

NEWSLETTER

I spent a fantastic day with two groups of children at the Herts Youth Games in Ware on Thursday. We took two teams who were representing the whole of Watford and Hertsmere district in the Hockey and Year 3 Gymnastics. I am delighted to say that the children performed to a very high standard coming 4th overall in the Gym and 2nd overall in the hockey. This is a fantastic achievement as these placings are for the whole of Hertfordshire. A massive WELL DONE to all of the children.

Herts Youth Games

The Gymnastics team were required to perform a vault routine and a floor routine. They performed the routine to perfection and it was clear to see all the hard work and effort they have put into learning it. They have come such a long way this year and the sky is certainly the limit for them. Overall they finished in 4th place. Well done team!!

Our Hockey team qualified comfortably from their group to progress into the knockout stages. In the knockout stages they were drawn against some accomplished and tough hockey schools however, this seemed to drive us on showing great determination and togetherness made it through to the final. The final was greatly contested with Cowley Hill coming from 2-0 down to level the match 2-2 and take it to extra time-golden goal. Cowley Hill showed fantastic spirit and belief with extra time being a fantastic advertisement for school hockey. Unfortunately in the last minute Cowley Hill conceded and lost the final 1-0. Overall they finished second in County. Well done team on a fantastic performance – we are very proud of you!

Year 5 Athletics Success

On Tuesday our Year 5 Athletics Squad competed in the Sports Partnership Athletics Tournament. They competed in a range of track and field events including, discus, javelin, long jump, hurdles and 4x1 relay. Consistency was the ingredient our squad had in abundance with our athletes finishing in the top four places in all of our events. With not many points between first and second the Girls 4x1 relay team banished any worries storming to victory. Overall we finished in first place and have progressed through to the Partnership Finals- well done to everyone who took part.

Year 1 Multi Skills

On Tuesday afternoon all of year one went to Hertswood to take part in a Multi Skills Festival. They had the opportunity to participate in a range of activities that were designed to develop their agility, co-ordination and balance. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and their skills continue to develop and flourish. Our Year 6 Pupils were the events Young Leaders and run the day. Their responsibilities included organising and running stations, demonstrating and being responsible for their group. They rose to the challenge and demonstrated fantastic leadership skills. Well done Year 1 and Year 6!

Kwik Cricket

On Wednesday both our A and B Kwik Cricket teams were in action against Meryfield. The first match saw our A team blow Meryfield away with a superb batting innings that saw us record our highest run rate of the season. This was accompanied with some very strong fielding and resulted in a 284 to 195 victory for Cowley Hill. The B team continued Cowley Hill's dominance with an excellent fielding innings limiting Meryfield to only a few singles and like the A team batted a strong innings. This resulted in a 245 to 180 victory for Cowley Hill. Well done to everyone who played.

Assemblies

On Friday Mr Marland's 3CM class performed their class assembly. They focused on not only their recent trip to the new local library, but also gave us a quick run down of some of the amazing films and TV shows that are, or have been, filmed right here in Borehamwood. It was clear that the children have been enjoying their look at Borehamwood, both in the present day and in the past.

2TS held a fantastic seaside assembly on Friday to get you all in the mood for summer. They took the audience on a journey to Brighton beach, a stormy beach and even a tropical beach! They presented a selection of work they have covered last term all about the seaside, including some poems comparing the beach to a treasure chest, seaside riddles, under the sea 3d models and even their own seaside stories. To round off the assembly, they performed a tropical dance to Little Mermaid's 'Under the Sea' and sang a beautiful song which made everyone want to be 'Beside the Sea!'

Elstree & Borehamwood Town Council Primary Schools Performing Arts Event

On Tuesday Year 4 represented the School at the Council's Performing Arts Event at Allum Hall. Both classes did really well singing and playing their cornets in front of a large audience. They worked excellently as a group and watched their conductor, the cornet teacher Paul Fisher, very carefully. In addition they behaved superbly when they were watching all of the other acts. Well done to Year 4 and thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children.



Art Show

On the afternoon of Friday 20th June the children visited the art show at the local library. 1PC, 2TS and year 6 'buddied up' to walk to this amazing exhibition. Due to the fantastic behaviour of all children the local councillor Sandra Parnell told staff, 'your students are a credit to the school, they have behaved perfectly.'

