

NEWSLETTER

Children in Need

Last Friday evening, 14th November 2014, the Cowley Hill Choir sang live on BBC One as part of Children In Need. We are very proud of all of the children. Their behaviour and dedication through rehearsals paid off – they were absolutely AMAZING!

You can watch the choir sing again by following this link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p02bxhs1>

**Assembly**

So far this term 5JS have been learning about the Vikings during our topic, English and music lessons. The children have been working hard to learn two songs about the Vikings and chose their favourite one for the assembly.

In English we have been learning about different styles of poems such as conversational and list poems. We then analysed a famous praise poem written by the Vikings. We have also been reading and learning about narrative writing through the story of Beowulf.

In topic we have been learning about the landscape of Scandinavia and are producing 3D ordinate survey maps. The children have been practising hard all week and are excited about the performance.

Hertsmere Borough Council Christmas Card Competition

The children at Cowley Hill Primary School took part in a competition to design Christmas greeting cards for the borough council. Primary schools

across Hertsmere were invited to take part. Hundreds of entries were received from eleven schools across the borough. Judging was undertaken by the Mayor of Hertsmere's Councillor Carey Keates and his ten year old granddaughter. We are delighted to announce Nabrisa Badu won first prize – her image of festive characters holding hands with a happy Hertsmere 'H' logo will be used as the council's electronic greeting. Nabrisa even went to a presentation where she received her prize and the Mayor himself congratulated her personally. Well done Nabrisa.

Hockey Partnership Finals

On Wednesday our Hockey Team competed in the Sports Partnership Hockey Finals. Throughout the tournament Cowley Hill showed a real passion and determination to progress through to the County Finals. Sheer ruthlessness can be described to describe their first performance where they beat Bushey Manor 8-0, this was combined with excellent skill to overcome Woodlands 4-2 and fantastic team work and energy to draw 1-1 with Lawrence Haines. The tournament depicted just how their hockey skills have progressed and they deservedly won the tournament and have progressed through to the County Finals for the second year running. Great Performance Team!

Boys Football

On Wednesday the boys' football team took on St Nicholas. Cowley Hill started very well with both Alfie and Jedi testing the opposition's keeper. Cowley Hill dominated the most of the first half which meant conceding from a corner mid-way through was a real hammer blow. Cowley Hill continued to press and create chances but were to be undone again conceding from a corner again. Cowley Hill rallied in the second half and stuck to our philosophy of playing attacking and attractive football, however, a third set piece resulted in a third goal for St Nicholas. In terms of football Cowley Hill can be very pleased with their performance the only thing missing is some height when defending- maybe Santa will bring us some growing potion.

Independent Tennis

Independent Tennis visited our school this week to introduce a new initiative in Borehamwood to get more children playing Tennis. The children were treated to a lively school assembly with pupils in years 3 and 4 also having the opportunity to participate in some taster sessions. The morning was very exciting and the children all homed in on their basic tennis skills. Independent Tennis are running a free tennis taster session this Saturday 22nd November at Meadow Park from 10.30am- all children and adults are welcome so continue your Olympic Legacy and GET INVOLVED!

Netball Match

Thursday's Year 5/6 Netball Club session took an exciting development with St Teresa's bringing 20 of their children to us to play lots of High 5 mini matches. This was a real advert for Netball in the area and through the course of the hour over 50 children were able to represent their respective schools. All the children implemented excellent netball skills and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Well done to all the children and to Mrs Day who umpired all the matches.

Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting



We shall be meeting on Wednesday 26th November at 2pm for a catch up on the preparation for the Christmas Fair. All parents, carers and grandparents welcome.

Friends of Cowley Hill Request for items for the Christmas Fair

As the festive season is near and we are preparing for another Cowley Hill School Christmas Fair, we would be really grateful if you could send your children into school next week with a decorated jam jar-full of sweets, lollies, small soft toys, stationery, etc. We would kindly like you to donate some unused smellies, bath toiletries, bottles or soft toys that are of no use to you. Just bring them to the school office. Thank you

Polite Reminders

Smoking: Cowley Hill is a non-smoking site. If you smoke can we please ask that you refrain from smoking by the school gates. Thank you.

Parking: Whilst the vast majority of parents park considerately at school drop off and pick up times I have received complaints from our neighbours in Winstre Road and Caishowe Road about parents parking over driveways. Reports of abusive and threatening behaviour will be passed on to the police with registration details. This is clearly behaviour we do not want around our children. I appreciate that there is limited space around the school and request that you park considerately.

Free School Meals

Are you eligible for free school meals? How do you know? If you aren't sure please contact the school office for some advice. For every child who is registered for free school meals Cowley Hill can claim a Pupil Premium Grant of £1300! Even if your child has a home packed lunch you can still apply. Pupil Premium grants are a very valuable source of funding for us. We can use the money for a variety of things to benefit your children. For details of how we used the Pupil Premium Grant for 2013/14 please see our website.

Message for all Nursery Parents

Primary admissions are now open for you to apply for your child to go into reception in September 2015.

Children born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011 need to register for a Primary School place for next September. Apply online before the 15th January 2015 at www.hertsdirect.org/admissions.

If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

If you need any help with your application please talk to Mrs Scott or a member of the office team. **The closing date for applications is 15th January 2015.**

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is 2TS with 98.3% attendance and in KS2 5JS with 97.1%... WELL DONE 2TS and 5JS.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	98.3
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	96.9
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	93.9
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	93.5
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	92.7
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	91.3

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 5 - Joe Suckling	100	97.1
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	96.5
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	96.5
Year 4 - June Booter/Donna Lees	100	95.8
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.7
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	94.6
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	94.5
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	93.3

Autumn Term Dates

24 th November	Governor Visit Day
26 th November	Year 2 Great Fire of London
26 th November	Friends of Cowley Hill Meeting at 2.00pm to discuss the Christmas Fair.
26 th November	Governors Meeting
28 th November	Year 6 visit to the London Transport Museum
5 th December	Christmas Fair
10 th December	Year 3 – Stone Age Workshop
15 th December	Christmas Production Week
17 th December	Christmas Dinner
18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 th December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies	Time
4JB	Fri 28 th Nov at 9.15am
4EF	Fri 5 th Dec at 9.15am
3CM	Fri 12 th Dec at 9.15am

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