

SCHOOL NEWS

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A Huge THANK-YOU!!



I am delighted to inform you that we raised a fantastic £2073 from our defibrillator sponsored workout this week. The children (and staff!) really enjoyed their session with Freddy Fit and participated with lots of

enthusiasm. We are able to now go ahead with the purchase of the equipment which will include the training of 12 members of staff as well as a specially designed cabinet, extra battery and extra pads. Thank you so much for such a great response to this cause.

As we have funds left over, we have decided to train the Year 5 and 6 children in first aid. They will all have a half day session with Millie's Trust to teach them in the basics of first aid and safety awareness.

In the same vein of keeping healthy, we have also decided to bring in a skipping specialist to work with all the children in school, from Nursery to Year 6. They will all experience a workshop teaching them how to skip and games they can play. We will purchase some skipping ropes to encourage this to become a regular playtime activity once again.



Geography Week

Next week will be Geography week in school. All the children will be having a focus on this area of the Curriculum and will be taking the opportunity to participate in field work, outdoor activities, map work and topic related activities, such as South America in Year 6.



As part of Geography week, we will be participating in the National 'Empty Classroom Day' which is taking place on Thursday. This event complements our current drive to improve outdoor learning and to give the children more opportunities to take their lessons outside.

We are asking children NOT to come to school in their uniform on that day and to wear clothes that are suitable for outside. If the weather is wet, please send in wellies and waterproofs as they will still go outside. If it is hot and sunny, please apply sunscreen and send in sun hats and water bottles.



Sports Day

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we have moved Sports Day to an earlier date in the school year, in the hope that we get better weather!

Sports Day will be taking place on Wednesday next week (17th May). EYFS and KS2 will be in the morning - we'll aim for a 9.15am start. Parents of Reception and Nursery will be able to watch the children from outside the ball court. KS2 parents will be invited by Year 6 children to go onto the field where your child's class is based. This year, you will be able to move around the perimeter of the field with the class to enable you to have a good view.

KS1 will have their Sports Day in the afternoon from 1.45pm. Please enter school using the footpath down the side of the car park - this will be the only entrance open at this time.

If it is sunny, children must come to school with sunscreen applied. We have guidance from the Local Authority that we are not to apply sunscreen so we recommend children wear an 'all day' variety or are able to apply independently. Water bottles and sun hats are also recommended.

All children to come to school dressed in sports kit please. No uniform required that day.



Head Lice

Once again, we have received numerous reports of head lice in a number of classes. Please check your child's head regularly and use the advice on the following link if you need to apply treatment:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

WELL DONE TO Y6!

A huge "Well Done" is in order for Year 6 who tackled their SATs tests brilliantly. They were calm, collected and confident. We couldn't have asked for better attitudes! Many thanks to the ladies who helped every morning with the Breakfast Club - you know who you are - we couldn't have done it without you.



Basketball

The children in KS2 took part in a basketball assembly today. They learnt about different passes and techniques and many came to the front to have a go. A basketball club is held at



The Kingsway School on Thursdays from 4.30pm to 6pm for boys and girls from Reception up to Year 6. Next week we will be sending home a leaflet with further information.

A final thank-you to the parents who came to help us move the mountain of wood chip and soil on the field yesterday. Your help is very much appreciated and helped us make room for Sports Day next week.

Just to reiterate: sports clothing required on Wednesday and outdoor clothing on Thursday. It looks set to be a fun-packed week!

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows and the
Etchells staff

