

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

This week has seen the start on our big project aimed at increasing the children's resilience and 'can do' attitude towards 'hard learning'. The staff have spent time working with colleagues across the partnership of schools, have worked with a visiting speaker learning about 'Growth Mindset' and are excited about the potential this offers our youngsters as their resilience develops and they become increasingly able to cope with change and the need to be flexible in their thinking as we prepare them for high school and the world beyond.

## Stars of the Week

This week we have been focussing on TOLERANCE. Children have been working together to understand how each other's minds work and how we may not always agree on the same point of view. . Our pupils of the week for tolerance are: Alex in Oaks class, Isla in Hawthorn class, Lily in Rowan class, Bethany in Chestnut class and Barney 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 UNDERSTANDING OUR DIFFERENCES.

## The School Council

This week the school council have been researching what exactly it is that makes a good learner. It was interesting how closely their ideas tied in with those the staff had come up with at their network meeting the day before. All of the classes will be considering what good learners do and how that impacts on their own learning over the course of the next week as part of our work on developing resilient learners and thinkers. Assemblies for classes to share their thinking with their parents will follow shortly after half term once the project is well underway.

## Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

The class with the best attendance this week was Rowan with 100%. An excellent achievement again. As a reward Rowan class will get a free non uniform day next Friday 09.10.15. Our whole school attendance figure so far is 97.7%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can.

## In the Community

Even more of our children have now received their Summer Library Reading Challenge certificates. Well done to all who 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 Lexi has become a member of the pony club.

### PTA

The PTA continue to sell tuck on a Friday on the front playground. 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

A huge effort was made for the charity 'Bake off' and the standard of entry was high. Cakes were judged anonymously by the school council, who relished this part of their role and who picked winning cakes without knowing who had made them. First prize went to Harry and Tom's bake, joint second prizes were awarded to Toby and Alice's bakes and Taylor's bake came in third place. A huge well done to you all, £92.37 was raised.

We do like to listen to our parents and one suggested that we have more competitions as you all like a challenge. We have decided therefore to hold a similar event at Christmas time in the form of a Christmas Cake Showstopper competition. More details to follow.

### Staffing

Due to a situation beyond our control I need to inform you of the resignation of Mrs Kerry Pratt as Year 6 teacher, due to unforeseen personal circumstances. The Governors wish to thank Mrs Pratt for her short service at the school and wish her well for the future. We have been fortunate enough to be able to appoint Mrs Diane Bennett and Mrs Beverley Osborn who will share the teaching of the class in the immediate future, ensuring children in Year 6 are well taught and making good progress. We would like to welcome them both to the staff and thank them for making themselves available at such short notice to ensure the continued smooth running of the class. Mrs Mawson leaves us today to begin her maternity leave. She will be greatly missed by us all but we know she will be back to visit in time. We wish her and her husband lots of happiness as they get to know their new addition. Paula has worked at the school for the last 16 years supporting the children at lunchtimes. She moves on to new and exciting things this week too. We thank her for all of her efforts and hope she will keep in touch.

### Parents Evening

Clipboards will be on the playground before and after school from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 to enable you to sign up for parents' evening appointments. Ten minute appointments will give us the chance to tell you more about your child's learning and progress and give you the opportunity to look at books and ask any questions you might have.

### Dates for your Diary

01.10.15 Open Evening Alde Valley High School  
08.10.15 Open Evening Saxmundham Free School  
14.10.15 Humanities Enrichment Event - Horrible History Mystery Years 3 and 4  
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  
21.10.15 Open Morning Alde Valley High School  
23.10.15 PD Day  
Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15  
20.11.15 Quiz Night Knodishall Village Hall

Enjoy the weather while it lasts!  
Mrs Amanda Fewkes