

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

This week we have been focusing on 'growing our brains.' Mrs O' Dwyer did a super assembly on resilience and we learnt that "Hard Work Makes Your Brain Grow!" which we found quite exciting. We thought about how Incy Wincy Spider had the right attitude towards hard work and persevered and managed to achieve what he wanted to and learnt some songs we can sing when we are finding things a bit tough.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been ACCEPTANCE. Our pupils of the week for acceptance are Betty Mae in Oaks class, Samuel in Hawthorn class, Chloe in Rowan class, Keira in Chestnut class and Matilda in Silver Birch class. Next week's value we will be considering in our assemblies and in lessons will be PERSEVERANCE.

The School Council

The School council have been working together to think about how we grow our brains by repeating things and practising them over and over until they become easier and how not giving up makes that possible. They have been working on ideas for how we can move our resilience project forward in school and help each other become more resilient.

They have been asked to help with parental surveys on parents evening next week. If parents are willing to let them stay in school to help Mrs Atherton in her role as Staff Governor please let the office know. Thank you.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

The class with the best attendance this week was Chestnut with 100%. An excellent achievement as the children in this class have been encouraging each other in order to win the accolade this week. Our whole school attendance figure so far is 96.9%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as we can. Can I remind parents that the registers close at 8.55am and any child arriving after this time will receive an unauthorised late mark. It is important that your child arrives at school each day in time for the start to avoid missing important information. Thank you for your support in this.

Horrible Histories Mystery

Years 3 and 4 went to Saxmundham Free School on Wednesday, where they investigated history using a range of sources and types of evidence. They worked collaboratively to solve the mystery of King John. Children from three schools worked together well and came back wanting to find out more. Since then they have been looking at other ways in which King John has been portrayed and are now writing to Disney explaining why they think he didn't quite get his portrayal of King John right!

Bikeability

Year 5 children have spent two days this week working on safer cycling skills and have become proficient, developing road awareness skills and learning more about the highway code. Well done for your excellent learning behaviour year 5! We had some positive feedback about your mature attitude.

Escape to the Moon

Year 6 went off to Thomas Mills High School on Monday where they worked on a series of PE, Design Technology and Science challenges. Children mixed lemon and bicarbonate of soda to power bottle rockets, used the workshop to make their own miniature rockets and create plaques to go on them using newly acquired metalwork skills. They also developed teamwork skills to help each other complete a PE task. A great time was had by all.

Suffolk Festival

All the rehearsals paid off and our Years 3,4 and 5 children went off on Tuesday to perform their poems as part of the Suffolk Festival. The standards were extremely high and we are very proud to say that Year 3 won first place and Years 4 and 5 were highly commended for their efforts. A number of children also competed in the individual categories. Bethany was commended in the Solo Shakespeare Speech category for children of 9 years and under and Bethany and Amelia received a merit for their Duologue in the 9 years and under category. A huge well done to all of the children. Certificates will be coming home shortly and will be displayed in pride of place in school.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Mr S Downes to the staff this week. Mr Downes will be in school for a period of time each day when he will deliver specialist maths teaching. He will be teaching our gifted and talented mathematicians, stretching and challenging them and will also work with children in Key Stage Two to support them with all aspects of maths.

PTA

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform shop in the school shelter on Thursday 22nd October. Gates will be open from 2.45pm. If you have any unwanted uniform you would like to donate please hand it in to the school office. Many thanks for your support in this.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the weather proofing of the cabin during half term. This is part of the on-going maintenance of the cabin to ensure it remains a warm, dry, water tight building that we can continue to use for Cabin Club nurture group and intervention groups. If you are able to help please let us know via the school office and we will provide additional details. Thank you.

Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets have come home today for the Christmas shoe boxes. Special flat pack boxes are available at a cost of 40p if you would like one to use instead of a shoe box. Please let the office know and we will order them in. The boxes will need to be returned to the school office by Friday 13th November so we can arrange for them to be sent on to others less fortunate than ourselves.

Parents Evening

A parental survey will be carried out on parents' evening giving you the opportunity to share with us your views about the school and how things are progressing. We hope you will feel able to respond to this. There are a few appointments left if you haven't managed to book one yet and would like to. Please see the school office.

Harvest

A big thank you for all your kind donations for our harvest festival. Unfortunately the weather has been too inclement today to make walking to the church a sensible option, so Reverend Lowther kindly agreed to join us in school and we held our harvest festival here. Every class contributed a piece of music, drama, poetry or writing including their thinking about harvest and a number of songs and prayers were shared. Thank you to all the reception parents who had offered to collect the younger children from the church for the return journey. Please do offer your services again when we hold our meaning of Christmas service at the end of December.

Deepening our Thinking

Reverend Lowther joined Year 6 in their RE lesson last week where a number of searching questions were explored around what happens after death. Children were really interested in the discussion and shared their own thinking as well as asking increasingly searching questions during the afternoon. For example; 'if Adam and Eve were the first humans would they have had belly buttons?' Some very in depth debate followed which was good to see.

Polite Reminder

Ball games should not be played on the front playground before school. There are too many people using the space at this time for it to be safe. Leather footballs are also banned due to safety reasons. We have plastic footballs within school which are safer when so many children are using a small space. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for your Diary

13.10.15 Years 3,4,5 Suffolk Festival Performances
20.10.15 Parents' Evening ; 22.10.15 Parents' Evening
21.10.15 Open Morning Alde Valley High School
23.10.15 PD Day - no children in school
Half Term 26.10.15 - 30.10.15
20.11.15 Quiz Night Knodishall Village Hall

Don't let the weather dampen the weekend!

Mrs Amanda Fewkes