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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y6** who are this week's winners with **98.6%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 12th March—Year 1 Mountfichet
- 12th March—CASPA Dance (Tech & Dress Rehearsal at Astley Cooper—9am-12noon)
- 13th March—Nursery Open Day (Sept 2019 intake) @ 9.15am
- 13th March—Astley Cooper Dance Show 1
- 14th March—Astley Cooper Dance Show 2
- 14th March—Reception Stay & Play @ 2.45pm
- 15th March—Deadline for Nursery Applications for Sept 2019
- 15th March—NSPCC Sponser Money due
- 19th March—Y5 Jet Sharing Assembly
- 20th March—London Dancers Rehearsal at Allianz Park (3.30-8pm)
- 21st March—FOH School Disco
- 29th March—Dacorun Dance Competition
- 2nd April—Rec Sunstone, Kite Making at Dunstable Downs
- 3rd April—Reception Coral, Kite Making at Dunstable Downs



Aspire News

All teaching staff met on Tuesday at The Grove Academy for our half termly T4C event. We all sat in our year groups and shared what was going well in our schools in terms of planning, resourcing, strategies, policies etc and what we felt could be improved. This was then a great chance for us all to help and support each other in terms of sharing good practice and we have created great networking links as a result. It was a very valuable session.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! What a week we have had! World Book Week! Each day we have had lots of fun activities going on in school from children writing stories of their own; in groups; in pairs, to hearing their teachers read their favourite stories from when they were little and having our older children read with our younger ones. It was so delightful to see! Then of course we have had lots of Harry Potters, bears, Spider Men and pirates walking around the school too! What amazing effort made by our staff too - some of them were unrecognizable!

I have spent a lot of time this week in Key Stage One. I love being in there! Year 1 were all writing a descriptive piece of writing on the lemon and ginger tea that they all given to taste, smell and hold. It's all to do with their story that they are currently learning, which I heard them retell; it was fabulous! They knew it word for word! I loved the "clippity clop" sounds and actions that they were making. When it came to their writing, I was so very impressed that they were writing similes: "It was as hot as the sun; it was as fruity as a lemon". Wow! Then it was great to walk in on a maths lesson in Year 2 where the children were drawing arrays for different calculations. The Going Deeper challenge whereby children had to find different solutions and explain their reasoning was also excellent. It really got them thinking!

Many children have also come to me this week asking for their bronze badges which is wonderful. This means that they have received 100 house points. They were delighted with how well they have been doing in class - the fact that they have been making the choices that our 5 Hammond High Five Learning Heroes would be proud of. It's also been great to hear children talking about their feelings more - the fact that they are feeling green; but actually when they are feeling yellow they are asking for help in understanding why they feel this way so that they can change the way they feel back to green again. It is so powerful that we are teaching children to be able to identify how they feel; talk about it and put solutions into place at such a young age.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us with social media/gaming at home. Since my last email, I haven't had any concerned children or parents write/phone in with worries or issues that they have had outside of school. This has meant that the several hours that SLT spent in investigating and dealing with these issues, has now been spent in leading the school forward and improving standards. So thank you for this.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Graham

Acting Principal

The Hammond APP!

Urgent Upgrade

You must update our school app to a new version which is faster, has fewer bugs, and can handle the latest software. To get the app on either your phones or tablets simply search Piota Schools in the Apple or Android App Store. Once you have downloaded the Piota Schools app, in the search box start typing the name of our school and click it once it appears.

The app will remember your choice and always load to our school.

Learning Hero of the Week



To be presented in class on

Monday 11th March at 3:15 pm

Y1 Jade: Dawid, **Y1 Pearl:** Sophie,

Y2 Diamond: Jamal, **Y2 Emerald:** Melanie,

Y3 Amethyst: Daisy, **Y3 Moonstone:** Aks,

Y3 Sapphire: Rohan,

Y4 Citrine: Naitik, **Y4 Jasper:** Mahdiya,

Y4 Quartz: Hollie,

Y5 Garnet: Adam, **Y5 Jet:** Vidhu,

Y5 Tigers Eye: Faith,

Y6 Aquamarine: Vihaan, **Y6 Crystal:** Amy,

Early Years

Presented today:

Nursery: Sophia and Aleeza,

Reception Coral: William,

Reception Sunstone: Rezan,

NSPCC

Sponser forms have been sent home with the children this week. During P.E next week they will be doing a skipping challenge for the most skips in 2 minutes for year 3-6. Star jumps challenge for year 1 and 2.

