

Newsletter March 2012

Activities

This has been a very busy term once again, with lots of activities taking place to support your children's learning and development. We know that when you ask your children what they have been doing at school, many will answer with "nothing" or "stuff"!! Here is a taster of what they really have been doing this term – in addition to all their usual lessons! Highlights include:

- Children's author **Eamonn Reilly** visited the school and held story writing workshops with the children. He also talked about his own books and read excerpts from them. 
- Children took a journey round the solar system with the **Kids in Space** science show, held in the hall.
- The whole school has gone skipping crazy following the **Skip2BFit** full day of activities – for children and teachers! Lots of healthy exercise and eating messages were included in the day, plus maths that the children hardly realised they were doing. 
- We have also been visited by "**World of Maths**" for 2 days – fun sessions for all year groups with specially designed puzzles, equipment and challenges provided by the specialist company.
- The **KM Green Travel Roadshow** performed to the whole school, attended by councillor Mike Whiting and the KM walking bug mascot. 
- "**Iwade School Parents Page**" now has 84 members! 

WOW days for Creative Learning

Journeys

Year 3 enjoyed a visit from the Vikings, from Living History Workshops, whilst year 2 welcomed visitors from Perform4Schools who took the children through the events of the Great Fire of London, with lots of audience participation.

Year 6 have been looking at a range of famous people and kicked off their topic with a day dressed as their choice of famous person. We had some amazing outfits and a very lively day!

Year 4 have been exploring the worlds of Walt Disney and animation. They launched their topic dressed as a character from a Disney film.

The children do love dressing up and it really helps them to get into character for events and definitely adds more "wow" to the day. We are aware however that it is not always easy for parents and we do try to limit the occasions. We would never ask or expect you to buy or hire costumes – improvised is just fine!

Great Ormond Street Hospital Assembly and Sponsorship

We were delighted to raise over £1000 for the Great Ormond Street campaign



Sporting Activity



Our **football team** have had mixed fortunes this term, with a loss against Bobbing in the school friendly and then progressing with great performances to the quarter finals in the Minterne Sevens tournament – where they were beaten by Bobbing!

The school sent representatives from years 3, 4, 5 & 6 to the school **cross country** championships at SCC. No medals, but some great performances and very sporting behaviour – well done!

Gymnastics teams from years 1, 2 & 3 represented



the school at the Key Steps Gymnastics competition held at Swallows leisure centre. The children did very well and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, despite the event over-running somewhat.

Thank you to all parents who helped transport their children to these events.

30 children from year 5 recently had an afternoon of **Olympic Leadership Training** in school so that they can run Olympic based lunchtime activities for other children

New play equipment

You have probably noticed the new play equipment recently purchased and installed in the year R/1 playground. Additional items have also been purchased for the reception playground and classroom at a total cost of over £10,000.

This equipment is only for the use of the school children during supervised school sessions. Please do not allow your children to play on it at other times.

Collecting children from school

Reminder – please let your child's teacher or the office know if somebody different is collecting your child from school.

Demelza House

Representatives from the pupil council had the opportunity to take a tour of Demelza House Children's Hospice following its recent extension, before it re-opens to guests. The children found this a very interesting and rewarding experience and helped them to understand more about the work they do.



Trips

Year 2 enjoyed a lovely day (and lovely weather!) at Kent Life. Let's hope the weather holds for all our trips!



BASC Easter Raffle – Thank you to Budgens and JD Newz&Viewz for kindly donating Easter Eggs