

Sauncey Wood Primary Newsletter

Friday, 14th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

What a fabulous end to a fabulous half term. **Feeling Good week** really did send us positively on the way to our half term break. We are now officially half way through the school year and things will only continue to be fun, exciting and busy, encouraging our children to be the best that they can be.

There has been so many exciting things happening this week from essential teaching and learning based on **INTERNET SAFETY DAY** which took place on Tuesday, some wonderful Art learning taking place in our dining hall through to some brilliant sporting performances by a number of our school teams.

The Football team played two matches recently, winning both, the first match against Kimpton 3-1 and the second game against The Grove 2-1. Some brilliant individual performances but the overall team performances for both games was magical to watch!

Our Netball team have also tasted recent success with the 'A' team winning 9-0 and the 'B' team being victorious with a 2-0 against Harpenden Academy. Again some mesmerising individual performances but the way the girls have developed as a team is just breathtaking to watch.

We are so very proud of all of the children involved in our sporting programme.

I wish you all a wonderful Half Term break.

Mr Lloyd

School News

Pottery - Feeling Good Week

A massive thank you goes to Susan Dean, one of our school Governors, for working with all of our children this week so each child could produce a pottery tile based on the theme of feeling good. It was such a lovely experience for them all and even the teachers got to make one too!

Cancer Research Daily Mile - PLT

A massive thank you and well done to the Pupil Leadership Team. Their wonderful idea of collecting as many coins as possible to do a full lap of our daily mile track meant that we raised a huge amount for Cancer Research. Thank you to all our pupils and families for donating their spare change!

My After School Art Club

In this last project the children have been learning about William Turner's famous painting 'Rain, Steam, Speed - the great western railway' and we have turned it into a board game. A couple of drawings were difficult but they persevered with the challenge. They have been very creative with the rules :)

<https://myafterschoolartclub.wixsite.com/artgallery/william-turner-sauncey-2020> .

World Book Day - 5th March

Just a little reminder that World Book Day is not far away and pretty soon after our half term. We will be inviting all children to dress up for the day and also will be running our Bedtime story event on the same evening. More information will follow soon...

Letters gone out this fortnight:

05.02.20 - Exciting Events at Sauncey Wood (Feeling Good Week and Cancer Research Fundraising Idea)

05.02.20 - Extra Curricular Activities

11.02.20 - World Book Day

11.02.20 - Seaside Day (Year 1)

13.02.20 - Extra Curricular Sketching Club (Years 4, 5 & 6)

Upcoming Dates

27.02.20	Florence Nightingale Day - Yr 2
28.02.20	NO Celebration Assembly
02.03.20	Science Day (Whole School)
03.03.20	Year 6 Sharing Assembly
04.03.20	Year 3 & 4 Rapid Fire Cricket
04.03.20	Wheelie Wednesday
05.03.20	World Book Day/Bedtime Stories and Themed School Lunch

Governor Corner

Report from the Resources Committee - 4th February 2020

The Resources Committee meet three times a year and mostly deal with the non-academic side of the school including, Finances, Staffing, Staff Training, School Marketing, Health and Safety, Emergency Plans and Property Maintenance.

The first subject discussed in detail was the school's finances and on balance for this year, the school's spending is about on budget so thankfully, no drastic cost cutting action is needed and overall staff levels remain substantially the same as last Term.

From a Property Maintenance viewpoint, the Committee has authorised the replacement of the old, leaking canopy outside Reception class and this will take place over the February Half Term and during the Easter holidays.

The County Council's proposal to restrict parking outside of the School and the potential impact on parents, teachers and children was discussed because the Council have been most unhelpful in terms of dealing with the practical problems arising from the restrictions. This is an ongoing issue which the Headteacher and the Governing Body are trying to resolve with County.

The next major activity for the Committee is to compare how our budget is spent in comparison with similar schools, in similar areas. This exercise tells us where we may be spending too much or too little and gives guidance on the budget priorities for the next year.

Colin Noakes
Co- Chair of the Governing Body

Friend's News

Hi all

We just wanted to update you in terms of aims, money raised and upcoming plans. The school have asked us to support their aims to have a **children's kitchen** fitted into the unused KS1 cloakroom - amazing for domestic science activities that we know they all LOVE! In addition to this, we want to create x7 raised beds (one for each class) to continue the fabulous Field to Fork initiative, and add to the already flourishing outdoor learning our lovely school gives our children the opportunity to be involved in.

A shout out of thanks here to Ali Collins and Rachel Angus for driving the project from our side in terms of arranging quotes and the never ending paperwork for potential grant applications.

SO!!

We need to help as much as we can.

We have already had some fab events run by different classes and some in the pipeline.

Since September, the amazing work achieved runs as follows (Remember 10% of events, not including the big fairs as this goes to the whole school, comes back to the classrooms);

- Halloween Disco raised £879.80 (**£88 goes to Year 4**)
- Doughnut sale raised £92 (**£9 goes to Year 4**)
- Halloween Hunt raised £44 (**£4 goes to Reception**)
- Firework events (cakes and mufti) raised £317.10 (**£32 goes to Year 2**)
- Christmas cards raised £251.63 (**£25 goes to Year 5**)
- Christmas Fair raised £2,623.30.

As this 'goes to press' the lovely Year 1s would have run their valentines bake sale so their **classroom treat pot** will have gone up. We have an upcoming disco planned for March and talks of a quiz are bubbling from the Year 4 team. Lots going on and more to come.

Please keep supporting in whatever way you can, we all work incredibly hard in many different facets of life so every little bit really DOES help us, and more importantly our lovely school, staff and children.

Sam, Katie and Bex

...circle play and goals.

Written by Ella Partridge

FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Ralph and Henri, both in Yr 7, who won medals at the Junior Foil Competition for regional fencing clubs held at Bedford School on 2nd February. They belong to the Welwyn and Hatfield Fencing club and were in the 10 - 13 Yrs individual competition. They progressed to the Finals by winning two sets of poules each, neither losing a single match on the way. The final poule was extremely close, but the boys held their nerves and Ralph came away with a bronze, with Henri taking silver, missing the gold by a single point! Over the whole competition Ralph and Henri won 13 and 14 matches respectively out of 15 - a fantastic achievement!



Alumni News

Some brilliant work from two of our ex-pupils. Both Ralph and Henri, who attended Sauncey Wood last year, continue to take great strides in their fencing. We are very proud of their achievements!



Supporting young people in Harpenden and Wheathampstead since 1722

In 1722 a local man, James Marshall, left a remarkable gift in his Will. He created a charity that would support young people, living in the Wheathampstead and Harpenden, to achieve their dreams.

Almost 300 years later, James Marshall's legacy lives on and, during the last six years, the Trustees have awarded grants in excess of £1,000,000.



James Marshall Foundation CIO can provide financial support to under 25's, living in Harpenden and Wheathampstead, from families of limited financial means, for educational and career-related opportunities.

The Foundation makes grants to young people towards school uniform, residential school trips, courses, extra-curricular activities, laptops, college/university accommodation or travel costs, apprenticeships and could support a business idea.

Last year 70 grants were awarded to primary aged pupils in the local community, with the majority being for school uniform, residential school trips and some extra-curricular activities.

Please do get in touch if you think the Foundation could help.

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