



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy half term comes to a close and our pupils and staff have worked extremely hard and enjoyed a variety of learning experiences.

We welcomed some new nursery children at the beginning of January, everyone has settled really well making new friends and enjoying their new learning experiences.

All the children really enjoyed the restyled canteen on our 'American Diner' day where the children were served hotdogs, pizzas, chips and milkshakes by the teaching staff, with musical accompaniment throughout the lunchtime. Huge thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff for making this a fun day.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the sessions explaining Assertive Mentoring; the feedback from the sessions was very positive. We are planning further sessions to explain some of the key areas of interest to parents (including homework, behaviour, bullying and communication).

Year 6 and Year 8 pupils sat their mock exams, the results of which are very pleasing and planning is already in place to endeavour to build on their subject knowledge further before May.

Parents consultation evenings were held this week; we hope you enjoyed discussing your child's progress with the class teachers. If you were unable to attend or would like the opportunity to discuss any aspect in more detail, please make an appointment to see the appropriate teacher. We appreciate that some teachers had very full diaries and will rectify this for the next round of parents evenings.

We would like to wish you and the children a well deserved restful half term week. We look forward to seeing you all next half term - which starts on Monday 23rd February 2015.

*Sue Teague*

## ASSERTIVE MENTORING

This term we have implemented a whole school assessment initiative - Assertive Mentoring. This new assessment system has already begun to provide teachers and senior leaders with detailed information about your child's learning and ability in writing and maths. The main focus of Assertive Mentoring is to clearly know what your child 'can do' independently but also what are their learning gaps? Teachers then use this information to accurately inform their planning and to provide suitable differentiation and intervention where necessary. Children with similar gaps in learning will be grouped together to enable rapid progress; these groups may be led by a different teacher or with children from another class.

We will be focussing on the reading elements of Assertive Mentoring in the coming half term. Thank you again to all those parents and carers who attended one of our Assertive Mentoring information evenings in January.

## KS1 NEWS

A short but very busy half term in KS1 starting with us enjoying Pirate day in Year 1 and dressing up as 'People Who Help Us' in Year 2. Thank you to PC Emma Baker who gave her time and came and shared with us some of the duties she carries out in her job. The children were full of questions to ask her.

This has been followed later on in the term by two entertaining class assemblies performed by 2K and 2F. Thank you to all parents who came along to support the children. They were very excited to show them to an audience.



Just a couple of reminders to all parents. Firstly, the school day begins at 8:55am and children only should enter the building at the designated entrances. The main entrance into the building is for Reception children and their parents. As you can imagine, it is extremely busy in the mornings and by keeping to this, it is a much smoother process. If you are late, please go to the main reception area where children will be signed in and escorted to MacArthur. If you have messages for Class Teachers and have not been able to communicate these directly to them, please write them in the children's planners or arrange a meeting via the office.

Secondly, in this cold weather, please make sure children come to school in coats and appropriate footwear. Wellies/snowboots in the snowy weather are essential with a dry pair of shoes to change in to.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and we look forward to another exciting half term.

*KS1 Staff*

## EYFS NEWS

Reception children started off the term dressed as characters from different countries giving them a flavour of international culture. We were happy to welcome the new children to Nursery and have been pleased with how well they have settled into school life. Nursery children were very excited to go on a treasure hunt in the garden with Spot the dog. By listening carefully to the clues they were able to find edible treasure. What a super start to the topic!

## FRIENDS OF CADDINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOL

To celebrate Easter, we have an entertainer booked to visit the younger children and for the older ones, we will be ending the term with a disco!

The annual Easter egg raffle will be announced soon after the half term holidays, so do keep a look out for details on Parentmail.

Pupils have recently been enjoying using the kurio tablets/phones funded by 'The Friends'. Results from the school regarding the benefits of these fun learning tools are really encouraging!

## GOBI RANGANATHAN

Gobi Ranganathan, a National ParaBadminton player, came into school to visit the Year 4 children. He gave a talk to them about his sport and his disability and answered their questions about accessibility. He then came and presented all the certificates in assembly. The children found the event very interesting.



