

## NEWSLETTER

## European Day of Languages



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September was a special day at school, when we not only celebrated the many different languages spoken by children and families here at Cowley Hill (at least 30!) but we also found out that Borehamwood and Elstree are twinned with a town in France called Fontenay-aux-Roses. Madame Mason, who works for BETTA (Borehamwood and Elstree Twin Town Association), joined our assembly to talk to us about the exciting activities that KS2 will be able to share with a Primary School in Fontenay-aux-Roses. More details to come...

All the children in school dressed up in costumes to represent a European country and during the day, the KS2 classes (including the teachers) worked on a quiz to find out who are the European countries and Languages experts. To be announced!

Many thanks to all who donated towards the very worthy charity, MacMillan Nurses. The winning class who collected the most money will be announced in the next newsletter.



## Sport for Schools Day – Visit from a Professional Athlete

On Thursday we hosted our Sport for Schools Day. Children in KS1 and KS2 had the opportunity to meet three professional Team GB Athletes in triple Jumpers Nathan Fox and Kola Adedoyin and 400m runner Luke Ford-Lennon. Following the circuit training sessions the morning ended with the athletes leading an assembly. During the assembly they demonstrated a range of training techniques with some pupils being selected to have a go. The athletes also discussed their careers and inspirations. It was a truly inspirational morning and we hope many more pupils in the school will take up athletics outside of school.

Sport for Schools is a sponsored charity event. The money raised helps to support athletes like Nathan, Kola and Luke with their training as well as helping us as a school purchase new PE equipment. Please ensure your Sponsorship money and completed form are returned to the school office by next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.-Thank you for you for your continued support.

## Year 1 – Multi Skills Festival

On Tuesday Year 1 attended a Multi Skills Festival hosted by Hertswood School. The children had the opportunity to participate in a range of fun activities designed to improve their agility, hand eye coordination, balance and ball skills. They did fantastically well and had a very enjoyable morning.

Our Year 6 pupils took the role of Young Leaders and ran the event. They took on the responsibility naturally and were great ambassadors for the school. The event would not have been able to take place or be as successful as it was without their support. Well done Year 6!

## Meet the Teacher

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all of the parents and carers who attended our Meet the Teacher sessions. We had a record turnout across the school this year. Children spend more time at home than they do at school and the more we can work together then the better they will achieve. If you were unable to attend the sessions please contact your class teacher directly to find out what you missed.

## Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-KG with 98.7% attendance and in KS2 3CM with 99.7%.... WELL DONE R-KG and 3CM.

Group – Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	98.7
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	96.3
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	95.9
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	94.5
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	91.3
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	88.7

Group – KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 3 - Chris Marland	100	99.7
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	98.3
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	97.7
Year 4 - June Booter/Lougene Lilywhite	100	97.7
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	97.3
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	97.1
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	95.4

## Year 6 – Secondary Transfer

All children in year 6 will need to apply for a secondary school place for September 2015. The online system is now open, the closing date for applications is Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Parents should apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions)

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer at school. If you would like any help please talk to Mrs Scott.

The Moving-On booklet sent out in the summer term will inform you of the dates for open evenings at the secondary schools and how to apply. If you would like another copy please talk to Mrs Scott.

## Data Collection Sheets

Your child will have come home with their data collection sheet on Wednesday, this was printed on peach coloured paper. If you have not done so already can you please check the details, amend if necessary and return the form to the school office.

Thank you

## Autumn Term Dates

29 <sup>th</sup> September to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Residential School Journey
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Governors Training
8 <sup>th</sup> October	No Pens Day
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Governors Meeting
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Writing Assessment
14 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photographer in
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> November	School Disco
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment Week
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Governor Visit Day
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Great Fire of London
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Governors Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 visit to the London Transport Museum
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Production Week
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes for the Christmas Holidays at 2pm

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