



Head's lines...

What a busy week last week was in what is definitely turning out to be another very busy term at Camp. Year 1 and 2 did an excellent job of entertaining the whole school on Monday and then packed audiences of their families on Tuesday and Wednesday in the 'The Big Green Adventure'. A challenging script with lots of words to remember but they did really well and sang so clearly. They also delivered some very clear messages about the role we all have every day to be more environmentally friendly.

The school fair was a great success on Saturday and will have raised lots of funds for school projects. Thank you to Meg, Andi and the amazing team of parents and staff who worked together to make the day such a huge success. I know the children had a great time too.

As you know we did lots of work during the recent anti-bullying week to reinforce the important key messages to the children. We also launched our Peer Mediator service for this year. Thank you for your support with the whole school homework that followed. More details on Peer Mediators and the homework that we have selected for display in the next newsletter.

A couple of weeks ago we held a remembrance assembly in school with every child bringing forward their own ceramic poppy to form a whole school display. It was very moving as the children listened to the bugle calls and stood together in silence to show their respect.

Best wishes

Sharon Barton

Congratulations to Charlotte from the office and her partner Bob on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Anna. Mother and baby are both doing well - just a little bit tired!

Important Dates:

Choir at Abbey	Tuesday 5 th December 10.30am
Foundation Nativity	Wednesday 13 th December – 9.30am and 2.30pm
Christmas dinner	Monday 18 th December
Nursery end of Term	Monday 18 th December
End of term	Tuesday 19 th December 1.30pm
Start of Spring Term	Thursday 4 th January 2018
Half term	Monday 12 th February - Friday 16 th February 2018
INSET Day	Monday 19 th February 2018

Cinema trips...

As part of the Into Film Festival in November we were able to secure free cinema tickets to take Year 5 & 6 to see Beauty and the Beast at the Odeon in Hatfield. Just over a week later they were followed by Years 3 & 4 who went off to watch Zootropolis.

As well as being an enjoyable trip, all the class teachers have then used these films as a basis for writing activities – whether these were film reviews, recounts or exploring key themes from the stories. It is so useful to have such shared experiences for everyone in a class to focus on.

The children loved seeing the films with their whole class and for some it was their first experience of going to the cinema so was an extra special visit.



Please make sure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. We do try to make sure that the children get outside for play and lunchtimes whenever possible. Therefore every child needs to bring a coat each day.



Visitors to school

We often welcome visitors into school to talk to the children about their jobs or to discuss an issue of interest or concern. This term we have had our local PCSO in to talk to Year 5 about ways they can keep themselves safe out of school. We also had the local firemen in to talk to Nursery and Reception about the important job that they do in our community.

Year 5 and 6 shared their ideas with Councillor Anthony Rowlands both on what facilities we need in our local area and what could be done to make Camp Road safer – they had so many great suggestions. This was then followed up by a visit from Anne Main MP who spoke to our Year 6 Junior Travel Ambassadors to hear what they had achieved in school. She then met with myself and governors to talk about the road and school funding.

This year the children at Camp are taking part in an exciting project called Food Waste Ninjas run by Ruby Raut from Raut Consulting, an environmental educational consultancy.

The project aims to encourage everyone to reduce the amount of food we waste at school and fits in well with our work as an Eco School and our active Eco Committee will be helping to run the project. Ruby ran workshops for all the children last month and then met some parents after school to explain the work she is leading. Food waste is monitored each term and further workshops are planned for the Spring.



Thank you for your support back in October with our collection for the Harvest Assembly. We had lots of items donated which were gratefully collected by the local food bank that same afternoon.

Children in Need

Another thank you – this time for supporting the events in school for Children in Need. Lots of children took part in guessing where Pudsey was hiding. Eliza, in Year 4, was the overall lucky winner. Well done Eliza. The children and staff also joined in with the non-uniform day. In total we raised £231.10 to go to this worthwhile Charity. Well done to the School Council and Mrs Ridge for organising the events.

Our school choir sang beautifully at the Mayor's Civic Service at the Abbey back in October. They performed 'Something Inside So Strong' and 'Sing' and behaved perfectly. It was a very multi-cultural service which was very fitting for our school and we were pleased that so many parents were able to join us to hear the children. Well done to everyone but especially those children in Year 4 who had only recently joined the choir.

The Christmas post box is up and ready for use! The children are welcome to post their Christmas cards in here for friends and staff at school. The post will be sorted and delivered to classes daily.

