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Purwell Primary School
30th June 2015

'If we don't stand up for children, then we don't stand for much'. Marian Edelman.

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 1st July

This Wednesday is our Open Day and Open Evening. Parents are invited to come into their child's class from 1.30pm until 2.30pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum. At 2.30pm, parents will come to the hall for refreshments before a short, but informative, presentation from Mr Cano and Miss Lewis.

To accommodate the working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm with refreshments in the hall, when the talk will be repeated (but it will be worth listening to twice), before the Chair of Governors and a representative of the PSA say a few words. After this, Mr Cano will announce the class allocations for September. Parents will then be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information, ICT interactive demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

Year 5 and 6 Production - Wednesday 8th July

Next week, Aspen and Oak Classes will be performing their play, called *School Daze*. There will be two opportunities on Wednesday 8th July to see the comedy production. The first will be in the afternoon, at 1.20pm, and the second performance will be in the evening, at 6.00pm. Tickets are on sale at £2 per ticket and 50p for primary aged children. Refreshments will be available at the interval. Even if you do not have children in those classes, it will be a very enjoyable experience for all, so do buy your tickets and come along.

Food Festival Fun

The weather was simply perfect for our Food Festival on Saturday and, despite seeing fewer people than we expected, the event had a lovely feel to it. Many of those that were there expressed how much they enjoyed it and how innovative it was. The Food Festival idea represents new ground for the school and its involvement in the wider Hitchin Festival, which is terrific for the school profile and our reputation locally.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs Barnes for organising the food event and Mrs Watson and her fabulous team for organising other activities and stalls.

Reception Graduation and Year 6 Leavers Assembly

This year's Reception Graduation assembly will take place on Monday 20th July, at 2pm. Invitations will be issued to parents of pupils in that class.

On the following day, Tuesday 21st July, at 2pm, there will be some mixed emotions at the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. At this assembly, Oak Class pupils will say their goodbyes to the school, and the Year 6 Pupil of the Year will be announced.

Water Bottles at School

When we have weather like this, we must ensure that children are sun-safe when they come to school. This includes having a water bottle with them. We ask parents to only put water in these bottles, as juices or squash attract insects into the classrooms.

Hitchin Schools Athletics Competition

On Thursday 18th June, Purwell School took a team of athletes to the Hitchin Schools Athletics competition that was hosted by Hitchin Boys' School. Boys and girls from Years 2 to 6 took part in a variety of track and field events, and were enthusiastically supported by many parents who had come along to spectate. Looking incredibly smart in their Purwell athletics vests, the team members put in a magnificent performance to top the 300 point mark and finish second, overall. As a result, the team has now qualified for the District Finals to be held at Ridlins Athletics Track in Stevenage from 1.00 - 3.20pm on Tuesday 14th July. Pupils selected for this event will receive a separate letter about this soon, and any help parents may be able to offer for transporting children over to Stevenage would be greatly appreciated.

Sports Day



Last Friday, we staged our annual Sainsbury's School Games Sports Day. The weather held out for what proved to be yet another successful event, with all pupils taking part in a carousel of track and field events, earning individual awards and points for their school teams. It was fantastic to see the children trying their best in all the events, and I know that our Club Ambassadors and

Sports Crew found it very difficult to choose just one child per class to receive special 'pledge' keyrings for 'Honesty', 'Teamwork', 'Passion', 'Determination', 'Respect' and 'Self-Belief'. Despite a very close contest, ultimately our Yellow Team (Wilshere) came through victorious to continue their recent run of success. Many thanks to everybody involved in making the day such a success, particularly to our PE team of Ms Christian, Mr Hart, the Club Ambassadors and Sports Crew.

Displays of the Week



The African art display in Holly Class reflects the wide variety of different mediums through which the children expressed themselves in Art lessons.