

NEWSLETTER

We had a fantastic turn out for Parent Consultations this week. Thank you for all of the parents who were able to attend. If you were unable to attend then please see your child's class teacher to make a mutually convenient appointment to discuss your child's progress. The new booking system for appointments worked well with more parents than ever attending consultations. Thank you for your continuing support - it is important that we work closely together to provide the very best education for your child.

I was extremely proud of the children who took part in 'Rock Challenge' at the Gordon Craig Theatre in Stevenage on Tuesday evening. The performance was amazing with everyone performing to their best. A great big thank you to Miss Witham and her team for their hard work and determination to put on a show of the highest standard! Find out more below.

Assembly

The children from RSD performed a fantastic assembly based on the Chinese New Year. They all managed to remember words and actions to all the songs. Some of the children showcased their shiny dragons, their bright lanterns and how they could count in Mandarin. They demonstrated how much they have learnt about this important Chinese festival - well done RSD!



Rock Challenge

On Tuesday 24th February a team of children from Cowley Hill competed at this year's Rock Challenge competition in Stevenage. After working extremely hard for months on end they performed their theme, 'Divided' perfectly. The children behaved brilliantly and received amazing feedback from the judges. We are very proud of every single one of them! Congratulations to all of the children on such a fantastic achievement and a big thank you to every member of staff who gave up their time to help with staging, make-up, hair, costumes, lighting and our soundtrack.



Boys Football

On Wednesday our Boys Football Team played St Teresa's. The first half saw Cowley Hill dominate for large parts implementing a 'Dutch total football display' in which we hit the post on three occasions. Just before half time we took the lead when Alfie's long range effort flew into the top corner. Jedi doubled the lead moments into the second half finishing off a superb move however, St Teresa's pulled one back straight away. The remainder of the second half saw Cowley Hill dig deep and battle really well to hold on to their deserved lead. The final score was St Teresa's 1-2 Cowley Hill. Well done to everyone who played.

Aylmerton - Residential Journey

We are planning to take the current year 5 and year 4 pupils to Aylmerton Field Study Centre in Norfolk again at the end of September 2015. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn not only about Norfolk and the surrounding area but also to learn to work as a team and co-operate with each other. This will be the school's third visit; the previous two trips have been a huge success. Each year we have a change of programme to ensure that the children have new experiences.

Places are limited and are now open to current year 4 pupils.

If you wish to find out more or reserve a place please speak to the office. In case of financial hardship please contact the school; we will do what we can to support you as it is such an excellent opportunity for the children.

Speedstacking Partnership Finals

On Tuesday our Speedstacking Team competed in the Sports Partnership Finals having won the Borehamwood Schools Cluster Round. They competed in 3,3,3 and 3,6,3 individual and relay races. The speed and calmness of their stacking was unbelievable with all our stackers competing to their highest standard. Overall we finished in 3rd place. Well done team a great result.

Class Attendance

The classes with the best attendance from Friday last week to yesterday in Reception/KS1 is R-KG 96.5% attendance and in KS2 6AP with 98.7%... WELL DONE R-KG and 6AP.

Group - Reception/KS1	% Possible	% Attend
Reception - Kimberley Gurrey	100	96.5
Reception - Soniya Dass	100	96.2
Year 1 - Yasmin Naher	100	95.3
Year 2 - Jenny Gilbert	100	95.2
Year 2 - Tara Sassoon	100	94
Year 1 - Katie Witham	100	88.4

Group - KS2	% Possible	% Attend
Year 6 - Andrew Penn	100	98.7
Year 4 - June Boother	100	95.4
Year 3 - Melissa Newberry	100	95.3
Year 5 - Sarah Day/Nadia Parker	100	95.2
Year 5 - Laura Douglas	100	95
Year 6 - Yesim Soyel	100	93
Year 4 - Ed Farrell	100	92.5
Year 3 - Toyin	100	85.9

Assessment Week for Children in Year 1 to 6

The children will be completing a range of assessments next week in class for us to measure the progress they are making this year and plan accurately for the next steps in their learning. It is important that children arrive at school on time so that they don't have to rush into class at the last minute, to sit down immediately to a task. It is also really important for child/children to be rested so please ensure your child has a good night's sleep each day next week.

Please ensure that your child arrives in school before 8.45am and that they have had breakfast before coming to school each morning.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Nursery Admissions for September 2015

Admissions will open for you to apply for your child to go into Nursery on Monday.

Children born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 can register for a Nursery School place for next September. The deadline for applications is 20th March 2015. If you would like to look around the school please contact the school office to make an appointment.

For further information log on to www.hertsdirect.org/admissions

For those of you who do not have internet access you are very welcome to use a computer in the school. If you would like any help please ask any member of the school office. **The closing date for applications is 20th March 2015.**

Spring Dates

2 nd March	Year 6 parents receive Secondary Place Allocations from Admissions
4 th March	KS1 Base Trip to the Radlett Centre to see Room on the Broom
4 th March	Year 3 to the Chiltern Open Air Museum
6 th March	Year 6YS to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
11 th March	e-Safety
13 th March	Year 6AP to Haberdasher's for Science Workshop
16 th March	Science Week
17 th March	MAD Science in
18 th March	Year 2 to visit Paradise Wildlife Park
18 th March	Year 4 Setpoint 'Lighting it Up workshop'
18 th March	Chess Tournament at Mount Grace
19 th March	Governor Visit Day
19 th March	Science Evening 6-7pm
20 th March	Nursery Admissions for September 2015 close
25 th March	Year 3 Setpoint 'Light & Dark Workshop'
25 th March	Full Governors Meeting

26 th March	Year 4 Science Technology Event at Woodlands
26 th March	Singing Sherlock Performance at The Ark Theatre 7.30pm to 9pm
31 st March	Year 4 trip to Roman Verulamium
2 nd April	School Finishes for Easter Holidays at 2pm

Class Assemblies

	9.15am	9.45am
6 th March	5KN	Reception - KG
13 th March	4EF	Nursery
20 th March	4JB	-
27 th March	3LM	5LD

*Please note change to assembly for 5LD.

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