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Newsletter

OWN CLOTHES DAY (£1 FOR UGANDAID) AND CAKE SALE FOR LOWER JUNIORS TOMORROW

Y6 returned safely from the Isle of Man last Friday evening, looking tired but happy and healthy. They had an absolutely wonderful time and excellent comments about their manners and behaviour we made all over the island. Mrs Moss reports that they were a credit to the school and to their parents. Thank you so much to Mrs Moss for organising the visit and to her Isle of Man team (including the parent helpers) who all worked so hard to make it such a fantastic experience for the children.



Barclays Bank Grants for Schools - The race to collect the most tokens to win £4,000 is underway. Please look out for the tokens in The Guardian series including Wirral Globe Runcorn & Widnes World, Messenger Newspapers (Sale and Altrincham Messenger) and Leigh Journal. I am sure that with our 'parent power' we could win this!

BCS Sports Stars - The achievements of individual children continue to impress with Niamh Hill representing Trafford Netball in the under 9s team and going on to win the Greater Manchester Championships. In addition Christian Harrop (Y6) and Lucy Cooper (Y5) have both been named 'Player of the Year' in their respective age groups by Bowdon Hockey Club. It is fantastic to see these children gain confidence as they excel in sport, well done to them all and we look forward to hearing more about their progress.

We have a whole team of sporting stars going forward to the National Pop Lacrosse finals in Hatfield on Sunday 13th June, with nineteen other teams from all over Great Britain. Good luck to Mrs Cochrane and the team, you have worked incredibly hard for this and we are so proud of you!

Musical Excitement - We had the absolutely brilliant Lower Junior Performance this week, showcasing the talents of so many of the younger Juniors. A resounding 'congratulations' and thank you to Mrs Davies and her staff team (including Miss Carter, who produced the dance routines and most of the props). So much work goes into organising a performance like this and the children certainly rose to the challenge. Two part singing at this age is exceptional and they just took it all in their stride. When you add acting skills, comic timing, costumes and dance it is a spectacular achievement. Well done to the children, all of your hard work paid off and gave us an outstandingly entertaining and memorable performance.

As one thing ends, another begins and as soon as we return to school we will be working with 'Pop Connections' to produce a CD with the children. They will be learning the songs at various times during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with the recording taking place on the Friday. Then during the afternoon of June the 24th there will be a concert up at church at 2.15pm for Infant parents and during the evening (time to be confirmed) for Junior parents which I am sure you will all try to attend, along with family and friends. The children will perform their songs with a full sound system, lighting etc. and the CDs will be on sale. More details will follow.

The following week sees the 150th anniversary celebrations for St. Mary's Church (the latest church building). During this there will be our concert on the 24th and another one on the 22nd involving the Upper Junior Choir, 'Cellos and Violins, who will be performing with children from five other schools within the parish.

Y6 study tour of St. Mary's Church this week



Two weeks later we have the Year Fives performing with the Hallé Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall. A letter will be coming out about the purchase of tickets for family and friends. Parents of Y5s please take note, this concert is a very big deal and they need to practise; at the moment many of them are not. This project is half funded by the government but we are putting £600 towards it and if the children do not participate fully by forgetting their instrument week after week or by never practising, they will not benefit from this fantastic opportunity. There is substantial evidence to show that learning a musical instrument stimulates and develops the same area of the brain as mathematics, even if you only learn for a short time. If the children have no intention of continuing with the instrument, they should use the opportunity to develop new skills, which they will need for secondary school. Just as a note for the future, learning an instrument scores important points on university applications because it shows commitment, dedication and perseverance.

Book Club - Please note that the book club will be taking place during the first week back outside Mr. Hamblett's room. The offer this year is three for price of two (cheapest one free) and it includes any books.

Summer Schools - Trafford are running their highly successful and heavily subsidised summer school again this year. It is available for beginners or those who already learn and they will have instrumental tuition, samba percussion sessions, singing and skills sessions. Those who are not beginners will also play in an ensemble. This course is available for Y2 upwards, it runs from Monday 26th July to Thursday 29th July from 9.30 to 3.30pm and costs £100 (there are discounts for siblings and for those eligible for free school meals.) More information is available in the entrance hall.

We are receiving a lot of leaflets along similar lines for science and sport. Please see the entrance hall for ideas.

ShelterBox Competition

The School Council is organising an art competition with entries to be submitted to ShelterBox, which is an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by disaster worldwide. ShelterBox responds instantly to disasters all around the world delivering aid as quickly as possible to the people who need it most. Each box of aid supplies an extended family of up to 10 people with a tent and essential equipment to use while they are displaced or homeless.

The competition details will be coming out through Parentmail, please look out for it because the children will definitely need some help with deciphering the instructions. The competition is open to Y1 to Y6.

Tesco Vouchers closing date tomorrow.
Don't forget the Treasure Hunt, helpers are needed for the barbecue.