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Issue 5:



Christmas Bazaar



As you are aware, the Christmas Bazaar will take place on Friday 4th December. There will be lots to enjoy but we need your support to make this successful. In particular, we are looking for help with the following:

- * Any teddies or soft toys (in excellent condition) for the Teddy Tombola.
- * Surprise boxes: We are holding a class competition to see which class can bring in the most surprise boxes. These are clean, decorated take-away boxes filled with small items suitable for children, e.g. stationery, stickers, sweets, small toys etc. Help your child's class to win!
- * Any good quality, unwanted items that may be suitable for the tombola or bottle tombola.
- * Home made cakes - This is always a very popular stall. Once again, the class that brings in the most cakes will win a prize. Cakes should be brought in on the day of the Bazaar and taken, by the children, to Mr Mills' office.



As well as supporting us by sending in these items, we are also desperately looking for people to help on the day. If you are able to do this, either during the school day or at the actual event, please complete the slip on the back of the yellow FOOF newsletter, speak to a member of FOOF or contact the school office.

Thank you for all of your support.

RAFFLE TICKET REMINDER

Remember to sell your raffle tickets and return the counterfoils, money and any unsold tickets by midday on 4th December for your chance to win some great prizes!

Bazaar: 3.30-5.30pm

For safety reasons, we are unable to open the doors for the Bazaar until all the classes have been cleared. Can we kindly ask that you collect your children promptly on this date and then queue outside ready to come in. This will enable us to open the doors without delay.

Please also follow the one way system, which will help ease congestion around the school.



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Updates

Year 3 had a fantastic day with Celtic Harmony on Wednesday 18th November. They all enjoyed taking part in some Stone Age to Iron Age activities including grinding wheat, making bread, dyeing wool and taking part in a trading activity. Ruby Hall, from 3S said, "I liked it when we went shopping and when we made the dough balls."

Last week, each house got together for their inaugural half-termly house meeting. During these meetings, children were told which staff members are in their house and discussed various ways in which they can play their part in making sure their house wins the most house points. Each of the houses will also support a different charity throughout the course of the year by engaging in fundraising activities. House captains were given the opportunity to inspire children in their houses (Freddie Smith, of Neptune, deserves a special mention for producing, and presenting, a fantastic PowerPoint presentation. Well done, Freddie!).

On Monday of this week, choir children from all years took part in the first session of the Snow White Project - a song composed and performed by a selection of children from 3 Hillingdon Borough schools for the Compass Theatre Panto. Don't forget to buy your tickets from the Compass Theatre to see our video during the panto!

On Thursday of this week, Year 4 and Year 6 children were fortunate enough to try out Taekwondo in 'taster sessions' with specialist instructors. The children loved the activities!

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 16th December. If you want your child to have a Christmas lunch on that day, please send in the slip and £1.95 as soon as possible. If you don't return the reply slip, your child will require a packed lunch on that day.



Roast turkey dinner

or vegetable parcel

Both Served with carrots and sprouts.

Mini chocolate pudding or Christmas cookie.



Parental Questionnaire Outcomes:

Many thanks to all those parents who returned the recent parental questionnaire; it was pleasing to receive over 100 responses. The outcome of the analysis, based on the questionnaire, was very positive with 90% or more parents agreeing with every question asked. The only percentage to fall below 90% was in response to the question, 'The school responds well to my concerns', and in this case the agreement percentage was 89%.

While 95% of parents felt that 'there is a good standard of behaviour in school', concerns were raised by some staff members and pupils regarding low-level behaviour in the classroom and a lack of respect for some staff around school.

In response to these two identified concerns, the school will focus on dealing with low-level behaviour which might impact on children's learning and by further developing the qualities of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience, through our PHSCE curriculum.



Each week in assembly, teachers announce the 'Star of the week' for their class. These awards celebrate the successes and efforts of the children and encourage all pupils to work hard and demonstrate a positive attitude.

Congratulations to the following award winners for the last two weeks:

3S: Manayum and Hayden

3K: Umaira and Arjun

3H: Melissa and Sophie

4A: Ananya and Maryam

4KR: Callum and Gracie

4B: Lana and Macsen

Music: Jasveen (6M) and Georgi (3K)



5L: Taylor and Sarah

5D: Kimberley and Harley

5M: Ellie and Nikita

6M: Manvir and Angel

6H: Zainab and Freddie

6S: Kimi and Jack

French: Sadya (6S) and Mya (6M)



Attendance

Well done to 3K, 5L and 6S, who have shared the class attendance award for this week. Well done!

Well done!

Congratulations to Miss Harker and 6H for their fantastic fundraising efforts; they managed to raise a whopping £277 for BBC Children in Need! Thanks to all of you who supported the event by sending in cakes, buying cakes and providing generous contributions.



2/12/15: Year 6 trip to RAF Hendon

3/12/15: Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime

4/12/15: Christmas Bazaar

9/12/15: Sportshall Athletics competition

15/12/15 & 16/12/15: Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

16/12/15: Christmas Lunch and Year 3 parties

17/12/15: Christmas Singalongs and Year 4, 5 & 6 parties

18/12/15: Term ends @ 2.30pm

As you can see, we're experimenting with a new layout for the newsletter. Let us know your thoughts by posting a comment on Twitter or the school website.

