

Thingwall Primary School Newsletter

13 November 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome to our next newsletter. The following information will hopefully be of use to you and also give you an update on the exciting events we have had at school over the last few weeks.

Woodchurch High School Anti Bullying Day

On Wednesday 8 November Miss Hine, Year 5 and 6 School Councillors attended an Anti-Bullying Conference at Woodchurch High School.

In the morning there were a variety of different themed activities to choose from. Heidi joined the professional dance group Jelli Studios, Christopher was part of the group that composed a jingle with a percussion accompaniment, while Sithara, James and Sam composed a poem. Everyone performed their pieces to the audience who were made up of representatives from approximately 25 schools from across the Wirral. They were brilliant.

Also attending the conference was a professional rapper, Ash who found the poem 'deeply touching' High praise indeed!

Miss Hine was extremely proud of all the Thingwall representatives, feeling they were good ambassadors of the school.

Family Fun Day

This event went really well and we were thrilled with a profit of £700! We plan to spend this on Early Years resources, Maths resources and outdoor equipment. Thank you to all the staff who helped out and especially the following parents...

Mrs Webster-closed bids and raffle
Mrs Shone-Tuck Shop
Mrs Bettridge-Cakes
Dr McGuigan and Mrs Jayachandran-CPR Training
Mrs Brew-How to dial 999
Mr Scarisbrick-Fire Brigade
Mr Palin-Police
Mrs Ebrell-Beauty Raffle Prize
Mrs Murray-Beauty Raffle Prize
Mr Wonderley-Sainsburys link
Mr Shone-Walkers Crisps link

We were delighted that lots of local companies supported us with stalls and raffle prizes and would like to thank the following..

Dry Cleaning by David
Ian David Hairdressing
Hair and Nail Emporium
Star Bikes
Chester Cathedral Falconry
Men's Room West Kirby

Flower House
Bidston Tennis Club
Goulds of Heswall
Boots Bromborough
Sainsburys Thingwall
Zeera, Irby
Basset Hound
Shippons, Irby
Chester Exotic Animals
Woodchurch High Urban Farm
Minority Ethnic Advisory Service
Wirral Globe-see our article on-line!
Aintree Racecourse
Premier Sports

Sponsored Walk A Mile Event

This event seemed to go really well and was enjoyed by everyone. Well done to Mr Bettridge and Premier Sports for organising everything so well. Monies are still coming in so we can't tell you who has won the prize for raising the most money yet. Deadline for all sponsor money is this Friday so watch this space....

Children in Need

This Friday will see us celebrate Children in Need by allowing children to come to school wearing their own clothes. There is no charge for this but the P.O.T.S are going to be selling cakes and biscuits with all proceeds going to this worthwhile charity. If you would like your child to buy a cake please bring in 20p to school, biscuits are 10p each. Cakes will be on sale in the canteen for the morning break and also under the gazebo on the front playground straight after school (weather permitting).

Pudsey Bear will also be welcoming us into school this coming Tuesday and staying for Choral Assembly too! Perhaps he will help Mrs Mitchell with percussion in the school band? Many thanks to P.O.T.S and Woodchurch ASDA for this exciting event. Tuesday biscuit funds will also be given to Pudsey for this week only.

P.O.T.S

As you may be aware Parents of Thingwall School (P.O.T.S) nominated a new committee this term. Thank you very much to Tracey Harwood, Janet Wright, Tish Hughes, Jo McCormick and Maggie McCormick for all their dedicated hard work over the past few years. They have all worked tremendously hard and managed to raise a lot of money for school funds. We all appreciate the time, effort and energy they have given to benefit our school and we are sure you will join us in expressing your heartfelt thanks.

The new committee is as follows:-

Chair-Ruth Varey (Year 2 and Year 6)
Vice Chair-Angela Sutcliffe (Year 1 and Year 4)
Secretary-Anna Barnish (FS1 and Year 2)
Treasurer-Bex Platt (Year 2)
Social Media-Amanda Quirk (Year 2)

Please join their Facebook page (Parents of Thingwall Primary School-POTS) and also keep an eye on the noticeboards as you come into school. Helpers will be needed for events so please show your support in any way you can. You can also contact the committee via their email which is thingwallprimaryPOTS@hotmail.com

There are lots of events planned from now until Christmas including...

Key Stage Discos	16.11.17 Tickets on sale this week.
KS1 Festive Fun Night	30.11.17-3:45 to 5:15. Tickets are priced at £1.50 each and on sale from Monday 20 November 2017
KS2 Pyjama Party	02.12.17 Tickets priced at £6.50 each and on sale from Monday 20 November 2017
Carol Wagon	08.12.17
Christmas Fair	14.12.17
Breakfast with Santa	20.12.17

Author Visit

Thingwall were delighted to welcome author Alex Bell into school last week to launch her new book 'The Polar Bear Explorers' Club'. Pensby, Irby and Barnston Primary also joined Year 4, 5 and 6 as Alex shared excerpts from her book and spoke about being an author. The children were thoroughly inspired and we have has lots of enthusiastic story writing ever since! Watch this space for an exciting Creative Writing Competition with our Soft Federation Schools....

Spend A Penny Initiative

Last Friday saw us launch our Spend A Penny initiative to support Oxfam's Toilet Twinning Charity. As this coming Sunday 19 November is World Toilet Day, we will be spending this week saving our 1p and 2p coins to hopefully raise £60.00 to fund a toilet in Africa or Asia. This is such a worthwhile cause to please support us if you can. Northwest Construction have already donated £240.00 to kick start our appeal, enabling us to buy a school toilet block!

Charles Thompson Mission

A J Martin's mum from FS2 has decided to support Charles Thompson's Mission for the homeless this Christmas instead of sending Christmas cards. She has asked all her friends and work colleagues to help her by giving a cash donation or a food donation (rice pudding, longlife milk, curry, sugar and pepper). She is happy to collect any items you would like to donate. She will also be collecting old adult winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Any items can be passed to Ms Martin via the FS2 classroom. Many thanks.

Christmas Performances

The KS2 Performances will take place in St Michael's Church Pensby on 06.12.17 and 07.12.17. Each performance starts at 6:00 and we will be allocating tickets from Monday 20.11.17 from the School Office.

The KS1 Performance will take place in the School Hall on 13.12.17 at 2:15 and 14.12.17 at 9:30. Tickets will be released from the School Office from Monday 04.12.17.

Digital Parenting

In an ever changing digital world, it is imperative that we keep as informed as we possibly can to help safeguard our children. This week your child will be bringing home the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine for you to read. If you do not receive your copy please let us know.

Celebration Corner

This section is for any out of school achievements your child may want to celebrate...

Rohan Year 4-Rohan achieved a Stanley 4 Swimming Award Well done Rohan.

Zoey-Lea Year 4-Zoey-Lea noticed a homeless person was very cold and decided to buy them two pairs of gloves-what a lovely act of kindness and thoughtfulness.

With Best Wishes

Miss D L Cronin