

Wildmoor Heath School

Newsletter

4th November 2016

Adventure Playground Refurbishment Completed

The final work to complete the adventure playground took place during half-term. It is now fully operational and thanks to the support of both the Crowthorne Trust and our own PTA, it is even better than before!



Future Building Improvement Projects

With a significant amount of work completed over the summer, we are now considering 'what's next for our buildings and grounds?' There is still work to be done in the Reception Class to replace the ceiling tiles and refurbish the toilets. Because of the disruption, this will likely take place in the summer holidays. We are also planning to make further improvements to the Reception garden.



The Local Authority (LA) have agreed with us that the toilets at the back of Year 3 are not 'fit for purpose'. We are now working with them to agree a solution which, we hope, will include the creation of separate boys and girls toilets. Watch this space!

There other major project is the overhaul of the Nature Garden. Mrs Hamer, Mrs Dalton, Mrs Norwood and Mrs Thurgood are working together to create a proposal for how the space could be used to support both the academic curriculum and for developing resilience, resourcefulness and collaboration skills.

Finally, we will continue to replace carpets and redecorate where needed.

Festival of Rugby

Over the last few weeks, Wildmoor Heath has been working in partnership with London Irish RFC to promote rugby at the school. This included a coaching session and a trip to the Madejski Stadium to watch a match (and for the guard of honour). In the week before half term, we held our second 'Festival of Rugby' which included a spirited House competition which was officiated by London Irish coaches (well done to Wellington House, who won this year!) and sending a team of Year 5 and 6s to the Bracknell Forest Tag-Rugby Tournament held in



Great Hollands. This week, a Year 3/4 team took part in another tournament alongside other Bracknell school, coming third. Our congratulations to every child who took part in the festival – it was a fantastic event – and to all those who represented the school. Thanks



to Mr Gater for organising the festival! We are very proud of our links with London Irish RFC, who also provide an after school club for us. We look forward to working with them in the future and their quick return to the Premiership next season!



Seeds From Space

You may remember that the current Year 6 took part in the 'Seeds from Space' project (led by British astronaut, Time Peake) as part of their IPC unit Mission to Mars. The project involved the children growing two lots of identical seeds – ones from space and ones that had remained on Earth. Unaware which packet (red or blue) contained the space seeds; the children took specified measurements and carefully recorded their data. The aim of this experiment was to investigate whether space travel affected the germination and growth of the seeds.

Mobile Phones

Parents are reminded that children may not bring mobile phones to school without specific permission from the Headteacher. This is only given to children who walk or travel home on their own and on the understanding that the phone is kept in the office during school hours. We will not be responsible for phones kept in bags or coats and if phones are brought into school without permission, they will be confiscated and returned to parents only.



The results of the experiment were published last week: <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/Rocket-Science>. Firstly, the seeds from space were in the blue packet and secondly (and more importantly), it was found that on average the space seeds grew less well than the seeds that had remained on Earth. Leading plant scientists believe that radiation is the most likely culprit. Well done to Year 6 for being part of a space experiment and contributing to a possible mission to Mars in the future.



Harvest Festival – Thank You

I have been asked by the Crowthorne Foodbank to pass on their thanks to parents and carers for their generous donations during the Harvest period. The food you have given will now be made into parcels to support those less fortunate in our local community.



Dates for your Diary

- 11 Nov 16 – Armistice Day (11.00am)
- 30 Nov 16 - Open Afternoon- Prospective YR Parents
- 04 Dec 16 – BF Carol Concert
- 05 Dec 16 – Year 6 Bikeability
- 13 Dec 16 - Christmas Concert - Afternoon Performance
- 14 Dec 16 – Reindeers Visiting
- 14 Dec 16 - Christmas Concert - Evening Performance
- 16 Dec 16 - Reception Nativity - Morning Performance
- 19 Dec 16 – Xmas Lunch & Class Christmas Parties
- 20 Dec 16 – Year R / Year 1 – Pantomime Trip
- 21 Dec 16 – First day of the Xmas Holidays
- 04 Jan 17 – First day of the Spring Term

Spelling Bee

Well done to Wellington House for their decisive win in our second annual Spelling Bee. Spelling, grammar and punctuation is a focus throughout the school at the moment, so it was great to see so many children take part and do so well.



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