



Newsletter - November 2013

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us! In two weeks time the infant classes will be performing their Nativity Concert, 'Hey Ewe!'

Class 1 are hosting 2 special mornings for parents to come in and make Christmas decorations next week.

We have had another excellent month of charity fundraising with a total of £320.54 raised for Children in Need and Brake Road Safety Charity.

Many thanks to all of the children who brought in shoeboxes for the 'Samaritan's Purse Charity'. There was an excellent representation of the choir at the Chapel Service and many stayed and helped to load the lorry up after the service.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

December

- Sunday 1st Christingle Service at the Church 11.00am
- Monday 2nd Class 4 trip to Duxford
- Monday 2nd Class 3 Uni Hoc Tournament at Robert Smyth after school
- Thursday 5th PAFA meeting 3.15pm
- Saturday 7th Cross Country Race at Prestwold Hall
- Monday 9th Infant Nativity dress rehearsal 1.30pm
- Tuesday 10th Infant Nativity 1.30pm
- Wednesday 11th Infant Nativity 6.00pm
- Saturday 14th Santa's Grotto at school (PAFA)
- Tuesday 17th Class 1 and 2 Christmas party 1-3pm
- Wednesday 18th Class 3 and 4 Christmas party 1-3pm
- Thursday 19th Pantomime 'Aladdin' @ De Montfort Hall—whole school
- Friday 20th End of term Church Service 9.30pm
- Friday 20th School Christmas Dinner
- Friday 20th School closes for Christmas Holiday at 3.00pm
- Sunday 22nd Journey to Bethlehem outdoor service 10.30am

January

- Tuesday 7th School re-open to children for the start of the spring term
- Friday 17th Maths Day for the whole school—2.30pm parents welcome to assembly
- Thursday 23rd National Measurement programme for children in EYFS and Year 6
- Friday 31st Candlemass Concert at the Church 6.30pm

February

- Tuesday 11th Safer Internet Day
- Monday 17th-Friday 21st Half term break



We Will Rock You at RSA

On Wednesday 20th of November, Year 4 and 5 went to see the performance of 'We Will Rock You'. We got off the bus at Robert Smyth Academy and we were guided to the main hall where the play would be performed.

Then some people came onto the stage and gave us a hint of what was going to happen. Then the show started. The first song was 'Radio Ga Ga'. The songs were played by a proper band. All the songs were by the band Queen.

The main character was a man named Galileo, about ¼ of the way through the play he fell in love with a girl he named Scaramouche. They go on a mission to find an electric guitar so that they can make their own music. They bump into a gang called the Bohemians, and they find out that the Bohemians want to make their own music as well and they team up to find the guitar that belonged to the Queen guitarist.

The only person standing in their way is a woman called Killer Queen. Her main worker arrests the Bohemians and he kills a man named Brittany Spears. Galileo and Scaramouche escape though. They meet a man named Pop and he helps them find the guitar. They find it and they defeat the killer Queen.

It was a great play, very funny and entertaining. We sent thank you letters to Robert Smyth Academy to say thank you for the great show and how much effort they had put in to making the play happen. The actors were great and we all sang along to the songs. The best play we have ever seen.

By Lily Walsh and Lily Mottram

More Able Maths Day at Great Glen

On the 21st November 2013 William, Matthew, Beau, Nathan and Eloise went to the gifted and talented maths day. All of the schools went into groups between themselves.

We went to Great Glen school, from 9:00 to 3:00. The maths day started by going into one of their classrooms and doing a word search. Then we went outside and did a treasure hunt, it was hard and fun. You had to find the questions around their field and playground. The questions were easy and hard. You had a sheet with lots of numbers on it and all of the numbers should be crossed of but 1. The numbers are answers to all of the questions but one answer doesn't have a question. We then tell the teacher which answer it was and where the question was. Then she would give us the treasure which was a milky way.

The next one we did was design an extension on the side of their school with chalk. We had to have 18 tables which were 110cm long and 60cm width in the classroom. We had to have 2 doors which were 80cm across and 2 meters high and 2 windows 80cm by 80cm. There also had to be 1 teachers desk. All of the tables had to be exactly 1 metre away. We then had to figure out how many meters squared and bricks were in and needed to make the extension. we were allowed 3 meter sticks a pencil, chalk, a ruler, a calculator and we had all after noon to do it.

By Beau Riley and William Marsh



Year 3/4 Art Workshop

We sketched flowers with pencil and we drew them with oil pastels. After lunch we made up our own flower and at the end of the day we made a flower from clay.

By Lydia Whatton, Bessie Brown and Sophie Allen

School Day timings reminder

Please could all parents ensure that their children are at school promptly for starting at 8.45. Several children are arriving late in the mornings which is disruptive to classes and not helpful for the late arrival in feeling settled to learn.

Anti Bullying Week 2013

On Monday 18th of November it was Anti-Bullying Week. All of the school learnt about cyber bullying, cyber bullying is where someone is bullied on social networking site.

Lots of us designed an anti-bullying app for a phone to help people who are being bullied to get advice. Remember Start Telling Other People and Several Times On Purpose.

All of the school had great fun throughout Anti-Bullying Week. The reason why we did it was to make sure any of the pupils at our school know what to do if they are bullied in any way. There are different types of bullying such as physical, mental, verbal and cyber bullying we have been learning about it. Make sure you know what to do if you are bullied!

