

Pilgrims post

Friday 20th January 2012

Welcome back

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful festive holiday. It's the beginning of a New Year and we already have lots of news to share. We are particularly excited about the sporting events planned for this year in the build up to the Olympic celebrations. We have added a new section to our Newsletter called 'Getting to Know You' and I hope you enjoy reading it to find out a little more about the people at Pilgrims.

Mrs Jo Webster
Headteacher



World Thinking Day 2012

Each year on the 22nd February, Girl Guides, Brownies and Girl Scouts all over the world celebrate World Thinking Day.

It is a day when they all think about each other and give thanks for the international friendship of the movement.

The theme for this year's World Thinking Day is "we can save our planet". I am sure if your child spoke to Mrs Hosegood, our Eco coordinator, she may be able to give them some ideas to help save the planet and achieve their Thinking Day badges!

Molly (aged 7), who has just become a Brownie, asked if she could wear her Brownie uniform on World Thinking Day. I think this is a great way to support this special occasion, so if your child is a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers or Cubs they are invited to wear their uniforms to school on this day.

BIG Family Weekend

Bedford School are host to another Big Family Weekend organised by the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC). The Big Family Weekend is aimed at parents of children with high learning potential from age 3 up to 12 years.

The events are being held on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th February. Parents must be on site whilst pupils take part in workshops but there are activities for parents too. This is a fantastic opportunity for able and interested pupils to take part in a range of workshops and activities run by external professionals and for parents to attend workshops that give practical and expert help in supporting an able child at home. There is also a Mini Club for 0-3 year olds, so there really is something for the whole family.

Please visit the link <http://nagc.eventhq.co.uk> for further information and for details on prices and how to book. If you have any queries about the day please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Quince, Deputy Headteacher.

National Book Week

Little Pilgrims and Nursery will be celebrating Book Week during week commencing 27th February. There will be more information available nearer the time of all the activities that are planned for the week.

If children attend on the Thursday, March 1st they are welcome to join the children of the main school who will be dressing up as their favourite book character (even if there is a loose link to a book). We will also be fundraising for the chatterbox challenge which is helping to raise money for I CAN who support children who struggle with their communication.

Little Pilgrims will be entering the National Day Nurseries Association competition for Nursery of the Year and will soon be sending out voting forms for completion. We hope we can rely on your support.



Olympic Fortnight

We have some exciting things being planned for our Olympic fortnight which takes place from June 11-22. Mrs Hearn would like to hear from any parents who are working on or for the Olympics 2012 in any capacity or who knows an athlete who could come into school to talk to the children. If you know anyone with any links that we can tap into please would you email Mrs Hearn at shearn@pilgrims-school.org.uk.

Christmas Collections

Thanks to the generosity of our parents, £771 was raised at our Christmas production collections. The money will be shared between our two chosen charities – Keech Hospice and East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Both of these charities will be coming to an assembly soon to explain to the children what happens to the money they raise.

History Off The Page

Yesterday, Year 1 pupils were visited by History Off The Page, a company specialising in giving children hands-on activities, enabling them to absorb a wide range of facts and skills. Year 1 are currently studying toys as their topic and the children had the opportunity to play with lots of toys from different ages and cultures. They also had a chance to try out archaeology and make toys of their own. In addition to a fun day the children learnt a lot to help them with their topic work.



Chinese New Year

It is Chinese New Year on Monday 23rd January and we would like to wish you all "Kung Hey Fat Choi."

Each child will be given a red packet (Lai see) wishing them luck for the year of the Dragon.

Marathon Club

Mrs Hearn is starting a children's marathon club on Monday, 23 January during the lunch hour. It is open for Reception to Year 3 children and the aim is to complete 26 miles over an 11 week period. The children can run, walk, skip or jog around a track on the school field. Their laps will be recorded and a running total kept.

A letter with further information will be sent home shortly by email and if you would like your child to take part please return the reply slip to Mrs Hearn as soon as possible.

Resolution Tree

You may have already seen our New Year's resolution tree outside the hall. Please feel free to add your own, or check to see how your child is doing with theirs.

In an attempt to keep to her New Year's resolution, Mrs Webster will join Mrs Hearn and the children in Marathon club.

Getting to know you!



Susan Quince
Deputy Headteacher
Yellow House

What is your favourite book?

I always remember reading and re-reading Good Night Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian. It's the first book I'd ever read that made me cry and I couldn't put it down – I was gripped!

Five words to describe yourself.

Friendly, sporty, arty-crafty, hardworking and a perfectionist!!

What did you want to be when you were a child?

A teacher! It's all I can remember ever wanting to be. For many years I wanted to be a P.E. teacher as I loved all P.E. at school. Then at my Upper School I did work experience in a Lower School and knew instantly that I wanted to be a Primary School teacher.

What is your favourite food?

Strawberries, but all type of cake comes a very close second!

What is your favourite song?

I love Abba and one of my favourite songs is Mamma Mia. I love to sing along with it and even my boys now join in when we have it on in the car!

What chore do you absolutely hate doing?
Cleaning the windows – I leave it to Mr Quince as he's much taller than me!

Which person from history would you most like to meet?

Claude Monet. I have always loved the impressionist painters and his work in particular

If you could go anywhere in the world on holiday where would it be?

I have always wanted to go to New Zealand – maybe one day!



Henry Haskew
3SH
Green House

What is your favourite film or TV programme?

I like the Horrid Henry 2. Henry is always mean to his brother but I am never mean to mine.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
I'd like to be a Racing Driver with a blue racing car.

What is your favourite game?
I like to play Connect 4.

What is your favourite food?

Pizza, chips and baked beans. I like meat pizzas the best. Yum yum.

Do you have a pet?

Yes. We have a cat called Edie. Sometimes we call her Slinky Malinky but Edie is her real name

What do you like to do for fun?

I like to play with my brother Arthur. Also my friends Tom, Jamie and Harry.

What do you like best in school?

I love to do colouring.

If you could turn invisible, where would you go and what would you do?

I know I couldn't turn invisible. If I could though, I would go to a haunted house



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