

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

Thank you all for the support you gave the book fair over the last week and a half. We sold over £420 worth of books and raised £190 to spend on books for school. We have chosen some exciting books from the book fair as our prizes for the Attendance and Good Behaviour raffles, which were drawn at the end of our Harvest Celebration on Thursday. It was lovely to see how pleased the children were for their friends when their names were pulled out of the boxes, rather than being upset that they themselves hadn't won. That is the ethos we have been working so hard on with the children over the last year. The children have worked extremely hard this half term and have earned their half term holiday. We hope you all enjoy your time with your families and come back ready for the exciting things we have planned for learning leading up to Christmas. Thank you for all the goods sent in for Harvest Festival. These will be donated to the food bank and will go to support local families in our community.

Star of the Week

This week our value has been FREEDOM. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considering the British Value, The Rule of Law, as we considered the laws that Zoos are governed by and the bid for freedom made by the gorilla Kambuka. We have been considering if he was making his own bid for freedom. Our pupils of the week for freedom are Dexter in Oaks; Rory in Hawthorn; Maddie in Rowan; Huey in Chestnut and Maddy in Silver Birch. After half term the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be MINDFULNESS.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 97% and for the week is 94%. The class with the best attendance this week was Silver Birch with 99%.

In the Community

Thank you to everyone who came to the PTA AGM and cheese and wine evening on Wednesday night. It was great to see some new faces. Kate Goddard was re-elected as Chair of the PTA and Cara Chenery as Vice Chair. They would love to hear any ideas you have for fund raising events or sources of funding. We are still raising money for the tree houses we want to build in the woods as part of our development of the grounds and still plan to build two new eco classrooms and a kitchenette so children can have a library again and a cookery room. If there is anyone out there who is good at writing bids to secure funding we would be very grateful for any help offered.

Georgia and Lucas have both been awarded the grade of 9th SEN for their martial arts efforts and achievements in Karate. Well done you two!

Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts

Bethany and Amelia took part in the Suffolk Festival last week. Bethany was commended for her solo 'Shakespeare' speech and she and Amelia both achieved a 3rd in the Duologue for young people aged 10-11 years. Well done girls. You have done us proud again this year. We look forward to hearing your pieces in assembly after half term.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our two Junior Road Safety Officers Charlie and Chloe have been working hard this week to create a leaflet to come home in book bags to remind everyone about the

importance of keeping safe now the evenings are beginning to draw in and get darker. Their **Be Bright, Be Safe, Be Seen** leaflet will come home shortly.

Good Behaviour Awards

Harry, Katie and Mason went onto gold this week on the behaviour chart for working very hard in their maths lessons and for super maths achievement as a result. Well done everyone. Learning behaviour, effort and attitudes towards learning have been excellent this term and the children have made really good progress as a result. The following children have attained their ten house point certificates this week: Harry and Finley. Well done everyone, you have all been working hard!

Reading Learning Café

On Wednesday morning parents of children in Oaks and Hawthorn joined us for our Key Stage One Reading Learning Café. We had some great feedback from the parents who attended. *"I shall certainly reconsider my practice at home as a result as I have been totally focused on X's reading skills rather than reading and exploring books together. I aim to ask more questions about the story or characters to aid his deeper understanding."* and *"... good explanation of the processes and tasks that the children and teachers do to develop reading."*

First Aid Club News

On Wednesday lunch times during this half term Emergency First Aid for KS1 pupils has been taking place. The trainees have been working towards the British Red Cross "The Life. Live it." award which has included; how to call 999, remaining calm and in control, dealing with minor burns and nose bleeds and putting the casualty in the recovery position. The group have even had a practice with bandages to create a sling. Well done to Lily, Chelsy, Isla, Summer, Bethany and Amelie for attending all the sessions and taking part. The children were awarded their certificates in assembly today.

A new course will start after half term on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm in Rowan class for Key Stage One children and Mrs Taylor will run a class for Key Stage Two children who have expressed an interest after Christmas. .

The Samaritan's Purse

We will be creating our shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity again this Christmas. The boxes of gift items will be delivered to children for whom Christmas is a less than joyful experience. Mrs Duggan has shoeboxes for sale for 50p via the school office and a leaflet explaining the process will be sent home shortly. Shoeboxes can be brought in to the school office from 31st October. Thank you for helping us support this worthy cause.

Diary Dates

21.10.16 KS1 Theatre visit to Stick Man

w/b 24.10.16 HALF TERM

31.10.16 10am Educational Welfare Officer in school

02.11.16 8:45am Key Stage Two Reading and Grammar Learning Café

02.11.16 6pm Full Governors' Meeting

07.11.16 3:15pm to 4:15pm Years 3-6 Jubilee Opera Rehearsal Group

09.11.16 Year 3 / 4 History Mystery at Saxmundham Free School

11.11.16 Van Cols Individual children's photographs

(photographs with siblings **NOT** at this school are at 8:30am)

11.11.16 7:30pm PTA Quiz Night in the Village Hall