

Wildmoor Heath School Newsletter

9th March 2018

PTA News - Fundraising

The school and PTA are raising money, with the help of the Co-op store in Crowthorne, to support the development of our nature garden. The aim is to create an outdoor learning garden for all our pupils which is, in addition, a safe, nurturing place for our SEN and disadvantaged children. Since 12 November, Co-op members have chosen to support Wildmoor Heath PTA with their 1% and have raised **£421.15** so far. Every time members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund. We also receive a share of the money raised from sales of carrier bags. Any members in our local community can choose our cause and give their 1% now! You can find out more about the fundraising here:



<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/14374/>.

Walk to School Badge Competition

Don't forget to send in your entries for the "Walk to School Badge Design Competition" – the deadline is Tuesday 13th March. Remember the design needs to be bold, simple and colourful. The winning entries from the school will be sent off to the national competition. The competition is organised by 'Living Streets' (<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>)



and later in the year we will be working with them to promote walking to school, so watch this space!

Science Week Appeal

For science week, we have a teeth cleaning session following on from our investigation about germs. Year 2 would like to investigate different toothbrushes and see the effect they have on teeth. Please could we appeal for donations of new or used toothbrushes for Year 2 by Monday 19th March (NB. The brushes will be used on dentures)? Thank you, Mrs Hamer (Science Leader).

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

We have re-arranged World Book Day for the last day of the Spring Term – 29th March. Children are welcome to dress up and there will be other activities planned.

Message from the Chair of Governors

You will by now be aware that Mr Strudley will be leaving Wildmoor Heath at the end of the summer term to take up a headship in another school. The governing body is proud of the achievements that Mr Strudley has accomplished during his time with us and we appreciate that you may be concerned about how we will fill the large gap that his leaving will create. I hope to assure you that, supported by the Trust, the governors will do all they can to appoint a Headteacher of the highest calibre. We are advertising the post next week and will be interviewing in April. This will give the successful candidate time to get to know the school well before starting in September. Wildmoor Heath is known as a lovely school, with excellent teachers and delightful children. I am therefore sure that our advert will attract strong candidates. I will keep you informed as we go through the recruitment process.

Karen Roche (Chair of the Governing Body)

Megan Fletcher – Commonwealth Gold Medallist

On 16th March, Megan Fletcher, who won a Judo Gold Medal at the 2014 Commonwealth games, will be visiting our school. She will talk to the children about her achievements and the physical and mental preparation required to compete internationally. The children will also take part in some fitness activities. We know that the children have been getting sponsors for this and the money raised will be shared between Megan and the school, so it's great we can support a local British athlete and benefit ourselves too.



Dates for Your Diary

13 Mar 18 - Y3 Trip to Natural History Museum
24 Mar 18 - PTA Easter Egg Hunt
26 Mar 18 - PTA Meeting (7pm)
26 Mar 18 – Science Week
29 Mar 18 - World Book Day
29 Mar 18 - Last Day of Spring Term
16 Apr 18 - INSET DAY 5 - School closed
17 Apr 18 - Start of Summer Term
23 Apr 18 - St George's Day
02 May 18 - PTA Meeting (3.30pm)
07 May 18 - May Bank Holiday - School closed
14 May 18 to 18 May 18 - KS2 SATS week

Year 6 in North Wales

All 31 Year 6 children had a fantastic week at Rhos-y-gwaliau in North Wales just after half term. As well as avoiding the snow, the children enjoyed a week of high adventure activities including ascending a 648m mountain (Moel yr



hydd), going underground in a disused slate mine (Rhiwbach), canoeing on Bala Lake, gorge walking and climbing / scrambling on a beach near Porthmadog. The finale was an unaccompanied hill hike where the children worked in their groups to find their way back to the centre using a map and compass without adult support. The level of navigation required was similar to the Duke of Edinburgh Award's Bronze level so they did brilliantly to complete the task – and quickly!



The centre staff commented on the children's 'go for it' attitude and the way they worked so well together. They really did the school and themselves proud and showed our school values in everything they did! It was a real pleasure spending the week with the children and I know they got a lot from the experience. My thanks to the staff team – Miss Leadbeatter, Mrs Macdonald and Miss Hodges for joining me and giving up their evenings and weekends to take the children away. Year 5 children will be pleased to know that the trip is booked for 2019 and will take place the week **before** February half term next year. Year 6 parents will get access to all the photos taken in due course and after SATs, the children will be share their experiences in an assembly.

Mr G Strudley (Headteacher)



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