



Forward March!

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*With God's help
we will
live kindly,
love each other,
learn and
laugh together!*

Spring Term 2017 Newsletter 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

Nearly at the end of January already and the children have been so busy with their new class topics and visitors in to support their learning. The cold and misty mornings haven't stopped the enthusiasm for learning and the classrooms have been buzzing with science experiments, historical wonders and mathematical mysteries. We very much look forward to showing you all this at parents evening in February.

Please make sure that you have the new school app as this is so important for keeping in communication with you

New school App

We have a new school app which went live at the end of last term. In case you missed the details, this app can be found in the App store and in Google play for android and iPhones. www.myschoolapp.co.uk



Year 5 Netball Tournament



On Thursday 19th January, Year 5 took part in the Yr5/6 School Games High 5 Netball. With 6 of our 8 players having never played netball before, we knew we had a challenge on our hands!

Our Year 5's walked into the University Dome, took one look at all the confident, tall, Year 6 pupils from other schools and there was a



slight look of hesitation. After a quick chat regarding the rules of high 5 netball, the positions and rotation sequence, we were ready for our first match.

With every game that went by the team grew in confidence, determination and belief. I cannot express how proud I was standing there at the side with teachers from other schools praising their determination and enthusiasm. We ended up having a group of university students following our games and cheering us on.

We may not have won a match but if the day was measured on enthusiasm and determination, we'd have won the tournament. Each and every player played their part and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. When our one and only goal went in, scored by Charlotte, the team erupted and we secured a draw. We have a lot to work on for next year but with the qualities the team displayed on Thursday, I think we'll do just fine!



The most amazing night at the Chichester Festival Theatre with Year 6!



The rich and dulcet voices of children from 14 schools singing in harmony soared out into the auditorium of Chichester Festival Theatre last Thursday evening. It was amazing!

We were so proud to see our very own talented Yr 6, singing confidently with enjoyment and enthusiasm to a thousand strong audiences.

Each school rehearsed the songs in their own schools and came together twice. Yet with only two 'united' rehearsals, the children produced the most astounding performance under the leadership of Emily Barden from West Sussex Music. Each song was introduced with an explanation by the children from different schools. Lennie, Saffiya and Amelie were so calm and eloquent as they thanked the organisers of the event - well done to you all!

On the night we raised £345 from the 'bucket' collections. Thank you parents.

So what did the children think of Thursday evening?

Harrison: *'I was nervous at first but once I started singing, the nerves went away.'*

Peter: *'It was a once in a lifetime opportunity.'*

Lucy: *'It was so amazing, I'd love to do it again.'*

Orlando: *'When the lights turned on, I hadn't realised how many people I'd been singing to.'*

Henry: *'When we were practising on the stage and the seats were empty, it didn't look like a thousand parents would be there. When they started flooding in, I felt very nervous but excited at the same time.'*

Amber and Holly: *'It was the most amazing night! We never thought it would go so well. Before we stepped out on the stage, everyone was so nervous but when we heard the comforting cheers of the audience, our nerves died down and our excitement rose up. We will never forget this experience!'*



Bronze Awards



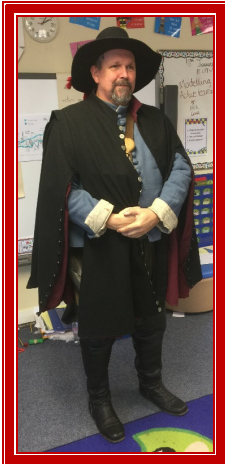
Well done to all the children who are working towards their bronze badges.





Year 1 worked hard to put out the Great Fire

Class 1 had a visit from 'The History Man' on Friday. He came to talk to them about the Great Fire of London. Dressed up as Captain John Grey, a member of King Charles' Guard in 1666, he told us about how the fire started. They learnt about what it was like to live in London in 1666 and took part with great enthusiasm as they passed the buckets of water down the line to put out the flames whilst other children used grappling hooks to pull down the buildings. An exciting afternoon had by all!



And then they had a week of light experiments... A busy week by Year 1. They used torches to look at shadows, tried out different coloured light bulbs and used the dark tent to see which light sources were the best for reading by.



Internet Safety

As mentioned in our last newsletter internet safety is very important and we are looking at this in school over the next few weeks. On the school website in the **Parents Section** is a very helpful list of websites for use when discussing this topic with your children. I cannot stress enough how important it is to be up to date with your knowledge of internet safety and sites children may visit and not realise.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE and come and join us for this talk !

www.Safety-adviser.com

Alan Mackenzie from this website will be visiting the local primary and secondary schools to talk to students about staying safe on the Internet and some do's and don'ts for social networking... In addition to this he will be holding a talk for **parents** around the theme of keeping children safe online which will be held in the **Chichester High School Theatre**

**at 6:30pm on Tuesday 7th February and at
The Regis School on Wednesday 8th February at 6.30pm.**

If you can get to one of these venues, the talk is extremely helpful

www.Internetmatters.org

Internet Matters is an independent, not-for-profit organisation to help parents keep their children safe online. This website provides you with hundreds of practical tips for parents, regardless of how old your child is, for staying safe on the Internet. On here you can find safety checklists for children of different age groups along with information about how you can set controls and filters for your computers and mobile devices at home.

www.net-aware.org.uk 'Your guide to the social networks your kids use – stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world'. Do you know your Facebook from Twitter or OOvoo from Fling? If not this is the website for you!

www.parentinfo.org – This is a new service with expert information about how to keep young people safe online. There is a particularly useful section (<http://parentinfo.org/articles/top-tips>) where parents can receive 'top-tips' about various aspects of online safety.

Finally..

If you would like to talk to me about anything, please do stop and chat or make an appointment if you would like more privacy or a longer length of time. I am here to help and support you all.

Thanks for taking the time to read this fortnight's newsletter. If you would like to discuss any items from the newsletter in more detail, please do not hesitate to come and see me, my door is always 'Open'.

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