



26th January 2012 Newsletter

We are all extremely excited about our 'Creative Week' next week; when Pop Connection will be visiting school. Pop Connection is a Christian organisation who come into school, teach fabulous, fun workshops, make a fantastic CD of the results and then perform two concerts for us all to enjoy.



Winter Ball Photograph – Karen Sixsmith

There will be three workshops for every year group from Monday to Wednesday and then on Friday we have the most exciting day of all because the Community Classroom is being converted into a recording studio and all of the children will participate in the recording of a CD and experience the challenge that this brings. We still enjoy the songs from the previous project (Oh Happy Day on the website is one) and now there is a new set of songs for us to learn. During the workshops there is also a chance to talk about the meaning of the songs and a wonderful level of discussion takes place. This was one of our favourite activities two years ago and many of us still play the CD in the car and at home!

The workshops and recordings take place in school time, with the concerts the following Thursday (February 9th). We will walk the children up to church for a quick rehearsal and the first concert will take place at 2.30pm. This concert is largely for infant parents/carers/friends/family or junior parents etc. who are unable to attend at 6.30pm. The concerts will last about 45mins. After the afternoon concert, children can be walked back to school or collected from the church. The concert at 6.30pm is for juniors and those infant children who would like to take part or whose parents are unable to attend in the afternoon. Last time most of the Y2s came and several Y1/Reception children who were either very keen or were younger siblings of other participants. Please make every effort to come because we all had a lovely time and it was one of our best community events.

We are charged for these workshops payment will therefore be along the same lines as all workshops. £3 per pupil, families with two or more children will just be asked for a one off contribution of £5. CDs will be £8 each.



Spotlight on – Gill Woods, Kitchen Supervisor and Head Cook

Gill began working in the school kitchen, intending to stay for about twelve months and almost thirty six years later, she is still here! Gill and her team are the reason why our school dinners are the most popular in Trafford. The high quality and nutritious meals are extremely popular, so much so that the staff are only allowed to have one every now and again because they are in such demand. She is in the kitchen by 7.30am every day and is a key member of our school team.

Gill is a grandmother of two, who both attended BCS. Unsurprisingly she does not cook for a hobby; she enjoys reading, knitting and sewing.

Bowdon Fields Three Y6 Hockey Teams - Such is the popularity of Mr Hamblett's hockey club, that three teams from BCS attended the Timperley Sports Club tournament last week. Another six teams from five schools took part and our children played well, with excellent sportsmanship and support for each other. The A team won all of their matches, the B team drew two and lost one and the C team gained valuable match play experience and narrowly lost their matches. Despite the pouring rain, the children thoroughly enjoyed the tournament; thank you to Mr Hamblett and to the supporting parents. Mr Hamblett was impressed with the standard of play from so many but particularly would like to mention Henry Hill as 'Man of the Tournament' because he played five games for two different teams

and his famous smile never left his face. Well done Henry and all of the teams for both playing and representing the school so well.

Mr Hamblett would also like to thank the PTA for funding the purchase of two new sets of goalkeeping kickers and pads, which will be put to good use by our strong hockey squad.

Y2 Football, first match experience

Y2 did not have to travel far for their first match experience. 42 of them went over to the Bowdon Club for a series of round robin six a side against Altrincham Prep School. They had a great time, showing great spirit and enthusiasm. Some stars of the future were spotted and Mr McCarthy was proud of them all.



Manchester Marathon Place Offer

Parents have very generously donated a free entry to the Greater Manchester Marathon, which takes place on 29th April this year. We will be holding a raffle for this place, further details to follow very soon.

P.T.A. News

- ▶ Thank you to Rachel Watts, Kathryn Walsh, Helen Buckley and Jean Lingard for a spectacular ball last Saturday night. It is fitting that, as this is the last ball organised by Jean, there were record takings of £4,091.
The PTA would like to thank Jean for so many great party nights and raising thousands and thousands of pounds for the school.
- ▶ The raffle and auction were a great success, lead yet again by the queen of Raffle ticket sales, Nikki Geddes.
- ▶ The event was supported by 6 sponsors (local and/or with family at the school); The Orth Team, Cheshire Skin Doctor, Kiddy Cook, Chappell & Bridge Dentist, the Exchange Chambers, Nick Lowe and once again by Jill Bottomley of the HR Dept. who has sponsored everyone of the 7 BCS Winter/Summer Balls that Jean has organised.
Thank you also to BooHoo for their £20 voucher in all the Ladies gift bags!
- ▶ This amazing sum of money, combined with that raised by the Christmas Fair, means the PTA is now able to purchase the all Weather Canopy for the rear Reception play area and hopefully, new Sand and Water trays for the Foundation and Key Stage 1 classes.
- ▶ The school ball photographs are now on line via Mrs Sixsmith's website www.kphotography.co.uk All orders taken on the night will be delivered by Friday Feb 3rd. Quite a few parents had group photographs done by request which are also on the site, no password required to view.
- ▶ The PTA has now raised £8,952 since September, as well as the above, the PTA has used this money :
 - to buy dressing up clothes, small world and construction toys for the Reception classes
 - to buy construction toys and doll's house furniture for Year 1 and whole class book sets for Year 2
 - to buy two demonstration tables for the "Let's Get Cooking" group
 - to buy two hockey goalkeeping kits and team bibs and
 - to fund the gardening group.
- ▶ Next week's Quiz and Bingo night will go towards the purchase of 50 BCS bibs for the running club.
This event is now sold out and will take place in the school hall next Thursday at 7pm.