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Newsletter- Now in Colour

22nd September 2015

Thought for the day: 'Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall' - Oliver Goldsmith

Take One Map

We have had a great two weeks producing work around maps. Next week, some of the children's work will be on display in the hall and in the classrooms, so why not drop in and take a look?

Contact details and curriculum information

Last week, you should have received a copy of the contact details form we hold for your child. If you have not done so already, please check this form, amend as appropriate, sign and return to school as soon as possible.

Harvest assembly

The harvest assembly will take place on **Thursday 15th October at 9.30am** in the school hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend this service. Donations of produce should be brought into school either on the day before or on the morning of the assembly. These items will be distributed amongst the senior citizens living in our community. The school holds a list of senior citizens in the area. Please let us know of any new senior citizens who have moved into the area, or of any who have not received harvest gifts from us before but would like to do so now. Pupils are invited to decorate a shoebox and bring it to school to be used to distribute our harvest gifts.

Mini beasts visit Purwell

Last week, pupils had the opportunity to get up close and personal with an array of wild and exotic creatures when we were visited by Zoolab. The pupils had the chance to see living creatures such as snakes, tarantulas, beetles and cockroaches.



Book Fair

The Travelling Book Company 'book fair' is in school from Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October, to coincide with Parent Consultation evenings. It will be open from 3.20pm until 4pm on these days for you and your child to come and visit.

Olympic Legacy Event.

Last Wednesday, we took a group of 35 Key Stage 2 pupils to an Olympic Legacy event at Knights Templar School in Baldock. After taking part in a torch-relay as part of the Opening Ceremony, pupils from schools across North Herts competed in a variety of events such as wheelchair basketball, sitting volleyball, netball, table-tennis, boccia and handball.

Some pupils took on the roles of journalists reporting on events, whilst others worked on creative teams promoting the events and another group of pupils even choreographed and performed dance routines for the closing ceremony! Medals were awarded in recognition of outstanding performance, with Purwell pupils receiving medals for their dancing, t-shirt design and for newspaper reporting. Well done to all of our pupils who helped make the day such a success, the team was a credit to the school and displayed our core PE values of 'Determination', 'Honesty', 'Self-Belief', 'Passion', 'Respect' and 'Teamwork' throughout.

Early Season Football Rally

On Saturday 19th September our Boys' football team took part in an Early Season Rally at Wilshere Dacre School. Schools played in a series of friendly matches in preparation for the season ahead, with the Purwell team being paired against William Ransom, St Andrews, St. Ippolyts and Highover. After narrow defeats in the first two matches, Purwell's resilience and team-spirit was rewarded by a draw against William Ransom and then a victory over Highover in the team's final match.

Silver School Games Mark

Having received the Bronze Award last year (which was in itself a tremendous achievement), we are proud to announce that we have been successful in gaining a Sainsbury's School Games Silver Award this year. The prestigious Sainsbury's Awards are only given in recognition of those schools who demonstrate that they offer the highest possible quality of PE provision. Gaining this award bears testament to the hard-work and dedication shown by our PE team, spearheaded by Mr Hart, Ms Christian, Mr Edwards, our PE link-governor, Mr Nadasdy, and the pupils who make up our Sports Crew.



PSA news and events

The next meeting will be held this Thursday, at 8pm, at The Millstream. All are welcome to attend the meeting. It's also a great opportunity for new parents to the school to meet people and get to know what the PSA does.

We will be having a coffee morning on Wednesday 30th September from 9am-11am in the Community Room. We would like to use this coffee morning as an opportunity for people who cannot attend evening meetings to share their ideas, as well as a chance to meet new people and catch up with friends. There will be cake, and toys for preschool children!

Date for your diary - Saturday 17th October 2015 - Family Bingo Night in the school hall! More details to follow.

A Children's Self Esteem Workshop- 5th November, St Marys, Baldock.

The Hitchin Partnership is offering families a 2 hour practical and interactive workshop which aims to explore why self esteem is essential to emotional wellbeing and how a parent can help.

Resources used promote good adult education practice with a clear purpose and range of learning methods etc. It also promotes positive parenting and the parent/child relationship.

To book please call Debbie Robins on 07527 828477 or email parentdspl@wilshere.herts.sch.uk

Map Displays of the Week



*Willow Class pupils were inspired by the book *The Hodgeheg* in their 3D interpretation of the story setting.*



Oak Class's Take One Map display shows the broad variety of directions their maps learning took them.

Lunch change on Thursday 1st October

On Thursday next week, a special hot dog lunch will be served, either a meat or vegetarian option, so please bear this in mind when looking at the menus with your child. You should receive, with this newsletter, a leaflet giving more details. There will not be a packed lunch option that day.

Naming uniform

We are delighted at the standard of school uniform at the start of this year and would like to thank parents for your efforts. However, the lost property box is starting to fill with items that are not named and unclaimed. Please remember to write children's names in all items that have the potential to be lost.