By Ellie Malatesta & Millie Taylor

ALL HALLOWS EVE DISCO REPORT

On the 31st of October after school in the hall we had a disco with a superheroes theme. KS1 came and so did KS2 as well as some teachers, Mrs Timson and Reverend Alison. We played games with prizes such as apple bobbing and a sweet game with lots of flour. There were lots of great costumes such as Cat Woman, Spiderman and Ironman. We had crisps and a drink, with sweets to take home. Thank you to all of those who came we raised £40 for the school in Trichy.

By Victoria Nurse and Reece Wightman



Year 5/6 Art Workshop

We did sketches of cottages with different shades of pencil and made models of houses from clay. On the second session we glazed our models and painted Houses from Amsterdam. They were a very enjoyable two days!

By Blossom Weal, Maddy Mottram and Madeline Stone



Road Safety Week 2013

On the 25th of November Alanna and Blossom our road safety officers and Kevin Hill did an assembly about road safety. he also told you how to dress safely at night. Kevin and the road safety officers helped class 1 to cross the road and they did a talk to the rest of the classes.

By James O'Gormley and Kieran Jones



Consultations on Catchment for Secondary Schools

If your child is in year 5 or below, you should take part in the catchment area consultations from Kibworth High School and Welland Park Academy (WPA). These are linked from our school website home page.

The implications of these consultations are that Kibworth High School will no longer be a catchment school for Billesdon Primary from 2015, resulting in the County Council requesting Welland Park become our catchment school.

We are **also** a feeder school to Uppingham Community College (UCC) and over the past 4/5 years the majority of our year 6 children go to UCC. **Your views about being in catchment to WPA will be most beneficial and all parents are urged to take part in the consultation.**

Bright Day

On the 16th of November the whole school dressed up in very bright clothes to raise money for a charity called Brake that makes roads safer for everyone.

We dressed up in bright clothes and then we had a cake sale. There were about 50 cakes. And we had loads of fun eating them they were lovely. Overall we raised £176 and we had loads of fun.

By Tom Ward and Evan Peterson



Children in Need Day 2013

Billesdon school dressed up in pyjamas and we had to pay one pound to dress up. At break we put money on a Pudsey on the playground. We raised £144.54. The teachers even dressed up in their pyjamas. It was a very unusual day. It was very funny because the teachers wore pyjamas.

By Jaylan Wildbore and Tom Williamson



Cycling

On Monday 18th November the year 5s and 6s had the opportunity to take part in cycle safe training. The year 5 children did the training for 2 days and the year 6 children had the whole week training. Our instructor was called Kevin and he was really kind and helpful. On Monday the year 6 children learnt the basic cycling techniques. We had a slow race on our bikes and also had to stop for a second without putting our feet down. On Tuesday the year 6s learnt how to do U-turns on the road. We also learnt how to overtake cars and to perform left hand turns. Kevin taught us how to give way from a minor road to a major road.

By Alanna Stones



Golden Book Children for November 2013

- Class 1;** Sammy Walsh, Autumn Deacon-Brown, Roxy Laird, Hope Meadows, Iris Youngwood, Oscar Calow, Lizzy Ainge, Bethany Toach, Nathan Carey, Eliana Barber
Class 2; Holly Norman, Jack Landsdowne, Talia Welby, Edward Marsh, Izzy Arden, Tommy Richards, Erin Doherty, Iona Thacker, Elliot Norwell, Lizzie Loxley
Class 3; Georgia Kirkland, James Richards, Anthony Chapman, Tom Hegg, Devon Parker, James Garner, Giles Carey, Joseph Birch, Sophie Allen, Jenny Garner
Class 4; Ryan Davies, Troy Halpin, Louise Allen, Madeline Stone, Jasper Low, Alanna Stones (TWICE!), Eloise North

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Frankie Fenton, Ruby Payne, Oscar Calow, Edith Harrison, Roxy Laird, All of the year 6 children, Blossom Weal, Maddy Mottram, Heidi Joyce-Wykes, Jasmine Joyce-Wykes, Joe Tarleton, Oliver Phillips, Romelly Laird, Finlay Shaw-White, Victoria Nurse, Eloise North, Nathan Carey, Kira Stevens, Tom Williamson, Owen Jones, Isabel Birch

Kindness Cup

Blossom Weal, Hope Meadows

Writers Cup

Bethany Toach, Harriet Wood, All of Class 4, Charlotte Williams

Year Group Cup

Year 6, Reception, Year 5, Year 5, Reception, Year 2

House Cup

Horse Chestnut, Holly, Horse Chestnut, Horse Chestnut, Oak





**Come and visit "Santa" in his Grotto
at
Billesdon School's "Winter Wonderland"
Saturday 14th December 2013
10.00am to 12.00am**

We will be serving refreshments, so come along and have a glass of mulled wine or a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie/hot pastries.

Visit Santa and get a present and certificate

Cake stall

Children's stalls including: teddy tombola, fill a jar,
children's tattoos, and lots more

Christmas Luxury Hamper Raffle

Nearly new children's books and toys



Please come along and join in the festive fun! Entry for adults is £1 (including a raffle ticket) children are free.