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## Newsletter

Dear Parents,

### SAFEGUARDING

#### Mental Health Parent workshop

Thank you to Trevor from the CAMHS team who hosted a parent workshop earlier in the term around mental health. He gave a presentation about what the team do, how to contact them and how parents can support their child at home. Thank you to those parents who attended this session.

#### Autism Reality experience

On Friday, Scotts staff and colleagues from other local primary schools had the opportunity to experience what sensory overload can be like for children, through the use of specialist equipment and a simulated environment. As part of the experience, staff were required to carry out some basic tasks while managing the effects of sensory overload. Trained facilitators carefully monitored and analysed staff actions and behaviours during the experience and then discussed this with them in the de-brief which followed. This valuable insight and feedback really helped the staff at Scotts to understand sensory processing difficulties that some children experience on a daily basis and how to manage these positively to improve children's outcomes.

#### Online Safety

The Metropolitan Police came into school to talk to children throughout KS1 and KS2 about keeping safe online and how to deal with different scenarios which they may encounter. The children showed that they were very aware of online dangers and responded to the workshops in a very sensible and mature manner.

#### Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, the school took part in the national Internet Safety Day with a focus on consent, permission and decision making. A parents' Internet Safety workshop will take place in March so please look out for the date. The focus of the hour-long workshop will be on understanding children's online world and knowing where to go for help and advice.

LADO

Our Local Authority Designated Officer (**LADO**) attended Scotts earlier in the term to reinforce to the staff the correct procedures to take when safeguarding children at the school, particularly with regard to adults working with children and whistleblowing procedures. She answered questions from all staff as well as giving them different scenarios to review - it is important this is reviewed regularly with staff and it was reassuring to see that the school has all the correct procedures in place.

### **Road Safety Workshops**

Year 5 and 6 participated in workshops around behaving sensibly when out and about by themselves on the roads. From these sessions the children identified that the main messages were to choose the correct decisions when crossing the roads and not to be peer pressured into taking risks when out with friends.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

### **Young Voices**

Well done to every member of the school choir. Even after a tiring journey to the O2, the children found the energy to sing their hearts out, and they did just that- it was an incredibly exciting night. We hope that all those parents and other relatives who came to watch them enjoyed it just as much as the children (and teachers). They seemed to enjoy every minute, and that's what it was all about - sharing the joy of singing.

### **Sporting events**

Results and further details about our sporting events, along with photos, can be viewed on the school's web site <http://www.scotts.havering.sch.uk/home> under the 'Curriculum' tab (then Sports). I know that Mrs White updates this regularly.

### **Boccia**

Well done to the eight children that represented Scotts at the borough Boccia competition. They were all superstars on the day showing incredibly good behaviour and some great bowling skills. All three Scotts teams had a mixed bag of results meaning they finished mid-table. They won the School Games certificate for 'Respect'. Congratulations to all the children who participated

### **Netball**

Wow! What a performance the Year 5 and 6 netballers put on. From the superstar shooters, to the solid centre court, to the dazzling intercepting defenders, EVERYONE played their socks off. It really was an amazing team effort and we are so proud of each and every one of the pupils that took part. The final score was Scotts 22 v Ardleigh Green 5, which means that Scotts is now through to the quarter finals!

### **Years 1 and 2 Sports Hall athletics**

Well done to our Year 1 and 2 children who took part in the Sportshall athletics competition at Hornchurch Sports Centre. For many it was their first time competing against other schools but they were all confident and put in great performances. Overall the Year 1's came 5th out of 18 schools and the Year 2's came 4th out of 23 schools. On top of this they won the 'Passion' award for their commitment throughout the morning. Well done to all the children involved.

### Year 5 & 6 Havering Girls Football Tournament

Well done to all the girls who took part in the tournament last week- they displayed great team spirit and courage. Although the girls played extremely well, they narrowly missed out on a quarter final place. Twenty-three schools took part in the tournament which shows that girls' football continues to be popular.



## IN SCHOOL EVENTS

### Fencing

Year 4s have been enjoying fencing this term- they have already covered lots of skills in a short space of time and their coach has been really proud of them. Fencing is a unique sport which offers our children the chance to develop their skills in a safe and enjoyable environment. The coach has delivered structured classes that offer a mixture of games, balance and mobility exercises and blade skills to help children understand the sport and improve their balance, co-ordination, speed and timing. It is hoped that through developing these skills the children will also develop their confidence and self-discipline.

Last week, eleven classes from reception to year 6 participated in a Disco-cise session-they all put on their glow sticks and had lots of fun whilst exercising to music. All the children enjoyed the sessions and were keen to demonstrate their groovy dance moves! Please look at the school's website where more of the action can be seen!



### Healthy Eating Smart Sessions

Year 5 and 6 children recently took part in healthy eating smart sessions which involved them learning about different food groups and how much sugar is in certain foods. They also got to make their own wraps, and learnt how to chop fruit and vegetables properly. Lots of fun was had by all!



### School Debates

We have had one really interesting debate this term so far! Year 3 held a debate about whether single use plastic water bottles should be banned? This debate enabled the children to share their personal opinions, and listen and respect the viewpoints of other children in the school. Well done, Year 3!

