



Hardwick Community Primary School

Mini Newsletter

17th November 2009

Dear Parents, We are all currently in the midst of our Eco week. We have had the Recycling Bus in for the past two days, teaching the children about the importance of recycling and for the new two days we will have the Water Bus in to focus on water conservation issues. This also coincides with World Toilet Day on Thursday, where we will be raising some money through our spend-a-penny to spend-a-penny activity. Much of your children's work this week will have an ecological aspect to it, and backs up the work of the School Ethics Council.

Also you may have heard that this week is National Anti-bullying Week. As part of our work to develop all children's social, emotional and behavioural skills, we are holding special times when we will all be thinking about how to make sure that no one gets bullied in our school. This is a planned part of the PSHE programme that takes place every year. The focus for this years Anti- Bullying week is Cyber- bullying so this week would be a great opportunity for you to speak with your children about how to use the internet safely and appropriately. This also fits in with our Eco week where the children are thinking about how their behaviour affects the environment and other people around the world. All their lessons during the week will have a focus on helping them to develop the skills, understanding and confidence to recognise and act when they see or experience bullying. The lessons will be varied and involve the children in many fun activities linked to the anti-bullying theme – designing and carrying out surveys, drama, art, design and technology, reading and writing poetry. In addition to this, your child may be bringing home some information and activities for you to share, talk about and enjoy at home. A full newsletter with images from the week and year group entries will follow next week.

Thank you, Andy Matthews & Ruth French (Co-Headteachers)

Children in Need

The more observant among you may have spotted strange, unsightly growths forming on the chins of our male members of staff! This we reassure you is not a fashion statement, far from it, but the unpleasant groundwork for Children in Need. Having put themselves through itchy skin, intense mockery, ridicule and humiliation it is surely time to make it all worth while with our Furry Friday Beard Off! You and your children are invited to vote for the 'best', 'coolest' and 'most stylish' beard produced by Mr Davies, Mr Hoban and Mr Matthews. Voting costs 20p, to go to Children in Need, although if you wish to contribute more or vote more than once please feel free. To celebrate this event your children are also welcome to come in on Friday with their very own beard. In the spirit of our Eco Week this could be a beard made from a recycled household duster, bag, jumper or just about anything you can lay your hands on. You may wish to simply face paint a beard or even create a tin foil beard!! We really don't mind how you create a beard, we just want to have a Furry Friday.

Other recent fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Poppy Appeal through the school this year, we raised £90.60. The village as a whole raised £996.64. Also a reminder that sponsorship forms and money for the London 2012 activity is due in on Thursday this week.

Christmas Productions

The Reception's Christmas production will be on Thursday 10th December 2.00 pm. The Year 1 & 2's production 'The Stars of the East' will be on Tuesday 15th December at 2pm and Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. The tickets for these productions will go on sale next week and are limited to 2 per family in the first instance, spare tickets will then go on open sale at a later date. Tickets for both the reception performance and the KS1 performance are £2. Booking slips and more information about these shows will be sent out next week.

Key Stage 2 Sharing Assemblies – All on December 8th

1.30 pm Year 3 & 4 – 'A Caribbean Christmas'.

2.15 pm Year 5 & 6 – 'The Ramayana'.

On Tuesday 8th December the Key Stage 2 classes would like to share and celebrate some of their work from this term for their parents. This will take place in the gym (as the hall will be in use by Key Stage 1 for performance practices). The Year 3 & 4 pupils will share some Caribbean songs from earlier in the term and some Christmas carols. For Year 5 & 6 pupils this will be an opportunity to see the cross curricular work from our India and Hinduism topic using dance, music, drama & design technology for our dramatisation of the Ramayana story which is the basis for the festival of Diwali. There will be a very short break in between the two performances so that parents can come and go.

PTA events coming up

Saturday 21st November: Guide and Scout Christmas bazaar in the school hall, Santa's grotto and a whole lot more. Bazaar starts at 11am and will run until 4pm.

Saturday 5th December: PTA 80s disco, complete with 80s theme décor, 80s outfits are encouraged. Entry to this event is by pre-purchase tickets only (£2) to be bought from the PTA reps on the playground. A licensed bar is being provided by the Blue Lion.

Wednesday 9th December: PTA Christmas bingo & Carol singing, bingo at 5pm to be followed by Mincied pies and Mulled Wine at 6pm for bingo participants only. This event is immediately followed by carol singing on the school playground at 6.30pm. This will be led by the combined school choir and community choir. Please come along with a candle, lantern or simply a torch, ready to sing yourselves towards the Yule tide season.

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