

Message from the Director of Education

Dear Parents,
 What happened to the sun? The children were so excited to see the arrival of the sprinklers at Primary but I never got to the stage of turning them on! Let's keep our fingers crossed, particularly as on Thursday it is Outdoor Classroom Day. Did you know that 74% of children spend less time outdoors than the 60 minutes recommended for prison inmates?! Further on in this week's comms you can read about how Pre-Primary children will enjoy this event.

Reminders this week: Pre-Primary is also the location for this term's Parent & Child Day (Tuesday and Wednesday) 4.30-5.30pm. A wonderful opportunity for your children to show you all the things they love about their school!

Primary Education Evening this Wednesday. 7-9pm. Please join us for a glass of wine and learn more about how we track the progress of your child to ensure the very best outcomes.

Years 3-6 are once again taking the opportunity to sleep over. Remember drop off at 7 and pick up the following day at 9.

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As mentioned above, on Thursday 18th May Pre-Primary will be taking part in national celebration of 'Outdoor classroom Day!' All lessons will take place in our outside environment.....To name a few activities We will start the day with the Daily Mile (a run around the field) including 15 minutes of vigorous exercises to warm us up and get the heart beating! Our topic this half term is all about Minibeasts! We will explore the wildlife garden and go on an insect hunt! We will be creative with sticks and outdoor activities including parachute games and practical life activities. We will open up the sandpit and get it ready for the summer. Lots of gardening and clearing will take place

French lesson will be outside along with gym and sport. Don't forget to look for the pictures on our Facebook page. Children are invited to wear home clothes; casual; warm; waterproof; whatever the weather dictates!!

Good News....having been best with delays (initially regarding flooding and more lately bats) we are forging ahead with the planning process to relocate pre-primary department onto the Malt Hill site. Please see the attached memo for an update .Uniform: The school uniform shop will soon be operational. See price list attached and email us with your orders if you can't wait!

CONGRATULATIONS to Silke in Year 6 (far right in the picture) who travelled to Caterham to fight in the ISA judo competition. She was up against two other girls in her category and won quite easily. The second fight was tougher. Silke managed to throw her opponent a few times, but the girl fell on her side instead of her back, so she was not awarded any points. Silke was thrown herself a few times. On one occasion she fell on her tummy, but she also fell once on her side with her back just touching the floor. Her opponent received points as a result and having won a gold medal last year, unfortunately Silke did not manage to change to secure the top place in this year's competition.



Facebook Round Up...

On Thursday last week, Year 5 created their own Fairtrade Assembly and presented it to Lower Primary (Yr 1&2). The



children were thoroughly engaged and really enjoyed the occasion. By the end of the assembly they all understood how Fairtrade can change the way trade works globally, through better prices, decent working



conditions and a fairer deal for farmers and workers in developing countries. "It was great. I learnt about why Fair Trade is fair." Evie (Yr 2) "I found out that bananas, chocolate and footballs are Fair Trade. Some footballs are made in Pakistan and the Fair Trade footballs help people to get clean water, go to the doctors and get school books." Felix, (Yr 1) David in Yr 2 said, "I can now tell it's Fair Trade because of the sticker!"

In Science this term, Year 1 & 2 are studying Plant and Animal Kingdoms. Last week the



children were fortunate enough to have a sunny day to investigate their beautiful school grounds, as an introduction to their habitat study. The meadow, the brook, the field and the 'bug hotel' in our wildlife garden all helped them understand more about what a habitat is and what animals and plants need from their habitat. Learning about the relationship between habitats and food chains will form a later part of the study.

Happy pupils...Primary children have the chance to enjoy some fun and games in their warm up



before they get some excellent coaching developing their 'sprint start' technique. Some of these lucky pupils will also get a chance to compete in Birmingham at the ISA championships in June.

<http://www.isaschools.org.uk/.../isa-sport-nation.../athletics/>

Dear Parents....we are almost there ! This is the final week for your child to submit any last minute pieces and place your orders for our Meadowbrook 'We-Are-Writers' book. I will be uploading the final pieces and proof reading next weekend, and then placing the order to print early next week. If you would like to order copies, and haven't already ordered, please make sure that you hand in your order form with payment to Claudia/Barbara by Monday 22nd. Thank you

James Abrahart (Year 6)

The Convergence of the Twain
 Year 5 & 6 have been working towards using evocative language and the theme is 'The Power of Imagery.' Last week they specifically worked on Thomas Hardy's 'The Convergence of the Twain' 'Lines on the Loss of the "Titanic"'.
 For this topic they were asked to do charcoal imagery and to pick a word, symbol or sound and focus on that to do their charcoal drawings. Later in the week the children began creating their own prose. Checkout their video on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/MeadowbrookMontessoriSchoolUK/videos/1788420878136723/>

Year 1 & 2 enjoying some relaxing time in their library!

