



NEWSLETTER

18th January 2013

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to everyone, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have lots planned for 2013 so watch this space for news and upcoming events.

A VISIT FROM PICKLES



In nursery this term the children voted for the topic they wanted and 'Pets' was a clear winner. The children have been learning the difference between wild animals and domestic ones.

They now know what makes a good pet. Each week they will be focusing on a different type of pet and this week the children have been learning all about dogs. The children watched a video of a dog visiting a vet and they looked at books about dogs.

The most exciting part of the week was a visit from Pickles the dog. The children were able to stroke him and ask his owner questions about what he likes and how to care for him. They even saw pickles do some tricks!

IF YOU GO DOWN IN THE WOODS TODAY....

This week 1a and 1b went to Goblin Combe to spend the day in the woods. Everyone had an amazing time and played lots of fun games. They built shelters for goblins, collected and sorted goblin clothes and played a listening game where they were blindfolded and had to track animals. They finished the day with a long walk through the forest and got very muddy!



I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF!

Years 1 and 2 have started their new topic called 'Is it true?' and they are looking at traditional tales and learning how to



write stories. Their new story is The Three Little Pigs. The children in 1b like this story because the pigs trick the wolf! 2b made a story map of The Three Little pigs and used props to role play different parts.

A ROMAN INVASION



We had a visit from a Roman Centurion called Claudius Maximus. The children thought he was very strict! During the day the children learnt all about being a member of the Roman army, about the Roman timeline and the Latin names for the Roman soldier's body armour. They were shown how to march and they practiced the tortoise formation (testudo) ready to go into battle – some of the children put their scutum above their heads to protect them from enemy spears!

Finally the children enacted a Roman battle in the school field. Everyone joined in and had great fun!

"By the end of the day we felt very proud even if some of us found it scary at first!"

Taylor from 4a said he was 'ready and brave' to join the Roman Army. Mia (4a) said she was a little scared but kept going. Ethan (4a) was excited to be joining the Roman Army. Toni (4a) felt strong being in the Roman Army.

Chloe from 4b liked it when we all had a big battle! Caleb (4b) loved it when he showed us all of his weapons like dagger (pugio), javelin (pilam) and short stabbing sword (gladius). Holly (4b) found it a bit scary but when we did the shouting she found it exciting.



PARENT/CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

We will be sending out a questionnaire to all parents/carers to get your feedback on how we are doing. Please take the time to complete the form and give your views. Monitoring and evaluation is an important part of keeping the school moving onward and upward so your feedback is greatly valued.

You can also go online to Ofsted's Parent View <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. Parent View asks for your opinion on 12 aspects of your child's school, from the quality of teaching, to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. Please give your feedback, we really appreciate it.

N-ICE START TO 2013

Years 5 and 6 had a visit from John the ice carver.



In front of their eyes John changed a block of ice into an amazing sculpture of a skiing penguin using a chainsaw and chisel! John explained all about the protective clothing he wears, why he wears ear-defenders, and how he makes a living making sculptures for weddings and big events.

Many of the children had a go at doing some ice carving. They even got to pour some orange squash through the penguin and had an ice cold drink!

Flik and Laura from 6a drank juice straight from the ice and thought it was really funny!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

If you would like to be considered as a school governor, the closing date for Parent Governor Nominations is Friday 25th January.

VALENTINE'S DISCO



We will be holding a Valentine's disco on Thursday 7th Feb. KS1 4-5pm and KS2 5:15-6:30pm. Tickets will be on sale soon. A letter and text will be sent out shortly with further details.

COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Weston College are holding an open day on Friday 1st February 9:30am-2:15pm. There will be workshops, advice and information on courses including A-levels, work-related qualifications, higher education courses and leisure courses. Transport will be provided from Bournville School to the college. If you would like to attend please contact Judy on 07833 241278.

COFFEE MORNING

As part of our coffee morning on the 30th January and the 6th February, Sainsbury's will be coming in to do a cookery demonstration and provide tips for shopping on a budget and healthy eating. Please come along and join us.

PARENT VOICE PARENT FOCUS GROUPS

We want to know your opinions; what do we do well? What should we improve? What should stay the same? What should change?

One of the ways we do this is to run Parent Focus Groups. A parent focus group is a confidential, informal meeting of 8 or 9 parents round a table with a bite to eat and a drink. A member of our Parent liaison team will be with you to listen, take note and report to the school, this is anonymous.

We will be sending out a note next week, if you are interested please fill in the slip and return to the office, or drop in and give your name. We will run as many groups as we have parents/carers to fill. If you want further information please contact Debbie Ludwell, who will be delighted to talk to you.



YOUR LOCAL CHARITY

HOLIDAY CLUB

Half term will soon be here..... Holiday club has a **NEW VENUE** at **Windwhistle Primary School** for **February half term 2013**.

Friends, Fun and Flipping Pancakes!

February Half Term 2013 at Windwhistle Primary School.

Mon 11th-Wed 13th February 2013, 9am-3pm. £5.00 per child per day. Book now and join us for 3 days of arts and crafts, friendship activities, games, sports and some flipping fun with pancake tossing!

Registration form and booking form to be completed inc. emergency contact, medical details etc.

Ask Gemma or phone XTND on 01934 427134 for further information and a booking form.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Class Certificates

1a	Hayden Crocker, Aeryn Toomer
1b	Jed Shipley
2a	Jasmyn Rogers
3a	All of 3a, Brandon Sharrard
4a	Chloe Palfrey
4b	Nathan Rennison, Rakoo Fatahy
5a	Adam Karas, Tori-Leigh Loving
5b	Charlee Roberts, Ayisha Islam
6b	Dylan Jewell-Deverson, Erin Davey

Better Learners Certificate

1a	Kallie Harding
1b	Lilly Larson
2a	Bradley Burrell
2b	Jade Singleton
3a	Paige Roberts, Poppy Wilcox
4a	Dionne Sargeant
4b	Jack Devlin, Chloe Clayton
5a	Corey Tumbull
5b	Katrina Beck, Trinity Ison

Light Blue

Amanda Lampart, Chelsea Caven

Dark Blue

Jakob Rowbury, Milayna Sinclair, Bradley Livingstone, Becca Mayers

Dark Green

Tara Pender, Saskia Pate-Vowles

DIARY DATES:

January

21 st	Parent questionnaire sent out
23 rd	3b Parent Assembly
25 th	Inset Day - school closed for staff training
30 th	4a Parent Assembly
31 st	Network 17 hot chocolate sale (break time/lunch time)

February

1 st	Farmhouse Breakfast
5 th	Parents Evening
6 th	4b Parent Assembly
6 th	Parents Evening
8 th	Open Morning
8 th	Last day of term
18 th	Back to school
21 st	Yr 3/4 Caerleon Roman Museum