

Life & Learning with index of the fide

11 October 2013: Our school community newsletter, usually issued every other Friday

PARENT COUNCIL | Cross Country Teamwork!

We had a super first meeting of the Parent Council this term. Thanks to all who attended. We discussed many of the usual issues, but also talked about having a school bell at the start of the day, parent reactions to the industrial action, headlice (again!), use of the texting service, the use of jobshares in classes and non-uniform charity days.

I've been receiving some lovely reports from parents and staff this week about how beautifully behaved and mutually supportive our children were when at Saturday's Primary Schools Cross Country Tournament at the Stantonbury Campus. We are thrilled and very proud of them. They clearly had learnt that winning was part of the deal, but not as important as the support and encouragement for each other that makes winning worth doing. When we try and teach children that when we win, we win together, sometimes it seems as if this falls on deaf ears, but not with this lot, who



Part of the Watling Valley Ecumenical Partnership

Congratulations!

These super chil-

dren have ap-

peared in the

Golden Book this

week. Fantastic!

Sophie, Charlie,

Adriano, Samuel T

(Daisies of the

Week)
Gabrielle, Jedluis,
Seth, Imani
(Thistle)

Isabel, James, Lucia, Tia (Conker) Riley, Lacey-Rose Chris & Fletcher (Acorn)

Louisa. Huda.

William & James

(Pumpkin)

Abbas, Kaiden,

Tania & Jacob (Clover)

Daniel, James, Harry & Frankie (Mustard) Briana, Shanay, Kady & Boluwatifemito (Rosehip)

Evie, Emma,

Cindy & Rumbi (Teasel)

Priscilla, Isobel,

Ola

(Sycamore)

Raha, Marion,

Reece & Rachel (Catkin)

Emily, Lily-Mae,

Leni, Dustin &

Taylor

(Barley)

Charity, Andrew,

Fahad & Adeolu

(Wheat)

win, we win together, sometimes it seems as if this falls on deaf ears, but not with this lot, who made a real impression with their teamwork.



As part of the preparation for sharing our work with our European partners in mid-November, children in the Early Learning Phase have been learning like crazy—all about cows—our special mascot for the Comenius project. Here is some of what has been going on in (and out of) class. Overleaf is a special Cow Poem from Thistle





Class and some more information on

COW SALT DOUGH MODELS the project. Everyone is having a lot of fun and learning all sorts of agricultural knowledge...



Calendar for the 2 weeks after half-term

4 Nov School closed to children (INSET day)

5 Nov | Children return to school

7 Nov Parents Phonics W'kshop 6.30 (F2, Y1)

8 Nov Barley Class Collective Worship 9am

11 Nov Bag2School Collection day

Road Safety Officers meet police 1.15

12 Nov Y5/6 Basketball festival 4 p.m.
13 Nov 3 staff leave to visit Belgian partner school

Individual/sibling photos

Catkin Class Collective worship 9am

We had about a 75-76% take up of parents at last week's Teacher-Parent Consultations. This still leaves a quarter of children whose parents have not had a chance to learn about their children's progress. You'll be contacted after half term to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Thanks to all of those parents who made arrangements to cope with the industrial action on 17th October. It was much appreciated. There will be more—probably

in November or early December. Keep watching the national press for details. We'll again give you as MUCH notice as possible.

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Loving, Learning, Growing Together



The Collective worship schedule for the next 4 months:

8 Nov **Barley Class** 15 Nov **Catkin Class** 22 Nov **Thistle Class** 29 Nov **Pumpkin Class Acorn Class** 17 Jan 24 Jan **Rosehip Class Conker Class** 31 Jan 7 Feb **Mustard Class** Parents and relatives are always warmly invited to attend these special events.



What are we doing for Children in Need this vear?

Well, actually, not as much as you might think. Classes will have special ways of celebrating and fundraising on the day (15th Nov), but because it is a day when there are a lot of other things happening, and because we have generated enormous enthusiasm for our support of the TOILET TWIN-NING charity over Harvest, it is this that we will support and have a special non-uniform day on the 22nd November instead. We figure that if everybody brought a pound, then we

could twin 7 of our toilets in school, and if everyone brought 2 pounds, then every single class could twin one of their toilets with a toilet in a country where they really need them! We have already twinned two toilets! MORE DETAILS AFTER HALF TERM.







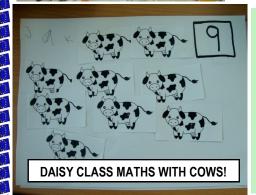
As well as the exciting visits of farmers and cows, and the trip to the Concrete Cows in Bancroft, children have been devising tasting days of dairy products, milk-shake making, writing and maths around the theme of cows,

and painting the special boxes we will use to take all our learning to our partner schools.

Rachel in Thistle Class writes: When a calf is born after 30 minutes a calf can stand up. If a mummy cow has two babies a farmer has to make sure that they are both born healthy. When a calf is grown up it can run very fast. A female cow can have a calf. A male can't have a calf. A female can have horns. A cow or a bull has to have their horns cut off.

MILKING CONCRETE COWS!

Imani writes this (informative) poem:



Cows say moo but don't say boo! Cows can be spotty but they can't have stripes—brown, white, black or a mixture of all!

Cows will graze out in the field. Watch out for their dung or we will say eew! Cows are great—they give us milk but only female cows can give us this.

Cows have babies—baby calves Bulls have horns and the females have udders Cows, cows, cows but can they really jump over the moon?



Lastly, our congratulations to the Early Learning Phase for the FANTASTIC effort in raising money to Send a Cow to Africa! They made milk shakes for all and sundry yesterday and EVERYONE got the benefit. Thanks to all involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Tempest photography will be in school on Wednesday 13th November for Individual photos and with siblings.
- Royal British Legion poppies on sale from the school office from November 5th.