



Friday 28 March 2014
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Dear Parents

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning Week Ending 21 March

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FS	RW	2A	99.0%
KS1	1M	5M	98.0%
LKS2	4D	5H	98.1%
UKS2	6W	Overall	96.5%

1P and 5P Class Assemblies

Wow! What an amazing couple of assemblies last week! Mr Pecksen's first ever class assembly was handled brilliantly by the children...including the custard pie incident! 5P's recount of Sport Relief's conception and the school's weekly activities was equally brilliant. Well done to all children and staff!

Fund Raising

Sport Relief: The whole school raised just under £600 last week by dressing in sports clothes on Friday. In addition, Alysia, Rosie, Hazel, Elina and Simran, from Year 5, raised a further £95.76 through cake and raffle sales for the same charity.

Macmillan Cancer: Jamie, Emma, Talia, Neha, Aman, Elise and Jessica, again from Year 5, raised £97.50 through cake and raffle sales for Macmillan Cancer. Very well done to all the children.

Sport

We have enjoyed a fantastic few weeks of sporting success for our school, which will be continued next week when our Year 6 Boys have the honour of representing South Solihull schools in the **Biathlon** tournament at the County School Games. Our Year 4 boys and girls **football teams** were one game away from the same achievement after they were narrowly beaten in the final of the football tournament held at Lode Heath School.

Meanwhile, our **cross country teams** have performed extremely well against the rest of the borough, in particular the year 5 girls, who will be very hard indeed to beat next year. In addition, our **swim teams** have again performed extremely well. The girls' team, comprising Sophie, Hannah, Ella, Caitlin and Chloe narrowly missed the finals at Sheffield by tenths of a second. The boys' team made it through to the **National Swimming Championships** with outstanding performances from Tom, Josh M, Finlay, Josh GT and Josh B. And, on Sunday, our **Ski Team** won back the Under 8's Team Trophy, which is the 8th time they have won this in as many years, with our 'B' team finishing 2nd! There were a number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for individual races also. Well done to Mia, Clarissa, Rhys, Aaron, Kieran, Alex, Ella, Ethan, Oskar, Sam, William, Taryn and Josh GT. All in all, some fantastic results. Many thanks to Suzanne Evans for organising the ski team, to all of the staff involved in the coaching and attending of events, particularly Mr Green and a MASSIVE well done to all of our sporting children!

Business Links

Some of our children 'Moon Walked' at the new Sainsbury's in Balsall Common last Friday in aid of Sport Relief. There were some VERY surprised shoppers. Thank you children and staff for taking part.



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Year 5 go to Brandon Marsh

Year 5 children were exhausted but happy after a day exploring Brandon Marsh. Teams dipped in ponds to find lots of wildlife- some of the children even managed to find a Great Crested Newt! Children also learnt to monitor and predict the weather and to identify different waterfowl and their adaptations. For lots of children the highlight of their day was building dens in the woodland from natural resources- and then testing them out against the rain! A great day out linked to their geography topic!

Book Fayre

Linda Shimmell and Sara Shaw sold £1212.04 worth of books over a four day period last week at the Scholastic Book Fair. This has created 60% commission for us to spend totalling £727.22. Well done ladies and thank you parents for buying so many books!

Forthcoming Events

Internet Safety for Parents: Next Tuesday, 1st April, at 2.00pm, repeated at 6.00pm! We ran this session last year too. It lasts about an hour and it is vital! We are constantly dealing with issues regarding misuse of electronic social media. Each time this happens, parents are stunned to think that this actually is being done by their children. They tell us that they monitor really carefully and they just don't know how this can have happened. So, come and join us at one of these sessions and see if what we have to say helps you to keep your children safer than you think they might be!

PTA Meeting: Next Tuesday, 1st April, 7.30pm at the Brickies!

Children's Books Home: Friday 4th April.

PTA School Disco: Friday 4th April.

PTA Chairman's Quiz: Friday 9th May.

Have a great weekend!

GT Burgess

Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Danny T

Afternoon - Poppy K

Weds pm - Fri - Seth S

Robin's Stars of the Week

Jacob C, RH

Megan H, RW

George O, RM

Writers of the Week

Rajan D, 1S

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Lucas H, 1P

James C, 2K

James L, 2A

Molly, W 2D

Maths Wizard

Sam N, 1P

Max M, 1S

Oliver M & Lucy McG, 1M

Annika S, 2K

Alfie K, 2A

Marcus, B 2D

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Caitlin K, 1S

Elizabeth M, 2A

Maeve D 3C

Matty B, 4D

Talia C, 5M

Jamie B, 6H

Sam N, 1P

Levi O-S, 2K

Anushka O, 3D

Katie C. 4W

Adam C, 5B

Emily C, 6B

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Alistair, B 2D

Guy C, 3W

Tiger Lilly B, 4B

Harry C, 5P

Elysia A, 6W

DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2014

Tuesday 1 April	Morning - M&M Productions 'Treasure Island' in hall PTA Meeting - 7.30pm at the Brickies
Friday 4 April	09:10 1M Class Assembly 14:45 5M Class Assembly 18:00-19:15 Reception & Yrs1 - 2 Disco 19:30-21:00 Yrs 3-6 Disco
Tuesday 8 - Friday 11 April	Music Dunfield
Tuesday 8 & Wednesday 9 April	18:00 Year 4 production
Monday 14 - Friday 25 April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 28 April	Back to School for Summer Term
Tuesday 29 April	Choral & Orchestral Day - King Henry VIII School
Friday 2 May	17:00-19:00 Dads & Children Scalextric Track Event 19:30-10:30 Dads Scalextric Track Event
Monday 12 May	Bikebility Week for Year 5
Mon 12- Fri 16 May	KS2 Tests
Tuesday 20 May	14:00 Yrs 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 22 May	Children break up for Half Term
Friday 23 May	INSET
Mon 27- Fri 31 May	HALF TERM
Monday 2 June	School returns for Summer Term
Tuesday 3 June	18:00 Reception New Parents Evening Year 4 to Dunfield House Residential. Return Friday 6 June
Thursday 5 June	13:45 Years 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
Monday 9 June	CENTENARY HISTORY WEEK 1970 -2014 Year 6 to Swanage Residential until Friday 13 June
Thursday 12 June	13:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon
Friday 13 June	9:10 RM Class Assembly
Wednesday 18 June	13:45 Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 20 June	09:10 RW Class Assembly 14:45 3C Class Assembly
Saturday 21 June	13:00-17:00 GALA DAY