

Newsletter April 23rd, 2013

Science Museum Trip

Year 5 and 6 had a fabulous day out at The Science Museum in London. The children enjoyed exploring the Space Exhibition and had a thrilling 4D cinema experience on the Legends of Apollo. After lunch, and a very long flight of stairs, the children had great fun in the 'Launch Pad'. Here they were able to try out many different practical experiments which included: water powered rockets, generating electricity using hydro power, centrifugal force and sensing sound through teeth. A long but fun filled day and many of the children have expressed an interest in visiting the museum again outside of school.



River Ouse Trip

On a very cold day in March, Year 5 wrapped up and set off to visit the River Great Ouse in Buckingham. We observed many of the features of rivers that we have been learning about this term in Geography. Back at school, the class produced some lovely descriptions and illustrations of their observations of river features and wildlife.



PROJECT: ACORN - PAINTING PARTY



18TH MAY FROM 1PM

Parents and friends of Great Horwood are invited to join us for a painting party on May 18th from 1pm. We will be white washing the Year 6 classroom prior to a reading book inspired theme chosen by Year 6 children being applied! Please come along and help if you can lend a hand with painting, plastering or providing refreshments!

ALEXANDER'S FUND

Great Horwood School are supporting a fund raising campaign for Alexander from Aylesbury, a year 2 boy who requires urgent medical treatment. A donation of any amount is welcome this Wednesday in school as we join in 'Wear a Hat Wednesday'. Find out more about Alex by visiting: www.alexandersfund.net



Wear A Hat Wednesday!



Wear a hat to School,
College or Work
this Wednesday
24th April



to help raise
money for



Alexander's Fund

All donations gratefully received

www.alexandersfund.net

<https://www.justgiving.com/treatmentforalex/>





SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Fundraising

The school council are working hard to raise money for the following:

- Dogs Trust
- Chick Hatching Experience
- Web Cam for our Nature Area

A 'coin race' is currently running in each classroom, with a prize for the class who collects the most small change. We will be coin collecting until 12th May.

School Shop

The school shop now sells whiteboard pens (50p) and handwriting pens (£1).

Playtime

The school council organised the rota for the adventure playground.

Cloakrooms

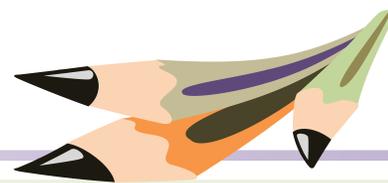
The council suggested the idea of lockers for cloakrooms. It is to be investigated further how much this will cost.



KitAid is a charity that collects clean unwanted kit (shirts, shorts, boots, gloves, shin-pads) to give to children living in the poorest parts of the world. There is a collection point in the school office if you are able to donate any kit to this wonderful cause.

Comic Relief Success!

Thank you to everyone at Great Horwood School who contributed cakes and other goodies to help with the fund raising activities for Comic Relief organised by Year 6. The school has raised an incredible amount - £352.28!



School Development Priorities

The development points from our Ofsted inspection correlate closely with the development points we had identified for our work in the Spring Term. We will be spending the summer term continuing to work on the same targets to ensure that, when we have met the targets, they are fully embedded in daily school practice.

Summer Term Development Priorities: Improving Teaching and Learning

- To secure effective use of differentiation to support and challenge all pupils

Accelerate Progress and Raise Standards

- To ensure developmental marking impacts on pupil progress
- To ensure the curriculum meets the needs of our pupils, spotlighting applying literacy and numeracy skills in other subject areas.

As always, we are keen to hear from our whole school community on how we can improve our school.

Message to Cross Country Runners

The Cross Country Championship has been rescheduled to this Saturday, 27th April, with children encouraged to arrive at 11am. The Championship has been moved to Wendover Junior School. Please drop a note into school letting Miss Miller know if your child can attend.

TERM DATES

Summer term - 1st Half

School closes on the afternoon of Friday 24th May 2013

Summer term - 2nd Half

School opens on the morning of Tuesday 4th June 2013

School closes on the afternoon of Wednesday 24th July 2013

In-Service Training Days for teachers:

Monday 3rd June 2013