### Scotts Extended Opportunities Project

Last week, a selection of children in Year 5 participated in a maths workshop. They worked alongside pupils from other local schools and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you to Mrs Walker for organising this.

## GOVERNORS' NEWS - Jackie Boardman (Development and Liaison Governor)

The Governing Body is made up of a number of people who have volunteered to use their skills, time and experience for the benefit of the school. As Governors, our primary focus is to enable and support the Headteacher in our shared goal of providing the best education possible for the children at Scotts. We are very pleased to welcome 5 new governors to the Governing Body. They come with a wide range of knowledge, skills and experience which will enable us to carry out our role effectively. New governors were invited to attend an induction morning at the school on Friday 8th February, to meet staff, pupils and other governors, and to see the school community in action. This was an excellent opportunity for governors to experience the school environment and to witness first-hand the diversity of the curriculum on offer. As always, it was a pleasure to see the children working confidently in a variety of subjects and the governors are grateful to staff for welcoming us into their classrooms. There are different categories of governor which include parent, staff, local authority and co-opted, however all governors have the same responsibilities once part of the governing board. In response to feedback from the last parent questionnaire and parent partnership meeting, we will in future newsletters, be giving you some background information about individual governors and their particular interests and the role they play on the governing body. We also hope to meet you all in the coming months at the various school events.

### Twitter

All class teachers continually update Twitter with events happening in school so please do have a look at this!



### SATs meeting

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the year 6 SATs meeting. If you were unable to attend then you can find the presentation on the year 6 class page.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all who donated for Christmas Jumper Day. We managed to raise £279.86 for 'Save the Children' charity.

## Head Teacher's Awards for January and February

- 1M- Henry, Lilly and Millie
- 1C- Ava, Sara and Nayla
- 2AW- Ronnie, Derin and Amara
- 2S- Teddy, Isla-Poppy and all of 2S
- 3B- Nikhil, Asmarah and Harry
- 3L- Danni-Lou, Noah and Phoebe
- 4B- Amelia, Jayden and Daniel
- 4R- Freddie, Blake and Mihail
- 5B- Jacob, Isabelle and Ruby
- 6W- Riley, Daniele and Tilly

Well done to all the children for their hard work, enthusiasm and efforts to achieve!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

**Please see below for upcoming events**

### **World Book Day**

Don't forget that World Book day is on Thursday 7<sup>st</sup> March. Details regarding this have been sent out separately and I know that the children (and staff) really enjoy dressing up as their favourite book characters.

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and will be asking children to dress in red clothing on this day. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child which will go to Comic Relief.

### **Team Quiz**

Next half term we will be holding a team quiz made up from Y3-6 pupils from each of the school teams: Oceania, America, Africa, Europe and Asia. They will compete against each other to win the Quiz Team trophy and an individual team member reward. The members of the team will be decided through in-class activities and the questions will be based around general knowledge. If children are keen to be selected, then please encourage and support them at home in developing their knowledge of the world. The quiz will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **Return of Mrs J Taylor SENCo**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Taylor back from her maternity leave after half term.

### **Traffic and Parking Issues**

Recently we have had a number of issues and complaints regarding parking along Maybank Avenue- could we please ask that you consider the local residents when parking and that you don't block any entrances.

### **Communication**

Please remember there are many ways to communicate with staff, either by making an appointment by phoning or emailing the school office, talking with the class teacher in the playground after school or by attending the Thursday classroom open door sessions.

We would like to thank those parents who have recently taken the time to send in a positive email about the hard work of the school, whether this has been about appreciating a class assembly or an event a child has taken part in, the achievements of the school in general or the support that has been given to a particular child by a staff member that has had an impact. These are always shared with all staff who greatly value these so thank you.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

**- HALF TERM**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**- SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

15<sup>th</sup> April - 26<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

17<sup>th</sup> June - 21<sup>st</sup> June

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

- School Nurse Drop-in session from 3pm

- Able Writers' Day

- NQT open morning

- 5B Class Assembly @ 9:15am

- Y3 & Y4 Tag Rugby Competition

- Y2 visit to Hornchurch Country Park

- World Book Day

- Classroom Open Door

- Full Governing Body Meeting @ 6pm

- Book Fayre arrives - details to follow

- Red Nose Day - details to follow

- Parents' Online Safety Workshop - details to follow

- Y5 Orienteering at Stubbers - details to follow

- Whole school debate (Y4)

- Y3 & 4 Gymnastic Competition

- Y5 & 6 Gymnastic Competition

- Good to be Different Day

- Classroom Open Door

- Bog Eyed Jog - details to follow

- Easter Bazaar (FOSA)

- Multicultural Week

- Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7pm

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- Last day of term

- EASTER HOLIDAYS

- Children back to school

- Classroom Open Door

- Y6 SATs Week

- Class photographs

- Y1C Class Assembly at 9:15am - details to follow

- HALF TERM

- SCHOOL CLOSED - INSET DAY

- Classroom Open Door

- Y5 visit to Harry Potter World

- Y6 Residential PGL

- Reception visit to Barleylands - details to follow

- Sports Day - details to follow

- Classroom Open Door

- Hall Mead Maths Quiz

- FoSA Summer Fayre

Yours sincerely,

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