

WOOLENWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

28th February 2017 – No. 11 Parent/Carer Partnership

It has been a fantastic start to this half term with the children quickly settling into days filled with learning. Opal class started the half term with a fantastic assembly sharing how much learning they'd already filled the first half term with. Miss Kingston's English group in year 5 have been excited to receive letters back from 10 Downing Street and J.K.Rowling. They are hoping to receive more responses from the people they wrote to.

World Book Day reminder

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. There is no need to spend money on expensive costumes, as we would love to see your home-made efforts. Visit the World Book Day website for ideas. We will also be celebrating World Book Day during the last week of term where we will host our very own book fair.

Parent/Carers' Evening

Parent/Carers Evening is fast approaching so just a friendly reminder for your diaries that it will be on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March. A letter will be sent out shortly to invite you to book your appointment time.

Unwanted board games

We are very keen to start a board games library – further information will be provided once we are in a position to get it up and running. To be able to make this a huge success, we need as many board games as possible. If you have any unwanted board games, please donate them to school via the school office.

Sporting achievements

Both our netball and football teams have been busy over the last few weeks. Well done to all involved for your effort and hard work. Netballers, we must say, what a turnaround – your hard work is paying off!

Netball:

Woolenwick 3 – Roebuck 0

Woolenwick 2 – Round Diamond 1

Unfortunately football and netball matches were postponed last week due to storm Doris.

GOLD BOOK WINNERS

Well done to the following children for being in the Gold Book over the last fortnight:

Year 3 – Ritjshua, Kieran, Isaac, Ethan, Ellis, Ostin, Seb, Benjamin H, Tyler, Bobby, Grace, William, Charlie and Daniel.

Year 4 – Juanita, Finley, Mia, Leyton, Callum, Mia, Renee, William, Hannah, Cameron, Osarugwe, Annabelle and Tyler.

Year 5 – Milli, Maddelane, Elliot, Lilli, Ruby E, Oliver, Leo, Finley, Emma, Presley, Sam, Flo, Adam C, Daija and Harrison.

Year 6 – Blessin, Isabel, Nicole, Kyra, Audrey, Keeley, Finn, Charlie S, Daisy, George, Madison, Ruby, Saiyuri, Phina, Laura, Imola, Kai M, Max, Ellie and Darcy.

HOUSE RESULTS

4th place – Cheetahs, 1574

3rd place – Panthers, 1631

2nd place – Lions, 1689

1st place – Tigers, 1752

House attendance award – the houses who won the attendance award for the last two weeks are Tigers with 95.9% and Lions with 96.7%

CLASS NEWS (written by the children):

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes in Quartz Class? If you're curious then read on! In PE we have been doing gymnastics. These are some of the things we have done: traveling in positions, backward roll, forward roll (some of us can do it with no hands) tuck, pike and straddle position. Our favourite part was getting the equipment out! On Fridays, we have been taken to the skies! We are on the trampolines now and are having so much fun! In English we have been writing a news article on Zerraffa Giraffa and the Battle of Hastings, we have also been learning how to use semi colons and colons. In Maths we started learning about fractions, decimals, and percentages. Mr Borland and Mrs Jones (year 6 teachers) have put us into three groups so each of us can achieve our maximum potential. We always enjoy our lessons!

Red Nose Day

This year we have decided to celebrate and raise money for Red Nose Day by selling the wonderful range of red noses in school. These are currently on sale and cost £1 per nose.

Class/Sharing Assemblies

Parents/Carers are warmly invited to attend Class/Sharing Assemblies on **Monday afternoons** at 2.45pm, followed by tea/coffee and a chat with the teacher. Dates for Class/Sharing Assemblies are:

Monday 30th January	Amber	Monday 6th February	Diamond
Monday 20th February	Opal	Monday 27th February	Amethyst
Monday 6th March	Sapphire	Monday 13th March	Quartz
Monday 20th March	Pearl	Monday 27th March	Emerald

Easter Eggstravaganza

We will be holding our annual Easter Eggstravaganza in school after lunch on Thursday 30th March. This is an event just for the children in school. Each class will have a stall and there will be other stalls run by staff for the children to enjoy and win Easter eggs and other Easter-related prizes! There will also be an Easter raffle.

In exchange for an Easter Egg or Easter sweets (which will be used as prizes on the day), we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24th March. Please ask your child to hand in their donations to their class teacher. All eggs will be used as prizes and will also make up the very popular, Tombola Stall!

Children may bring up to £5 on the day to spend at the Eggstravaganza (small change would help us enormously).

Sainsburys Active Kids 2017

We are once again taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids campaign. It will run from 25th January until 2nd May whereby you will receive 1 voucher for every £10.00 you spend at Sainsbury's. Any vouchers that you collect can be deposited into the collection box outside the school office.

Fruit Corner Yogurt Pots

Please could you send in any clean fruit-corner yogurt pots to be used as book stands for the library (but not if you are a "tippist" as the pot will not lay flat!) Thanks.

KEY SPRING DATES

Please find below a list of the significant dates for this term.

Tuesday 31 st January	Stevenage Sporting Futures on Tour
Thursday 2 nd February	
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 14 th March	Parent Consultations 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday 15 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 16 th March	Y3 Trip to British Museum - £9.50
Friday 24 th March	Non-uniform day in exchange for an Easter Egg or Easter sweets
Monday 27 th -31 st March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 30 th March	Easter Eggstravaganza

TERM DATES
Academic Year 2016/2017

Spring Term 2017

INSET DAYS: ~~Thursday 5th January and Friday 6th January~~
CHILDREN BACK: ~~Monday 9th January~~
HALF TERM: ~~Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February~~
BREAK UP: Friday 31st March at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2017

INSET DAYS: Tuesday 18th April
CHILDREN BACK: Wednesday 19th April
HALF TERM: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
BREAK UP: Friday 21st July at 1.30pm
OCCASIONAL DAY: Monday 24th July at 1.30pm

Academic Year 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

OCCASIONAL DAYS: Wednesday 30th August and Thursday 31st August
INSET DAYS: Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September
CHILDREN BACK: Tuesday 5th September
HALF TERM: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
BREAK UP: Tuesday 19th December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2018

INSET DAYS: Wednesday 3rd January and Thursday 4th January
CHILDREN BACK: Friday 5th January
HALF TERM: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February
BREAK UP: Thursday 29th March at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2018

INSET DAYS: Monday 16th April
CHILDREN BACK: Tuesday 17th April
HALF TERM: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June
OCCASIONAL DAY: Monday 4th June (children back on Tuesday 5th June)
BREAK UP: Tuesday 24th July at 1.30pm
OCCASIONAL DAYS: Wednesday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Friday 27th July

All Hertfordshire term dates are posted on the web at
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/schlfe/termdates>