

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

We have had lots of visitors into school this week. People from the education department for Suffolk and other Headteachers have been into school to meet with Mrs Fewkes and have commented on the calm and purposeful working environment, the children's positive thirst for learning and the significant progress that the school has made over the

last year. It is truly an exciting place to be this term and the children are showing their enthusiasm for learning through the high quality work they are producing and the great progress they are making. We have been particularly delighted with the standard of the Romans homework coming in from Key Stage Two children who have obviously spent a lot of time and care on their projects. Photos will be on the website shortly.

Star of the Week

This week our value has been MINDFULNESS. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considering the British Value, The Consequences of our actions, as we considered whether we really need a new runway? Children have had their own thoughts on the subject which they have recorded on post it notes and left on the display board. Our pupils of the week for mindfulness are Lily in Oaks; Hannah in Hawthorn; Shantos in Rowan; Joseph in Chestnut and Kaitlyn in Silver Birch. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be JUSTICE.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket" Our whole school attendance figure for the school year is 97% and for the week is 95%. The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 99%.

In the Community

Lots of children have been busy swimming over the holidays and have been gaining awards in the Rainbow Swimming Awards Scheme. Tyler has swum 10m; Amber and Tom have swum 50m; Holly has swum 800m and 1000m and Heather and Mollie have swum 600m, 800m and 1000m.

In the LAMDA graded Exams for Music and Dramatic Art Nicole gained a distinction for her Solo Grade One, and her Musical Theatre Entry Grade and Bethany gained a merit in her Musical Theatre Grade One Solo exams and a distinction in her Solo Introductory Grade Three exam. Bethany also gained her Grade One in Singing from the Royal Schools of Music exams. We shall know who to call on for help with the Key Stage One play this year girls! Well done. Nicole also took part in the Big Friendly Read over the Summer Holidays and bought her certificate in to show us in our celebration assembly.

PTA News

Stef Tharle climbed Ben Nevis over the summer raising £348.38 towards the PTA funds which are spent on the extras for the children. A big thank you to everyone who sponsored Stef and huge congratulations to you on such an achievement. Stef tells me it was over 40,000 steps on her fitbit and her legs didn't quite feel like her own that evening!

There are still some tables available for the popular Quiz Night. If you would like one please contact the school office and if anyone has a raffle prize they would like to donate these can be left in the school office to be passed on. Many thanks for your continued support.

Messy Church

Messy church takes place at Knodishall Methodist Church on the second Saturday of each month from 10.30am - 12.30pm. A range of games and craft activities around a theme from the Bible will be followed by lunch together. The next Messy Church is on Saturday 12th November. To pre-book your child's place please phone 01728 687504.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Our two Junior Road Safety Officers Charlie and Chloe took assembly this week with Mrs Macalister and gave out reflectors for the children to put on their bags or belongings to be sure they are seen when walking to and from school on these gloomier days as winter approaches and the nights draw in. Please can we remind everyone to bring coats now as it is really quite chilly outside at times at this time of year.

Good Behaviour Awards

Huxley, Alex, Kaitlyn, Sofia and James went onto gold this week on the behaviour chart for working very hard in lessons, for excellent progress in maths and for fantastic homework and really good effort in class. 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: Georgina, Esme, Ruby and Maddie. Well done everyone, you have all been working hard!

Reading Learning Café

On Wednesday morning parents of children in Key Stage Two joined us for the reading café. ***Some of the feedback we received mentioned having more time to read in school.*** As well as during guided reading sessions, children make recommendations to each other regarding books that they have read and enjoyed. This is in the new curriculum and is something we will be continuing to develop during the year, alongside our popular paired reading which we do once a month. Once the tree houses have been finished in the woodland area these will also be open as a quiet space for children to curl up with a book during breaks and lunchtimes should they wish to. We are still on the lookout for more pallets to make our outdoor reading seating areas if anyone would like to donate some.

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. Shoeboxes can be brought in to the school office from 31st October. Thank you for helping us support this worthy cause.

Diary Dates

07.11.16 PTA Meeting 6.30pm

09.11.16 Year 3 / 4 History Mystery at Saxmundham Free School

11.11.16 Van Cols Individual children's photographs

11.11.16 PTA Quiz Night in the Village Hall

12.11.16 Messy Church