

Green Lanes Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2017

Issue 4



Diary Dates

Friday 17th November

Children in Need Day -
Non Uniform Day



Year 6 Assembly at 9am

Tuesday 21st November

Year 5&6 Cinema Trip

Wednesday 22nd November

Year 3&4 Cinema Trip

Thursday 23rd November

Year 4 – 'Big Bang'

Friday 24th November

Year 5 Sanchez Assembly

GLSA Race Night – 8pm

Friday 1st December

Occasional Day – **School Closed**

Monday 4 December

Book Fayre Week

Fruit & Veg, Milk Orders – Last Day for completed order slips and payments to be returned to the School Office

Tuesday 5th December

Foundation Stage – Christmas Production 2.15pm

Wednesday 6th December

Foundation Stage – Christmas Production 2.15pm (Parents only)

Friday 8th December

Year 4 Picasso; Year 5 Sanchez & Hockney; Year 6 Kandinsky & Da Vinci – Christmas Pantomime Trip

GLSA Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 13th December

School Christmas Lunch

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Welcome

Thank you to all of you who attended the parent consultation evenings held last month. We hope that you found this useful and if you have any further questions about how you can support your child's learning and development, please do not hesitate to contact the teaching staff. You would have also seen the fantastic artwork and displays around the school. Well done to all the children and staff for their continuous hard work.

On Monday 13th November, to mark 'Remembrance Day', children who take part in Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Beavers etc., may attend school in their club uniforms. You will still have the opportunity to purchase 'Poppies' for a small donation. Thank you for your support.

The School will be taking part in Children in Need on Friday 17th November, this year's theme is spotty. We will be having a fun dress up day with all donations going towards this worthwhile cause.

Information regarding this year's GLSA Christmas Fayre, Friday 8th December 3:30-5:30pm, will shortly be published. We hope you can support us in this great fundraiser event.

Finally, can I please remind parents that doors to classrooms in the morning close at 8:55am and children who are late need to be signed in through the main office entrance. If your child has a pre-booked appointment i.e. medical, please ensure to notify the School Office by 9am, also informing them of your child's lunch choice.

Foundation News

We have now started the rehearsals for our Christmas play 'A Snowman at Sunset' and the children have been practising saying their lines in nice, loud, clear voices. Please continue to help your child to learn their lines at home as this really helps with their confidence on stage. We have had lots of fun learning the songs in class and are looking forward to putting it all together. Everyone is in for a treat in December!

You should have received a letter with regards your child's costume for the play. Please can you make sure your child's costume is named and is sent in to class in a named bag. Please see a member of Foundation Stage staff if you have any questions about costumes.



Please can you check that your child's uniform and PE kit are all still clearly named. This ensures that your child comes home wearing the right clothes after PE and helps us to return any lost items to their rightful owner. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Key Stage 1 News

Well done Morris class on their fantastic assembly. We enjoyed learning about 'Autumn' and hearing their story 'We're Going on a Crocodile Hunt!' The children used lovely loud voices and lots of actions.

Key Stage 1 had a fun trip to the cinema to celebrate 'National Film Week'. Thank you to Mr Knight for driving 4 times there and back in the school minibus and to all the parents who walked with Year 2.

Year 1 have been enjoying their topic 'Toys in the Past' in History and are exploring 'Festivals of Light' in RE. In English they are learning about 'Recounts' using time connective words like 'first', 'next', 'then', and 'lastly'.

Year 2 have been using different types of 'Descriptive Vocabulary' to describe fireworks for their 'Poems'. They have been impressing us with their use of adjectives, verbs and adverbs and similes!

In Science, the children have been researching different types of 'Habitats', especially the rainforest. They have enjoyed finding out about the different living things that can survive there.

Next week, we will be thinking about why some people wear 'Poppies' at this time of year for 'Remembrance'. Keep any eye out this weekend for different symbols for remembrance.



Office News

If you have any concerns about your child, the **SEN Team** has a drop-in session every Wednesday afternoon. Please call the office to arrange an appointment.

ABSENCE REPORTING



IMPORTANT REMINDER: If your child is unwell or will be absent from school due to a booked appointment, please ensure to report the absence **before 9am on the day**, using the school telephone number 01707 262556, choosing option 1. It is essential that parents/carers report their child's absence so that we know that they are safe.

