by the topics they are studying.

The School Council

Our new School Council members for this half term are: Oak class - Molly and Albert; Hawthorn class - Emily and Bobby; Rowan class - Lexi and Chester; Chestnut class - Bethany and Huxley and in Silver Birch class - Holly and Sam. The children were voted in by the rest of their class and will act as the voice of the class, feeding back to the staff via school council meetings each week. We have decided to re-elect the school council each half term to provide an opportunity for more children to be involved in school decision making. Mrs Tibbenham is looking forward to working with the school council, whose first meeting is next week.

Attendance

The majority of the children earned their first raffle ticket last week for the attendance draw. We will be awarding 100% attendance each week with a raffle ticket, which will be entered into a draw each half term to win prizes for school attendance. We are also continuing our "Attendance Race".

The classes with the best attendance this week were Chestnut and Hawthorn, both with 100%. . Our whole school attendance figure so far is 94.2%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can. As a Headteacher colleague said on Good Morning Television on Tuesday morning, "If we want our children to receive an outstanding education we need to ensure they are in school to receive it!" There have been a number of lates

this week. We are unable to authorise children arriving late. Registers close at 9am. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.40am to line up with their class and go in to school.

In the Community

Several children have been involved in events in the community over the summer holidays and in the past week. Amelia and Bethany both achieved a distinction in Modern Theatre Dance at Level One and Holly, Amelia, Nicole, Heather and Bethany all took part in the Riverside 100 Celebration as part of the Coral Stebbings School of Theatre Dance. Bethany also took part in Waveney Gymnastics Club Future Stars 3 Competition and was awarded a silver medal. Well done to all of you!

A number of children are taking part in community projects this term. The English National Touring Opera have invited some of our children to join them in performing as part of the Jubilee Opera. Rehearsals have started for 'The Drummer Boy of Waterloo'; children are preparing for the Suffolk Festival and others have begun to prepare for the Bright Sparks Pantomime in Leiston. It is going to be a very busy term.

PTA

Over the summer holidays the wooded area to the front of the school has been fenced off and is being cleared and tidied ready for use as an outdoor learning space. The PTA are looking for support to help clear the compost heap on Saturday 19th September between 10am and 2pm. If you are able to help we would be most grateful. Many thanks to those parents who have already contacted the school office offering to help.

Great British Bake Off Competition in Conjunction with World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We have decided to support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Research Charity by holding a Great British Bake off competition. Attached is recipe for a Victoria Sandwich and we challenge you to create the perfect cake 'Bake Off' style. Cakes can be delivered to school on the morning of 25th September and will be judged by the School Council. We will be making a charge of 50p to enter the competition and proceeds will go to charity. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places. At the end of the school day the cakes will be sold on the playground from 3.10pm and all monies raised will go to support the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. We hope you will feel able to support us. Happy baking!

Brass

Due to the relocation of our brass teacher to Norwich it has not been possible to continue with brass ensemble this year. We are currently exploring additional music opportunities for the children to replace this.

Violins

Violin groups will start on Tuesday 15th September. There is an opportunity to create an extra group of violinists. This is open to anyone in Years 3-6 (KS2) who has never played the violin, or who started but didn't continue and would like to learn it. If your child is interested please contact Mrs Elias in the school office.

Choir Choir will start from 24th September at 12.25pm, during lunchtimes. Children should speak to Mrs O'Dwyer if they would like to join in.

Music Club

Music club will start from Monday 21st September. Please see Miss Porter to sign up. Lots of musical skills will be explored in a fun way.

Houses

The House competition has begun for the year. House Captains have been democratically voted in by Year 6 pupils and are as follows: Mars House (Red) Aulaini and Zac; Earth House (Green) Matilda and Owen; Saturn House (Yellow) Edward and Ellie and Neptune House (Blue) Barney and Dulcie.

The House Captains will have a number of responsibilities during the year and more news about how their leadership roles are developing will follow.

Clubs

This half term's clubs will run as follows: Additional clubs will be added as they start.

	Lunchtime clubs	After school clubs 3.20 - 4.20pm
Monday	Board Games Reading	Music Club (MP) Football Yrs 3/4/5
Tuesday	KS 2 Violins	Multi Skills Sports club (CB) Yrs 4/5/6 Suffolk Festival Troupe (SK) (invited children)
Wednesday		
Thursday	Choir (EO'D)	Netball (KP)
Friday		

Dates for your Diary

18.09.15 Deadline for return of Data collection sheets

18.09.15 Jeans for Genes Day - non uniform day 50p donation for charity

25.09.15 Great British Bake off and Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Research

30.09.15 Science Transition Day Saxmundham Free School (Year 6)

14.10.15 and 15.10.15 Year 5 Bikeability

16.10.15 Harvest Festival

20.10.15 Parents' Evening

22.10.15 Parents' Evening

23.10.15 PD Day

Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15

16.11.15 - 22.11.15 Parliament Week

18.12.15 Last day of Christmas Term

04.01.16 PD Day

05.01.16 Pupils return for Spring Term

Please do check the school website for further information and to keep up to date with the learning that is going on in school.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Amanda Fewkes

Mary Berry's Perfect Victoria Sandwich

Ingredients

- 4 free-range eggs
 - 225g/8oz caster sugar, plus a little extra for dusting the finished cake
 - 225g/8oz self-raising flour
 - 2 tsp baking powder
 - 225g/8oz baking spread, margarine or soft butter at room temperature, plus a little extra to grease the tins
- To serve
- good-quality strawberry or raspberry jam
 - whipped double cream (optional)

Preparation method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. Grease and line 2 x 20cm/8in sandwich tins: use a piece of baking or silicone paper to rub a little baking spread or butter around the inside of the tins until the sides and base are lightly coated. Line the bottom of the tins with a circle of baking or silicone paper (to do this, draw around the base of the tin onto the paper and cut out).
3. Break the eggs into a large mixing bowl, then add the sugar, flour, baking powder and baking spread.
4. Mix everything together until well combined. The easiest way to do this is with an electric hand mixer, but you can use a wooden spoon. Put a damp cloth under your bowl when you're mixing to stop it moving around. Be careful not to over-mix - as soon as everything is blended you should stop. The finished mixture should be of a soft 'dropping' consistency - it should fall off a spoon easily.
5. Divide the mixture evenly between the tins: this doesn't need to be exact, but you can weigh the filled tins if you want to check. Use a spatula to remove all of the mixture from the bowl and gently smooth the surface of the cakes.
6. Place the tins on the middle shelf of the oven and bake for 25 minutes. Don't be tempted to open the door while they're cooking, but after 20 minutes do look through the door to check them.
7. The cakes are done when they're golden-brown and coming away from the edge of the tins. Press them gently to check - they should be springy to the touch. Remove them from the oven and set aside to cool in their tins for five minutes. Then run a palette or rounded butter knife around the inside edge of the tin and carefully turn the cakes out onto a cooling rack.
8. To take your cakes out of the tins without leaving a wire rack mark on the top, put the clean tea towel over the tin, put your hand onto the tea towel and turn the tin upside-down. The cake should come out onto your hand and the tea towel - then you can turn it from your hand onto the wire rack.
9. Set aside to cool completely.
10. To assemble the cake, place one cake upside down onto a plate and spread it with plenty of jam. If you want to, you can spread over whipped cream too.
11. Top with the second cake, top-side up. Sprinkle over the caster sugar.