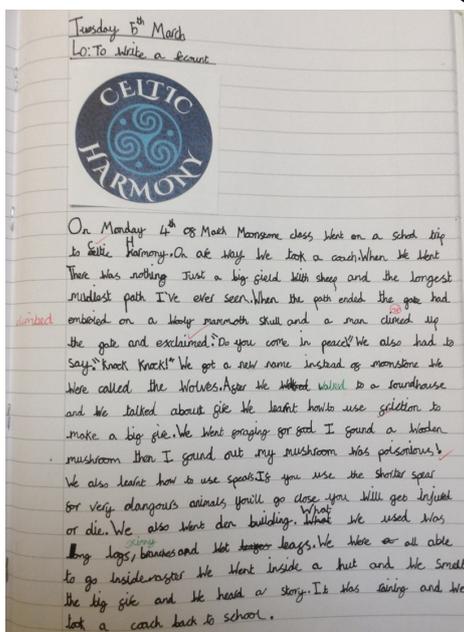
We hope you will help us support this great cause. **Please ensure all monies are returned to the office by no later than Friday 15 March.**

Thank you.

Y3, Celtic Harmony

Year 3 all had a great day going back in time to the stone age at Celtic Harmony! We learnt how to make fires with wood and forage for fruits and animals. We also built dens and hunted a woolly mammoth!

Quotes from the children; "I loved hunting the animals", "My favourite part was building the den and using leaves to keep out the rain."



Above, a lovely recount of the trip written by Zoe in Moonstone.

EVFS

Early Years began their World Book Day celebrations by watching an amazingly funny performance of Old MacDonald and the 3 Pigs plus! Lots of audience participation was needed!

Year 5

Year 5 will require a newspaper and an empty 500ml bottle for a project they will be completing in class before Easter. Can you please send these into class with your child ASAP. Thank you.

Nursery Sept 2019 intake

The last Nursery Open mornings for the Sept 2019 intake will be held on Weds 13th March at 9.15am. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend. Thank you.

Parent Volunteers!

Our Reception classes will be attending Dunstable Downs on 2nd and 3rd April to make and fly kites.

We are currently looking for parent helpers!

If you have a valid DBS and are up-to-date with your safeguarding training please call into the office. If you would like to help but require a DBS, please also come in and ask and we can help you with this!



Nursery

As part of the Early Years' curriculum, Nursery are required to explore the natural world. We are very lucky to have a fabulous outdoor environment which the children can access during their learning. Nursery goes exploring in all weathers!

Please can you ensure that your child has a complete set of spare clothes, including socks to be kept at nursery. You are welcome to come in and check what spare clothes your child has in the Nursery. Thank you for your support!

The Early Years team

World Book Day!

Wow! What a fantastic reading week we have had. It has been amazing seeing the children so engaged with reading and reading for pleasure! Thank you to all who attended the book fair; it was a massive success, raising approximately £600. This helps us to buy new books for the school library for the children to enjoy. Thank you to Mr Lacey, Ms Harland, Miss Lacey and Miss Reed for their help running the book fair throughout the week and a massive thank you to Mrs Happe for helping to organise, set up and run the book fair!

On Thursday, it was excellent to see so many children dressed up as their favourite characters which sparked their imagination for their own stories. We've had so much fun!



SPRING DISCO

THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

NURSERY & RECEPTION

3.30PM - 4.30PM

TICKETS ARE £3.00, WHICH INCLUDES UNLIMITED SQUASH / WATER AND A SNACK TO TAKE HOME. PLEASE SEND MONEY INTO YOUR CLASS INSIDE A NAMED ENVELOPE ON THE MORNING OF THE DISCO AND HAND TO THE TEACHER.

YEARS 1, 2 & 3

4.45PM - 5.45PM

TICKETS ARE £2.00. THIS CAN BE PAID ON THE DOOR. SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE, FOR WHICH A SUITABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY CAN BE SENT IN WITH YOUR CHILD.

A NEW EVENT FOR YEARS 4, 5 & 6 WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY, TO BE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL.

PLEASE NOTE, PARENTS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAY ON SITE. PLEASE RETURN AT THE ALLOTTED TIME TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD. WE WILL BE USING THE SAME DROP OFF / PICK UP PROCEDURE AS BEFORE, SO PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR THE BOARDS WHEN ARRIVING.