

# Coldfair Green Primary News

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## Message from the Head

It has been good to be back at school this week and see how hard the children have been working in my absence. Thank you for the many kind comments I received on my return. I certainly picked the right week to come back and I am glad not to have missed all the hard work that has gone on this week.

On Tuesday we were joined by Mrs Gallagher from Story Shack who worked with Key Stage One children to make a variety of different kinds of books and to create stories and characters to go into them. The children were wildly enthusiastic and the parents who joined our story café also turned their hands to book making. There was so much enthusiasm that the staff meeting after school ran for longer than normal and staff are keen to bring bookmaking to the Summer Festival Events we are planning. There is lots of information about Story Shack and book recommendations on their website 'storyshack.org' if any of you missed this event and want to find out more.

Wednesday's Maths Moderation event at Saxmundham Free School was attended by all of the staff in the schools in our cluster of schools. Staff spent a long time looking at the children's books and discussing teaching and learning in maths in their classrooms. There was a real buzz about maths that is reflected in the maths mastery work we are doing in school. Please talk to your child's maths teacher if you are interested in finding out more. Mr Battle from the Free School is looking forward to coming across to work with our gifted and talented mathematicians and Miss Lewis.

Today we have been enjoying exploring the Dragon Dancing, music, costume and traditions associated with the celebration of Chinese New Year through our Art and Music Day. Children's work will be on display in the hall once it is completed and you will be welcome to come and see what they have achieved. There was an excited buzz in the learning again today.

Unfortunately, due to staff sickness, the Problem Solving Café had to be postponed but Mrs Palmer is planning to deliver this next Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and we hope you will be able to join us and share in the perseverance of your children in their maths problem solving.

## Stars of the Week

This week our value has been SELF-BELIEF. Our pupils of the week for believing in themselves and working hard to prove they can achieve things are Shanjay in Oaks class, Amelie in Hawthorn class, Ruby in Rowan class, Lily in Chestnut class and Maddie in Silver Birch class. We have been thinking about events in the news this week and considered the British Value of 'Respect for Other Nations' as we have talked about our pride in Britain and the things we can offer other countries and with this in mind we have discussed the question, "How important is trade?". With Brexit on everybody's minds recently and a lot in the news this week, the children had some very insightful comments to make. We may well have some future politicians in our midst! Children have shared their views and ideas on post-it notes and in assembly. Next week the value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be KINDNESS.

### In the Community

Several of our children took part in a colouring competition in November, run by Carlton Fun Factory. Lily (Under 6 category) and Amelia (Over 6 category) have won a free ticket each for entry to the Fun Factory and I am sure they will be looking forward to going in due course. Well done you two! Some super colouring. Well done to Annabel who received five 1<sup>st</sup> and one 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Leiston Swimming Club 2016 Championships.

We are still collecting postage stamps and used ink cartridges from computer printers and a box is now in Reception for Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Comic Relief Red Noses are still available from the office at a cost of £1 whilst stocks last.

### Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 96.3% and for the week is 95.7%. The class with the best attendance this week was Silver Birch with 98.4%. We have had a sickness bug in school this week and the school has had a deep clean in order to reduce the possibility of this spreading further. Please can I remind you that our policy is to ask parents to keep children away from school for 48 hours following sickness. We have been reminding everybody of the importance of washing their hands thoroughly with soap.

### Good Behaviour Awards

Freddie, Freddie, Kaylem, Kaitlyn, Alexander, Ruby and Lily have gone on to Gold on the behaviour chart this week for always participating in lessons and for excellent work and concentration, as well as for perseverance in problem solving maths lessons. This is great news! Well done all of you!

### House Points

**Ten house points** were awarded to the following children this week: Dylan, Orrin, Elijah, Harry, Katie and Kyra. The following children have received **twenty - five house points**: Amy, Bulcsu, Bethany, Maddie, Amelia, Hannah, Taylor, Lucas, Esme, Harry, Toby, Tommy and George. A number of children have now achieved their **50 house point** certificates: Annabel, Heather, Amelia, Chloe, Chelsy and Joseph. A huge pat on the back to everybody for all your hard work and efforts. Learning behaviour is super around the school and I am always proud to walk around with visitors and see the school through fresh eyes.

### PTA News

We will be holding our next PTA meeting at the school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us as we have some exciting things ahead to plan for. **ADVANCE NOTICE:** The PTA will be holding Afternoon Tea for Mother's Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Please put the date in your diary and watch this space as more details will follow in due course.

### Diary Dates

02.02.17 Rescheduled Problem Solving Maths Café - all parents. 9am.

02.02.17 Harry Potter Book Night at Saxmundham Free School 4.15-5.30pm (Years 4,5,6)

07.02.17 Year 2 Crystal Maze

07.02.17 PTA Meeting - All Welcome 6pm

08.02.17 Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

**HALF TERM - 13/02/17 - 17/02/17**

28/02/17 English Writing Event at Saxmundham Free School - Marvel Comics - Year 4 and 5.