

NEWSLETTER

RSPCA

*If you came down to Cowley Hill School today,
You'd have been sure of a big surprise.
If you came down to Cowley Hill School today,
You'd better have come in disguise.
For every animal that ever there was
Gathered there because...
Today's the day the RSPCA came to collect our donations.*

The school council wish to extend their thanks to all those children, families and staff who donated supplies and money for Southridge RSPCA. Jo, a volunteer from Southridge RSPCA attended our assembly yesterday was thrilled to see so many children and staff dressed up as animals! She told us all about the animals that they care for and how the RSPCA works to save animals. The money that Cowley Hill have donated will be used to support on-going treatment of a cat called Pepsi who has kidney failure. We have a lovely photo of Pepsi hanging in the school entrance and Jo invited any children to visit Pepsi and the other animals at Southridge RSPCA. We shall be sending them another cheque for £127.77.

**Message from The RSPCA:**

"Thank you so much for allowing me into your assembly today - it was lovely to see so many of you dressed up.

I have delivered all of the wonderful donations to Southridge - together with your cheque for £270.79, and the staff were so excited with the wonderful toys and treats that the animals will receive today."

Assembly

It was great to see the Nursery children in their first class assembly! They were all very confident and proud of what they have been doing at school. Finding out about their visit to the fire station and the work they have been doing around fire fighters was very interesting. A brilliant assembly Nursery.

Chess Team - Success

The school chess team completed their final two matches of the year on Wednesday 19th of March. They had two stunning victories winning 11 out of the 12 points available. The children came joint 7th overall out of 16 teams in the Minor League – an excellent result considering the competition – many public schools! I would like to thank Steven Wainwright, an ex-pupil, who teaches the children during chess club. A great big WELL DONE to all of the children who played in the team.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 99.3% attendance and in KS2 5MM with 99.5%.... WELL DONE R-JT and 6AP.

Group – Reception/KS1	Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	99.3
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	98.2
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	97.5
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	97.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	94.7
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper/Heather Woodward	100	86.4

Group – KS2	Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	99.5
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	98.2
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	98
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	95.7
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	95.2
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.5
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	93.3
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	92.2

Clubs

There will be no clubs next week.

Lost Property

We have a collection of lost property please come and reclaim any lost items from the box outside the medical room.

All items not claimed by the 3rd April will be given to charity.

Boys Football

On Monday both the Boys' 'A' and 'B' teams were in action against Oakmere School. The 'A' team were up first and came out of the blocks flying breaking to score twice on the counter attack with Alfie twice getting on the end of Tyler's through balls; first time lobbing the keeper and second time neatly slotting home to give Cowley Hill a 2-0 half time lead. In the second half Oakmere rallied and Cowley Hill had to show strong defending putting everything on the line. However, their resolve was to be broken twice in the last two minutes of the game with Oakmere coming back to draw 2-2. Well done to everyone who played.

The 'B' team were in action against a strong Oakmere 'B' side and were punished twice in the first half for some indecisive defending with Oakmere 'B' taking a 2-0 lead into the break. In the second half Cowley Hill 'B' came alive creating chance after chance with Ephraim and Joe both going close. The defensive side of our game was much better with the second half being a more solid performance all round. The final score was Cowley Hill 'B' 0-2 Oakmere 'B.' Well done to everyone who played.

Girls Football

On Tuesday both the Girls' 'A' and 'B' teams were in action also against Oakmere School. The 'A' team match was a very close encounter with both teams cancelling each other out and most of the game was played in midfield. The second half was more open with both teams creating some half chances and the game looked to be heading towards a 0-0 draw, however, with the last kick of the game, with Cowley Hill themselves pushing for the winner, Oakmere broke and raced down the other end to score winning the game 0-1. Well done to everyone who played.

The 'B' team match was a very exciting end to end game with both teams playing some very attractive football. Oakmere scored two quick fire goals either side of halftime but a fantastic solo effort from Nabriisa meant it was a very nery end to the game for Oakmere with our girls pushing them all the way. The game finished Cowley Hill 'B' 1-2 Oakmere 'B.' Well done to everyone who played.

Girls Football Tournament

On Thursday the Girls Football team competed in the District Football tournament and not only had to battle the other schools but the weather as well. All the way through the tournament the girls produced excellent football and played with real determination and passion. The girls beat both St Nicholas and Meryfield 1-0, beat Monksmead 2-0, drew with both Kenilworth and Shenley 1-1 and 0-0 respectively and lost narrowly to Clore Shalom 0-1. Overall they finished 3rd. A great effort girls and one you can all be proud of.

Telling Stories (Part 4)

A Game to Try at Home

Game adapted from I CAN's Chatting with Children Activity pack for children

Key words

The aim of the game: can you make a sentence containing key words?

Learning opportunities: this game encourages children to investigate their understanding of key words and find new ways of using them in sentences.

How to do it: find three or four objects and ask the child to think of a story containing each of the objects.

Think about what happens in the story, who meets who and what they do with the objects.

Practice the story together and then ask the child to tell the story to someone else.

If there's no one else around, use a teddy (or another toy) as someone to listen to the story.

Make it easier...

Think about the sentences that include the key words or object names. This is easier than making up a whole story.

Make it harder...

Ask the child to use more key words or objects, or make the description of the objects more complex. So instead of the story containing a 'spoon', make the spoon 'a giant's spoon for eating breadcrumbs.' Alternatively, ask your child to come up with more than one story for each set of objects.

Taken from a blog posted by: Amanda Baxter on Wednesday 5th June 2013. Amanda Baxter is the Communication Advisor for I CAN, the children's communication charity. The full blog can be found at:

http://www.motherandchild.co.uk/blog/telling-stories/?utm_content=bufferf4f97&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

Spring Term Dates

KS1/2 S&L Base Tea	Tuesday 1 st April
Finish at 2pm for the Easter Holidays	Friday 4 th April

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