

Coldfair Green Primary News

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Message from the Head

You cannot fail to have noticed the hard work going on in the Sandlings garden this week as a team of volunteers from Skanska and Suffolk Coasts and Heaths have been renovating the garden and bringing it back to life. An area of the flowerbed and the Sandlings garden have been planted with Rowan trees, wild flower seeds and heathers and we ask you to support us in keeping the children off these areas as we continue to work to improve the environment around the school. We owe the team a huge amount of thanks as their labour was donated for free. We would also like to thank Coastal Building Supplies and Jewsons in Leiston who donated all the materials for bringing the garden back to life again. It is great to know we are so well supported by our local community. The work is not yet complete and if you would like to volunteer for phase two of the renovations please contact Mrs Fewkes for further information.

The email is currently bouncing back all newsletters stating that they have been rejected as spam. This is new and our ICT Technician believes it is because there are now so many email addresses included. We have now set up Mailchimp as a way of sending out large numbers of emails at once and ask that when this does arrive in your inbox you accept it rather than simply deleting it or we will be rejected as senders of spam email. Hopefully this will solve the problem. Thanks for your support. In the meantime we will continue to post the newsletter on the website each Friday. There may be a short delay if Mrs Fewkes is out of the building as the newsletter is emailed out to her to upload.

Year 6 had a fantastic visit to Saxmundham Free School this week where they joined a French café and got to practise asking for different types of food using "Je voudrais..." and practising their spoken language. They were praised for their excellent behaviour, which is always good to hear about.

The PTA met this week at their AGM and it was good to reflect on the successful events run over the past year and the funds raised to provide the extra for the children. Over the next term the funds raised will be used to buy quality texts for reading; to pay for the Year 6 surprise treat / party at the end of the school year; for a disco at Christmas and for treats for the children. Money has also been provided to purchase four ipads for the classrooms. This has been raised through the sales of tuck each week. The children enjoyed working with visitors from BT at Martlesham who ran a workshop with Years 3 and 4, using ipads and scratch junior to create stories and control characters on the screen. The staff and children were so enthusiastic they voted unanimously to purchase ipads rather than android tablets. These will be added to as additional funds become available next financial year. The PTA have also funded buses for every class for school trips already this year and have paid for a theatre company who will be visiting in November to perform their version of The Nutcracker, following our study of the music and the ballet that compose the story last year. It was lovely to see so many new parents at the AGM. Our next meeting is in November and the PTA will send a newsletter out shortly with more information about how to get involved and the time commitment (as little or as much as you feel able). Thank you all for your support over the last year and for helping us to

raise so much to provide the extras for the children.

We are delighted to be working with the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics and the Norfolk and Suffolk Maths Hubs to run a project on maths mastery and intervention through mastery and more information will become available as the project is rolled out across the school. Our same day approach to intervention ensuring all children keep up with the work in class and make good progress, seeing connections between areas of maths and mastering what they are taught is being expanded in other schools as the model develops. We have had two very successful parents' evenings in the last fortnight. It has been really good to be able to meet with so many parents and talk to you about the quality of the work your children are doing. We hope you are as proud as we are. Unfortunately Miss Lau has had a nasty fall and hurt herself but she plans to meet with Hawthorn parents wanting appointments on her return to school after half term. We wish her well for a speedy recovery and know she is missing us as much as we are her.

Stars of the Week

This week our value has been **WORKING HARD**. Our pupils of the week for working hard are Leni in Oaks class, Thomas in Cherry class, Finley in Hawthorn class, Chelsy in Rowan class, Shantos in Chestnut class, Amelia in Silver Birch class and George in Redwood class. Our focus on British Values this week has been 'Individual Liberty' and we have been thinking about fairness and justice and how it is important to speak up if we feel someone is being treated unfairly. We have considered the question 'Should we always stand up for what we believe in?' and have discussed how we can be sure to speak out in the right way to get our voices heard. Next week the value we will be focusing on is **GETTING INVOLVED** and we will be thinking about our local community and what our roles could be in it.

In the Community

Harry N has been awarded certificates for swimming 25m and 50m in the ASA Rainbow Swimming Awards and Sofia N has achieved her 25m swimming award. Summer has achieved her 50m swimming award and Finley and Abigail have achieved their 100m swimming award. Well done you to you all.

Nicole and been award her Grade 1 Singing award and received a Merit at The Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts for a Solo Shakespeare Speech. Bethany Cook received a commended 3rd Place at The Suffolk Festival of Performing Arts for her Solo Shakespeare Speech and a 1st Place with merit for her Duologue. Well done Girls.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair this week. We will let you know how much has been raised in due course.

The Samaritans Purse

We are collecting shoeboxes of Christmas gifts to donate to the Samaritans Purse Charity again this Christmas. Leaflets are coming home shortly and gifts can be chosen for boys or girls. More details to follow. Mrs Duggan will have a supply of shoeboxes if wanted and these can be ordered via the school office for a small cost.

Attendance

"Ten ticks for a ticket"

Our whole school attendance figure for the year so far is 98.24% and for this week is 98.65%. We are aiming high and want our whole school figure to be as close to 100% as possible. The classes with the best attendance this week are Chestnut and Silver Birch with 100%.

Two weeks missed a year (the amount of time taken on average for a holiday) for every year during primary school is like missing nine months of a child's primary education and

this is the most important time for embedding learning needed for future success as adults.

House Points

House	Points so far
Red - Mars	173
Yellow - Saturn	258
Green - Earth	331
Blue - Neptune	223

The following children have gained ten house point certificates this week: Jonty in Cherry, Max, Ollie, Amelie, Chelsy, Isla in Rowan, Katy Jane in Chestnut, Georgina, Chole, Daniel, Jack and Harry M in Silver Birch and Amy in Redwood. Silver Behaviour Certificates were awarded to Jacob in Oaks, Thomas in Cherry, Rory, Taylor and Nicole in Rowan.

Dates for your Diary

18.10.17 Finance Governor's Meeting 5pm

18.10.17 Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm

20.10.17 HARVEST FESTIVAL ALDRINGHAM CHURCH

HALF TERM