



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 9th June 2014

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Dear Parents / Carers

After torrential rain on Monday, the rest of the week has been gorgeous sunshine. Long may it continue, allowing the children to practise for various sporting events both at school and other venues. We will keep you posted as to dates.

Our Year 6 children had a truly fabulous time at PGL, Caythorpe. Children and staff came back on Monday shattered but with some very happy memories.

GREAT WOOD EARLY YEARS' CENTRE, BOOTHBY PAGNELL - What an adventure!

Last week the children in classes Koalas and Kangaroos went on an adventure to Great Wood Early Years Centre. We had a short walk into the forest, in order to find our base camp and soon set about finding wood for the fire. All the children added wood as Kate (our forest school leader) supervised. The children then had different areas of basecamp to explore, such as the mud kitchen, weaving frame, mud writing hut, the rope swing (a great favourite of the children!) and tree climbing. Kate also demonstrated how to whittle a willow stick using a very sharp knife to make our own charcoal in the fire. The children then had a go themselves and were brilliant at it. We worked up quite an appetite with all the fresh air and mud and enjoyed spaghetti bolognese cooked over the fire, we had helped to make. Finally we went away from base camp and created our own journey sticks by adding interesting bits to it using string. There were lots of nibbled pine cones, thanks to the many squirrels in the forest. We even managed to find a frog under a log on our walk back to the bus! Luckily nobody tied it to their journey stick...We were very muddy and tired after our forest adventure but armed with great memories and some new skills too. A great day! Thank you so much to the adults who helped to supervise the children over the three days. We hope you had as much fun too.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we come to the end of a very busy and successful year, we would just like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support with your child's uniform. As you know, it is our school uniform policy that all children should wear their uniform with pride in their appearance and reflecting the school's ethos to REACH.

Uniform

Parents are asked to support us by sending their child to school in full uniform. We appreciate that you may want to purchase new school uniform during the summer holiday. Can we please remind of the following uniform requirements:-

School Uniform:

- *Pale blue polo shirts (not cotton shirts)*
- *Either school logo sweatshirt or plain navy 'V' neck jumper or girls cardigan (no hooded wear at all)*
- *Boys: Trousers - grey school trousers (school tailored shorts in the summer)*
- *Girls: Grey school trousers or grey skirt or pinafore (checked or striped blue dress in the summer)*
- *Black school shoes (no boots or trainers)*
- *Navy blue fleece with or without the school logo*
- *Plain socks (grey for boys and white or grey for girls) - tights (navy/grey)*

PE Uniform:

- *White polo/'T' shirt*
- *Navy blue - (black shorts will be fine until they grow out of them)*
- *Plimsolls (indoor), trainers (outdoor)*
- *In colder weather children are encouraged to wear a track suit (not applicable to Foundation Stage), but unnecessary during the Summer Term.*

No bracelets, apart from attendance bracelets, may be worn in school. Please avoid flowery headbands.

It would be helpful that when you need to buy new uniform these new recommendations are followed, thank you. PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM IS CLEARLY LABELLED

ROUNDERS' TOURNAMENT



On Thursday, 5th June, pupils from Huntingtower travelled to The Priory School to play in a rounders' tournament with 15 other teams. We didn't have the best of starts with the weather with heavy downpours and therefore had to wait an hour and half before starting the tournament.

However, having Alex, Sammy, Phylan, Josh, Sam, Cemre, Erin, Trinity and Ebony in good spirits and patience the time soon went and we were able to start the day.

In the league we came 3rd and it took the children a couple of games to get used to playing rounders in a competitive way and organising which tactics would work for Huntingtower especially the order of batting.

After lunch we participated in another league, which we played with enthusiasm, team work and more so, and a smile on the children's faces. I cannot express to say how well they all did on the day, how they all worked extremely hard and how much I saw all the children improve throughout the day and deserved to come joint 1st in the 2nd league.

Well done to all children who took part!

I would also like to say a big "thank you" to all parents who were able to provide lifts to/from The Priory.

Mrs Duxbury-Mead

PLAYGROUND LEADERS' AWARD

I would like to congratulate the following children who have, for the past 4 weeks been working hard to complete their Playground Leaders' Award. Aimee, Emily, Ciara, Poppy, Jess, Daisy, Gina, Jena, Heather, Breanna, Erin and Jamie-Leigh have done a great job on completing their folder and learning new games that they can teach our KS1 children during lunch time.

All children have all achieved their playground leaders' hat and will be running games for our children in the next week.

Congratulations to all. Mrs Duxbury-Mead



HEALTHY SNACK AT PLAYTIMES

Children benefit from having a snack at playtimes and this should be either fruit (fresh or dried) or vegetable.

Today we have started our GOLDEN FRUIT CHALLENGE!

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2014

Last few days for these vouchers - if you have any please bring them into school as soon as possible. The more we receive the more free items we will be able to order.

MOVING SCHOOLS

If, for any reason, your child may be moving schools at the end of this academic year (starting a new school in September), please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. We are currently in the process of assigning classes for next year.

INSPIRE+ - OLYMPIC SPORTS CAMP

By now you should all have received information about the Sports Camp being held at Huntingtower Academy during the summer holiday. Further copies are available from the school office.



Summer '14
Huntingtower Camp F

ATTENDANCE

Here is the attendance for the two weeks -
26th May to 6th June

Attendance Award Cups were today presented
as follows:

KS1 - Kangaroos - 100%

KS2 - Rhinos - 99.39%

Overall attendance 96.94%

Well done!

CLUBHOUSE AT HUNTINGTOWER

Out of School Care

8.00-9.00am and 3.15-6.00pm
Contact Headstart Nursery on
01476 591744

Welcome to the Club House. They offer out-of-school care for primary school aged children. Further information is available from the School Office.

Dates for your Diary:

Term 6 - Monday 2nd June

PTFA Meeting - Friday 13th June 9am

Year 1 Phonics Week commencing Monday 16th June

KS2 Races am / KS1 pm - Monday 30th June

New Intake - Secondary/Moving Up - Tuesday 1st July

PTFA Summer Fayre - Saturday 5th July

PTFA Cabaret - Saturday 12th July

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2014/2015

Term 1

Monday 8th September - Friday 24th October

Term 2

Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Term 5

Tuesday 14th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June - Wednesday 22nd July

These dates are provisional and will be confirmed as soon as possible.