We would like to thank Mrs Blunden for organising the spectacular display of art work from reception through to year 6.



The Wind in the Willows by Dylan

Year 5 have been reading 'The Wind in the Willows' and Dylan beautifully captured the fear and trepidation of Mole's first walk through the 'Wild Woods' in his writing using powerful adverbs and verbs (the lesson objective).

“As Mole walked timidly and slowly into the darkness of the woods, the sword of loneliness struck his heart. He crept forward very suspiciously further into the Wild Woods, his body filled with a mixture of fear and excitement. Mole could feel his small torso ready to explode but he stood motionless. He walked forward but stopped again. He could sense the petrifying faces of the evil trees looking into his soul. Mole was paralyzed and then a tidal wave of fear swept through his body!”

By Dylan Francis Silvester-Alderman

Reception & Nursery Sports Day Wednesday 2nd July

Just to remind you that the foundation stage sports day is next Wednesday and that parents are invited for a picnic and to watch for the whole day.

Sports Day – Year 1 to 6 Friday 4th July

Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day is taking place next Friday 4th July 2014 from 9am to 3pm. Please ensure your child is in school for 8.30pm dressed in full PE kit (black shorts and trainers-please note school shoes are not acceptable) and the colour t-shirt representing their team. Parent and Carer spectators are welcome to come and support. A letter with further details has been sent out to children.

Nursery Trip to Knebworth House

On Wednesday nursery enjoyed a trip to Knebworth House. We all went on the dinosaur and maze trail and had an enjoyable picnic lunch. In the afternoon we had great fun exploring the amazing grounds and play area. We all had a wonderful day.

Year 2 Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park

Year 2 had a fantastic time in Paradise Wildlife Park. The children were well behaved and a delight to take away. During their visit, they learnt new facts about some Mini Beasts and also saw unusual and fierce animals like the white tiger. We were able to get very close to some of the Mini Beasts that Tom, our teacher for the day, showed us. We learnt that a female tarantula eats the male tarantula! Everyone really enjoyed themselves and represented the school very well.

Drawing Club

Drawing club with Miss Colhoun, Miss Ely and Mrs Badu is cancelled next Wednesday due to the foundation stage sports day.

Friends of Cowley Hill Summer Fete Friday 11th July

The summer fete is fast approaching and we really need your input to make this a successful and fun fete for everyone.

Here's how you can help;

- bottle donations
- gift set/toys/book donations
- help to set up on the day
- help to run a stall on the day

We are also offering parents the chance to run their own 'bric-a-brac' stall this year. Bring your own items to sell and keep your own profit there is a £10 table fee.

You can also have a table for £10 if you have craft items to sell.

Please request a table via the school office or contact foch@hotmail.co.uk.

We REALLY need you!

MSA Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Midday Supervisory Assistants to work with the children at lunchtime. The role is a term time only role for 5 hours a week. If you would like to support children at lunchtime, working in the dining room and outside on the playground, please can you contact the school office for an application form.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 96.5% attendance and in KS2 6YS with 96.5%.... WELL DONE 2TS and 6YS.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	96.5
Reception - Jo Thomson	100	95.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.3
Year 1 - Philippa Cooper	100	94.8
Reception - Grace Colhoun	100	94.3
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	94

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	96.5
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	96.5
Year 4 - Lougene Lillywhite	100	96.3
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95.9
Year 5 - Moira McCarthy	100	95.8
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.4
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	94.4
Year 4 - Deborah Harris	100	94

Class Assemblies

Date	9am Start	9.30am Start
Wednesday 2nd July	3MN	No Assembly
Wednesday 9 th July	No Assembly	Nursery

Please note a change to 3MN and Nursery assemblies.

Summer Term Dates

30 th June	Governor Day
2 nd July	FSU Sports Day
4 th July	Sports Day
4 th July	FoCH BBQ/Bouncy Castle
7 th July	No Clubs for the rest of term
8 th July	Finance & Personnel Meeting
8 th July	Full Governing Body Meeting
8 th July	Year 6 Induction Meeting at Hertswood
9 th July	Aylmerton Residential Journey Meeting
10 th July	Moving up day
11 th July	FoCH Summer Fair
14 th July	Year 5 Taster Day at Hertswood
14 th July	Open Evening – Reports to go out
16 th July	Sports Presentation Evening
18 th July	End of Term 2pm Finish