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Friday 21st October 2011

Assembly - Shoe Box Appeal.

Audrey Pegrum MBE visited us in assemblies on Monday this week to talk about the Shoe Box Appeal. You will have received the flier this week which will give you further information if you would like to take part. We have been supporting Blytheswood Care's Shoebox Appeal for many years and parcels are well received in countries across the world. Our school target is to exceed 100 boxes this year. If you wish to donate please bring your shoebox or cash donation into school before 14th November.

School awards

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the school has achieved 2 prestigious awards this half term.

- The International School's Intermediate award- this shows our commitment to promoting multiculturalism and global issues within the school as well as highlighting our modern foreign language provision and links with other places globally. A big thank you to Miss Boyd for her hard work in submitting the bid.
- The Get Set Network - This demonstrates that we are part of the London 2012 Games. The Olympics will be a big focus during the summer term and work has already been started in producing inspiring lesson plans for children as well as promoting the Games within the school as a whole. Today the staff are working on this to ensure that every child feels part of this momentous occasion next year. A big thank you to Miss Edwards for submitting the bid.

Life in school

Many of the classes this week have concluded their themes for this half term and there has been a wealth of fantastic work and learning to celebrate. Thank you to all parents/ carers who have managed to celebrate their child achievements with them.

Parent evening reminders

You will have received in your child's book bag your appointment time for you to meet with your child's class teacher. These meetings are on Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd November. Please be reminded these meetings are for parents/carers and class teachers and not for children on this occasion. Please enter school through the main entrance. Teachers will be in the hall and your child's work will be in their classrooms.

School uniform

Please can you check that your child's school uniform is clearly labelled and if you do have another child's by mistake, please return it to school. Please do check lost property in the entrance area if your child has lost any items. Most of the uniform in lost property is unnamed. Please can you also ensure that your child has an apron or old shirt for artwork.

ParentMail

Please be aware that ParentMail offer a text alert service when you receive e mails from the school. This is an optional charge; please do not confuse it with receiving general texts from school which are free to parents.

Quiz Night

Do you enjoy a fun family quiz? If so Mrs Wilson will be hosting a family quiz evening on 12th November at Church of our Saviour, Chelmer Village CM2 6ST, in aid of The Smiles Foundation. This will be lots of fun with rounds such as general knowledge, wildlife, cartoons, picture rounds and crisp tasting!! Tickets are just £8 each to include a buffet platter. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets are available from Mrs Wilson. Come on your own or bring a team. Children VERY welcome.

Out of School Successes:

Please continue to inform the school if your child achieves an out of school success. We would love to celebrate their achievements with them. We share out of school successes in our whole school assembly on Monday.

Congratulations this week goes to:

- Jessica Hinder for competing in a gymnastics competition and coming 2nd overall, achieving a silver medal.
- Danny Ronald for being man of the match in football
- Maddison Merritt for 1st place individually and as part of a team in her trampolining competition
- Marney Easen for first place in a gymnastics competition
- Lucy Stokes for winning a netball match 5-2
- Isabel Beadle for winning 2 games of rugby
- Emily Falco for her street dance competition - coming 1st in the team section and 6th out of 110 individually.

Green book entries

Staff send children to us if a child has produced an especially good piece of work, tried very hard or shown very good behaviour. They receive a Headteacher sticker and they write their name into the 'Green Book'. This week the entries are:

- Daisy Mundy for excellent homework
- Amelia Armiger for excellent homework
- Sophie Waterman for writing a great letter to Ronald Dahl
- Meghan Johnston for a fantastic recount about her visit to Hyde Hall and for her neat, joined up writing.
- Peter Cronin for super homework
- Kristina Marsello for super work comparing Victorian lifestyles to those today
- Cameron Brown for great Victorian homework

Yours sincerely,

Helen Craig / Sue Wilson

Mrs Craig and Mrs Wilson
Headteachers

Letters that have been emailed this week:

Girls in Year 5 Football letter & Permission Slip
Boys in Year 5 Football letter & Permission Slip

Letters sent home via your child/children:

Parent Governor Election
Shoe Box Appeal
School Menu 3 choice Autumn – Winter 2011/12