## PRAISE ASSEMBLIES

Each fortnight we hold praise assemblies. This term praise goes to:

Angel Burnett for achieving her Grade 2 with Merit in Singing

Charlie Morland for achieving his Grade 5 in Trampolining.

Well Done!



**WHAT CAN SAVE NEARLY 1000 KILOWATT HOURS OF ELECTRICITY IN TWO WEEKS?**

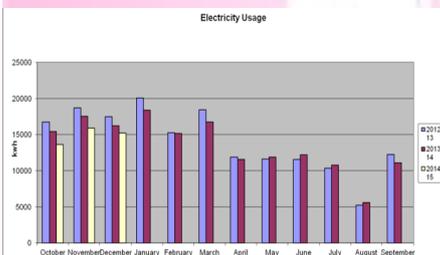


As you might know, Caddington Village School is an eco school. During the last two weeks of January, we have been doing a 'Switch-off Fortnight' campaign. We have organised this for the last three years, but only this year have the Eco Team decided to really challenge ourselves (and the rest of the school) by doing it at the coldest time of the year.

Eco representatives from every class checked their rooms to make sure their classmates and teachers were switching off anything not needed. By the end of the fortnight, the results have been fascinating, bearing in mind that this year was a lot colder than last.

In the first week we reduced our usage from 4337 to 3888 kwh. In the second week, we did even better, despite the cold, and reduced usage from 4462 to 3919 kwh. The savings were £55 per week just by turning off the lights.

As you can see in the graph, we are working hard to reduce our electricity consumption. For the rest of 2015 we aim to continue this pattern in energy saving. So what can save nearly 1000 kwh of power? – A whole school working together to turn off lights, computers and appliances when they are not needed. You can try it at home too!



Lucy Treleaven and  
Clare Gower, Eco Team  
representatives.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2014-2015

16th-20th Feb	Half Term
Mon 2nd Mar	Nursery Open Session—April Intake
Wed 4th Mar	Yr4 Viking Visitor
Wed 4th—Tue 10th Mar	Travelling Book Fair
Fri 6th Mar	CVS World Book Day
Tue 10th Mar	2.50pm 4W Class Assembly
Fri 13th Mar	Comic Relief
Fri 13th Mar	2:45pm 1P Class Assembly
Thur 19th Mar	3:45-4:30pm Yr1 Entertainer
Thur 19th Mar	5:30-7:30pm Yr 7&8 Movie Night
Fri 20th Mar	Chocolate Mufti Day
Fri 20th Mar	Disco 3:45-5:00pm Yr 1-3 5:30-7:00pm Yr 4-6
Tue 24th Mar	2:50pm 3W Class Assembly
Wed 25th Mar	Celebration Assemblies: 9:15am Yr 3&4 11:15am Yr 5&6 2:15pm Yr 7&8
Thu 26th Mar	2:50pm Easter Assembly Yr5-8
Fri 27th Mar	Last Day of Term
30th Mar—10th Apr	Easter Holidays

## WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be holding our World Book Day on 6th March 2015 with activities for the children. To coincide with World Book Day, the Travelling Book Fair will be coming from 4th March to 10th March 2015. More details will follow shortly about both the Book Fair and World Book Day.

## HOMEWORK EFFORTS IN YEAR 6

Year 6 are working hard with their homework ready for their forthcoming national tests. Keep going! Your hard work will be all worth it in the end!

Mrs Godfrey

## AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB

There are spaces available in the after school Art Club for children in years 3 to 6 on Tuesdays 3.15-4.15pm. If you are interested please go online to [www.loveartandcraft.co.uk](http://www.loveartandcraft.co.uk) for more information or to book online.

## BALL SKILLS CLUB

Ball Skills Club for Yr 1&2 will be continuing after half term and there are a few places. If anyone is interested in taking part, please let Miss Field or your Class Teacher know. Thank you.

## HOMEWORK CLUB

If you need to do some homework, there is a homework club that runs in the ICT suite Monday and Tuesday Lunchtime between 1.15pm—2.45pm. Come along after you have had lunch!

Please see your child's home school book for more detailed dates. The school website 'events' tab also has details of forthcoming events.