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Sport

Congratulations to our Year 3 indoor athletics team, who not only won a certificate of participation for their hard work and enthusiasm at the recent event at Millais, but also won the Sportsmanship Award for 'letting the best always shine through and being kind'.

The way they supported their own team mates and those of other teams was highly commendable and we thank staff and parent/s/carer/s alike for making this experience possible for the pupils.

Good News

External validation is always important for a school and we have received two Virtual School Improvement Partner Visits this half term. Whilst the report is yet to be finalised, the advisor was impressed by much of our practice and stated that we "have a great vision for the school and your team demonstrate amazing commitment". We were recognised for maintaining our high standards, are delighted and proud with the outcome, and agree with the advisor that continued monitoring and assessment of our wider curriculum is the way forward.

Looking Ahead

The leadership team are looking forward to conducting 'learning walks' and 'book looks' for English, Mathematics and Science next half term as well as looking at the outcomes of termly assessments with teachers.

Lesson observations will continue, we have a new School Development Plan to put together, safeguarding training is booked for staff on 'Radicalisation' and 'Causes for Concern' and we will look at progression in skills in Computing and Music during staff meetings. Much to get on with on top of daily teaching and learning and much to look forward to with the pupils at the heart of all we do.

Reminders

- If your child comes to school on a scooter or bike, they are not to ride around the site on it
- No dogs on site
- Earrings need to be plain and studded

Curriculum Enrichment Dates

Whilst current staffing shortages mean that we cannot always engage in every enrichment opportunity, we very much hope that the willingness of staff and their organisation of the following (and after school clubs) is not let down by any need to cancel:

2.2.22	Author Vashti Hardy visits Y3/4 – book signing after school (hall)
3.2.22	4 – 5 PM – Y5 Netball at The Bridge
8.2.22	Safer Internet Day

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9.2.22	Y6 Tag Rugby – Horsham RUFC
11.2.22	Young Shakespeare Company visit Y5/6
14.2.22	2.00 – 3.00 – Safeguarding Training Session 2 for Volunteers – option 1
16.2.22	2.00 – 3.00 – Safeguarding Training Session 2 for Volunteers – option 2
17.2.22	Author Jim Beckett visits Y5/6 – book signing after school (hall)
1.3.22	Y6 Cross Country at Christs Hospital
3.3.22	World Book Day
16.3.22	6.00 – 6.45 PM Current Y5 (Y6 2022 – 23) Fairthorne residential meeting for Parent/s/Carer/s
23.3.22	Y6 Tag Rugby – Horsham RUFC
25.3.22	YR Mothers’ Day
28.3.22	Y4 Saxon/Viking Day

Assemblies

We are delighted to continue the rota of class assemblies from 9.05 AM on Thursdays leading up to Easter as below:

3.2.22	Y3 Hazel
10.2.22	Y1 Chestnut
17.2.22	Y3 Willow
10.3.22	Y2 Elder
17.3.22	Y2 Silver Birch
25.3.22	YR Mothers’ Day
31.3.22	Y5 Hawthorn
7.4.22	Y5 Rowan

We look forward to welcoming parent/carer/s into school. Please note that we are not currently running a crèche. See you there!

The latest Covid details are attached for your information. Whilst our concerns regarding positive Covid cases remain, adults will continue to wear masks whilst moving around the building and whilst in communal areas and meetings. We reasonably expect the same from visitors throughout their stay.

Kind regards

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