

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

Again this week we have been very proud of the behaviour of our children during their visits outside of the school. Both in the services and at the theatre the children were praised for their behaviour and manners. In addition other parents, visiting the school with their children this week, also commented on the lovely manners they observed when children were moving around the building. It was lovely to see so many of you at the PTA Easter event, supporting the work of the friends of the school. The 'show stopper' cakes for our Sport Relief Bake Off were superb and the school council thoroughly enjoyed judging them. They went all 'Mary Berry' on us, judging the evenness of the bake and the icing and the taste and texture of the cakes as well as the appearance. It was a tough competition and congratulations go to everyone who took part as well as our winning cakes. The Golf Ball by Mrs Wightman came in first place, the Race Track by Mrs Brinkley came in second place, the Rugby Ball by Huxley and Mrs Tizzard third and the dart board by Mrs Smith took fourth prize. Fantastic efforts were made by all who entered. All of the cakes sold well and the school council raised £50 exactly from selling the cakes that were baked. This money will go to Sport Relief. Thank you all for your support.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY! Our pupils of the week for being personally responsible are Tyler in Oaks class, Nicola in Hawthorn class, Florence in Rowan class, Amy in Chestnut class and Lily in Silver Birch class. After Easter the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be CONFIDENCE.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the school year so far is 96.3%. The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 99.2%. 73 children had 100% attendance this half term. 46 children had 100% attendance for the whole Spring Term and 31 children have 100% attendance for the full school year to date. This is a real achievement. Well done everyone. Just to clarify, as we have been asked this week... If a child arrives late into school their absence is recorded as late or unauthorised absence dependent on the time they arrive. If their arrival is after the register has closed the absence is unauthorised and once six unauthorised absences (either unauthorised late arrival or non-attendance) have been reached a fixed penalty notice is automatically issued.

Ten House Points

Well done to Bethany, Georgina, Chelsy, Jake, Jack, Sam, Hamish, Mari, Edward, Olivia, Alice and Finley who have achieved ten house points this week and to Megan, Alex and Taylor, who

have achieved twenty-five house points for their efforts and achievements. It is great to see such positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning in every classroom I walk into during the day and during learning and activities taking place outside of the classroom.

In The Community

Fin, in Silver Birch, swam 72 lengths (1800m of Leiston pool to raise money for Sport Relief. It took him 42 minutes and he raised almost £100. Well done, Fin.

Writing for Real Audiences

Children in Chestnut class have been improving the quality of their writing by focusing on real audiences for their work. This week they are beginning to think about writing persuasively and will be writing to local companies for sponsorship of the new ecopod classrooms we would like to build. Here is an extract from one of the letters by Kiera,

"In a world where we use too many fossil fuels, using sustainable resources is our duty. It's a good opportunity for pupils and teachers."

Polite Reminder

Please park considerately at the beginning and end of the school day. This is a narrow road, with limited parking and our neighbours do need access to their driveways at all times. There are still parents walking through the staff car park entrance when arriving and leaving school and we would like to repeat that this is for staff access only and all parents and children should come on to site through the pedestrian gate at the front of school and not across the car park. This is for safety reasons. Thank you for supporting us in this.

Charlie and The Chocolate Factory Theatre Visit

At Coldfair Green we believe that learning comes in all sorts of formats and that children should be inspired by the opportunities they are given and find learning irresistible. We hope this comes across loud and clear in all that we do. As part of our development of our curriculum the children have been studying chocolate as their topic in Key Stage Two this term (a topic chosen by the children I hasten to add, although the staff didn't complain!). On Wednesday 23.03.16 forty seven of our Key Stage Two pupils went off to Drury Lane to visit the theatre for the matinee performance of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

The Key Stage two children who remained in school set up their own chocolate factory, designing, product testing, manufacturing, quality assuring and finally producing appropriate packaging materials for their bars and selling them. A fantastic time was had by both groups of children and the amount of learning that went on was phenomenal. The new skills involved in the design and manufacturing process, the problem solving and negotiating of ingredients before completing and evaluating the end result were many and the children made a huge amount of personal progress during the day.

HAPPY EASTER

Diary Dates

24.03.16 End of Term

11.04.16 PD DAY

12.04.16 Children return to school for the start of the Summer Term.