

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

We are constantly telling the children that it is ok to make mistakes and we learn by making mistakes, so imagine their delight to find that gremlins had got into the IT when the newsletter was edited last week, reversing the logo and creating a couple of typing mistakes that we thought had been corrected. Apologies and a big well done to anyone who spotted them. Rest assured we won't be making that mistake again!

Stars of the Week

This week we have been focussing on CHALLENGING OURSELVES. Children have been setting themselves targets this week and working hard to achieve them. Our pupils of the week for challenging themselves are: Oliver in Oaks class; Jack in Hawthorn class, Harry in Rowan class, Evie-Mae in Chestnut class and Zac in Silver Birch class. Children have certainly risen to the challenge this week and the standard of homework has been extremely high. Learning behaviour around the school has also been pleasing. Next week's value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be TOLERANCE.

The School Council

This week the school council have been discussing what it is like to be a learner in our school. They have considered the opportunities they feel are available for them, what they like about school and things they consider would make the school an ever more fantastic learning environment. PSHE lessons next week will continue to explore this theme with the rest of the children as well as the British Value of Tolerance.

European Day of Languages at Coldfair Green - Thursday 24.09.15

Saturday is European Day of Languages and so the children's interests tied in neatly with our plans to celebrate this in some way. On Thursday you might have been forgiven for thinking you had walked into a school in the heart of Madrid or Barcelona. Children learnt about Spanish artists Antonio Gaudi and Pablo Picasso, made Tapas and have had the chance to learn the Flamenco Dance and demonstrate it to their peers. They have learnt colours, numbers and simple phrases in spoken Spanish and learnt about the national flag of Spain. We would like to take this further by offering a language club. If anyone would like to get involved in the running of this we would love to hear from you.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100%. An excellent achievement! I wonder how many classes can achieve this next week. Our whole school attendance figure so far is 97.4%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can.

"If we want our children to receive an outstanding education we need to ensure they are in school to take delivery of it!"

In the Community

Several children have been involved in events in the community over the summer holidays and during the past few weeks. Corey, Mollie, Chelsy, Maddie, Tommy and Lexi all took part in the library Summer Reading Challenge "Record Breakers." A number of our children are rehearsing for the Jubilee Festival and several others are working with the English National Opera preparing for a performance in November. In addition Georgina Wightman has become a member of the pony club and Amelia Saunders has gained badges for swimming 600m and 800m. We are very proud of all of our children.

Jeans for Genes Day

Well done to everyone who took part last week. We raised £60 towards the work of this charity.

PTA

Many thanks to those parents who helped to clear the compost heap on Saturday. The woodland area is now looking much tidier and safer for us to use with the children as part of our outdoor learning. As parents of children in our school you are all honorary members of our PTA and are warmly welcomed. Whether you are able to support one or many events during the year all contributions are valued. We have now put dates into the diary for the Christmas Disco, the always popular Quiz Night and the Christmas Fayre. More news to follow about how you and your family can get involved. If you have suggestions for things you would like to see happen there is a suggestion box inside near the school office and myself and Kate Goddard would be pleased to talk to you.

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

Cakes for the charity 'Bake Off' came in to school this morning thick and fast. Prizes were awarded for first, second and third places. Well done everyone, you made it a very hard decision for the school council, who relished this particular part of their role.

Staffing

Sadly Mr Thorpe left us last week. He takes up a new post at the start of October at a school in Ipswich where he will be supporting the admin team and using his IT skills. We would like to thank him for his contribution to school life over the last nine months and wish him every success as he moves on.

The School Site

Reminder: Please ensure your child has PE kit that is suitable for outdoor PE in all weathers, especially as the weather gets colder. A warm sweatshirt and track suit bottoms are preferable and outdoor footwear. It would also be useful if your child had a named pair of wellington boots in school as we continue to allow children to use the play spaces and the field if their footwear is suitable. Wellies or other suitable outdoor shoes are changed before coming back in to the building so mud is not tracked back in to teaching spaces.

Dates for your Diary

14.10.15 and 15.10.15 Year 5 Bikeability ; 16.10.15 Harvest Festival (provisional)
20.10.15 Parents' Evening ; 22.10.15 Parents' Evening
23.10.15 PD Day ; Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15

Have a great weekend! Enjoy your cake and thank you for all your support.

Mrs Amanda Fewkes