NEW LUNCH MENU WINTER/SPRING 2017-18

You should have received a copy of the new school menu choices. If you have not received a copy, please contact the office. Alternatively, a copy can be found on the School Website. The price of a school meal remains at £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week), unless in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals in which case there is no charge.

All dinner payments should be made in advance by Wisepay, cheque or cash.

We are supporting this year's 'Children in Need' appeal and have the following items for sale in the school office. Please ensure that your child has the correct money with them to make their purchases:

CHILDREN IN NEED

Glow Wrist Bands - £1.00

Glow in the Dark Pudsy Ears - £2.50

All proceeds will be going to the fundraiser.



Key Stage 2 News

Key Stage 2 thoroughly enjoyed celebrating 'International Food Day'. It was a huge success! The children were able to sample a large range of food from around the world. This could only have happened due to the generous parents who helped prepare dishes and gave their time to help serve. Thank you to all the parents for their enthusiasm and support, all the children loved it!



Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their 'Stone-Age' History work, designing and creating authentic houses from clay. Next step is to make a village landscape for them to sit in, just like the real one at Skara Brae in Scotland!

Year 4 have been working hard in their English lessons learning about 'Persuasive Language'. They have been using their new gained skills within topic debates and discussions.

The children have also developed confidence in speaking and presenting their opinions as well as sharing factual information to their fellow class members.

Van Gogh class commenced their swimming lessons this half term. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them every Tuesday morning.

Year 5 are using their creative skills this term, designing both 'Viking Clay Brooches' and 'Viking Longboats'. If you do have any spare materials at home that would be suitable for the longboats (cardboard boxes, straws, milk bottles, empty plastic bottles), please send them into school with your child to use for the various designs.

Finally, Year 6 enjoyed their fabulous fun filled residential trip to Marchants Hill. We look forward to hearing all about it in their assembly on Friday 17th November.



GLSA NEWS

CAKE SALE Thank you to the parents and carers that donated cakes for this fundraising event. The cake sale raised a total of £243.

HALLOWEEN FANCY DRESS DISCO Was a great success. All the children looked fabulous in their Halloween costumes. The evening raised an amazing £788! A special thank you to all the volunteers that helped on the evening. All money raised will be put forward towards new school equipment.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES Will be taking place on **Friday 24th November, 8pm**. Posters have been located around the school building, which will provide further information about the fun evening. Tickets are £5pp (advance) / £6pp (door, if available). Tickets may be purchased from the School Office or Mr. Andy Noble.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Information about this event will be published shortly. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with this event, please contact Mr. Stuart Thornhill. Donation Boxes for gifts will be located within the School Office area as of next week.

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE UH ARTS Will be screening 'Penguin', based on the award winning book by Polly Dunbar. The production will be screened on Sunday 10th December, at 11am and 2pm at Hatfield Library, Queensway, Hatfield. Tickets are £8, £6 Concession. Book online www.uharts.co.uk. Please contact the Box Office on 01707 281127 for further information.

JUNIOR BADMINTON in Welwyn Hatfield Various Junior Clubs and Sessions are running at the following locations:

- Knebworth Junior Badminton Club, at Gosling Sports Park, WGC. Contact: Phillip Gray, 01223 693000 www.ksclub.org.uk
- Comets Junior Badminton Club at Herts Sports Village, Hatfield. Contact: Gill Bartlett, 01438 715374 gill@bartlett1.plus.com
- Swifts Junior Badminton Club at Hatfield Leisure Centre, Traveler's Lane. Contact: Marion Conway, 01707 652061 marionconway@gmail.com
- Junior Sessions are running at Gosling Sports Park (WGC) 01707 331056 and Hatfield Leisure Centre 01707 276276, janbrobinson@hotmail.com

Please telephone/email the clubs directly for more information, further details can also be found on www.hertsbadminton.net

Reminder: De Havilland Kidz Club at Green Lanes Primary School Every Thursday from 16:30 – 18:00. De Havilland Community project in partnership with ONE YMCA are continuing to run a youth club at Green Lanes Primary School. The youth club is open to 6-11 year olds. Club activities include arts and crafts, sports, and team games. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Nello Fruncillo at www.nello.fruncillo@oneymca.org

