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NEWSLETTER –8 Autumn Term 2009

6 November 2009

ICT Movie Night

Many thanks to Miss Millington and all the staff who helped to organise the fantastic movie night last night. It was an absolute success. The children enjoyed the movie, drinks and of course the popcorn! We raised lots of money that will go towards the purchase of new digital equipment in school to support learning.

Reception Learning Journal Meeting

We hope that those of you who were able to attend the Learning Journal Meeting yesterday found it interesting and you are looking forward to supporting your child in their learning, working in close partnership with class practitioners.

School Council Poppy Day Preparation

School Council are busy encouraging others to buy poppies and wear them in support of soldiers that have been injured or died in war. They presented an excellent Assembly with photos of their visit to The Poppy Factory and they were able to let the other children know what they had learnt.

Parents and Carers Consultation Evenings

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to consultation evenings over the next two weeks. If you have already requested a time slot you will receive your notification of date today. If you haven't yet returned your slip please do so quickly so that teachers can plan their consultations. As usual we are keen to meet regarding every child.

Book Fair

Thanks to those of you who were able to help selling books this week. Unfortunately we didn't have as many helpers as usual but we look forward to the Spring Term Book Fair to coincide with World Book Day.

Helping at School

We are pleased to see so many of you helping in class. Thank you and please keep coming!

Toilet Update

You will hopefully have noticed an increase of onsite activity this week. The builders are working hard on completing the roof at the moment.

Friends Coffee Mornings

Friends coffee mornings continue every Tuesday after drop off in the Community Room in the Junior playground. These are not formal meetings, but a chance for a chat and a drink. You are very welcome to bring younger siblings with you.

Friends Meeting - Tuesday, 10th November – Please note change of date

The next meeting will now take place on Tuesday, 10th November and NOT Wednesday as previously advised at 7.30 pm, at 25 Oxford Gardens. Everyone is welcome.

Friends of Strand Schools: Fireworks event, 6 November

We look forward to tonight's event and would like to thank everyone involved in the organisation and of course everyone showing their support by attending. The event is now sold out.

Friends of Strand Christmas Fair - Christmas Fair poster competition

Christmas may seem a long way off but Friends' of Strand Fair, on Saturday, 5th December is approaching fast. Once again we are running a competition to design a poster to advertise the event. Entries should be on A4 paper, portrait layout, in colour. Do not use a dark background or any glitter or similar that can't easily be reproduced. Pictures only please, we will add the relevant wording. Please give entries to the school office by Monday 16th November. Shortlist judging will be held during the Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 17th November. The winner will have their poster reproduced and displayed around the local area.

We will be having a Strand Stall at the Fair. We would be grateful for any unsold harvest soup recipes.

Creche

We are looking to start up the Creche again to enable parents to help out in their children's classrooms whilst younger siblings are looked after in the Community Room. Possible times are Wednesday or Thursday mornings or one afternoon a week.

If you would like to make use of the Creche on the basis of helping out in the classroom at least once or more a term, please write your name, contact number, sibling child's age and preferred session and hand into the School Infant & Nursery Office.

News from the Juniors – Black History Week Activities

Before half term we celebrated Black History Month with a week packed with activities. Year 5 and 6 took part in a Capoeira workshop, a Cuban dance form which has its history in Africa, and Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to try out gospel singing. The children really enjoyed both activities and the Marazul Capoeira dancers are keen to run an after school club as they enjoyed working with our children so much! The children have also tried out Adinkra, a Ghanaian form of printing, in their classes and have produced some lovely patterns. Each class has also studied the origins of Black History Month to put the activities in context whilst focusing on the lives of influential world figures and prominent Black Britons. Thank you to Mr Barrow and Miss Taylor who organised the week for us.

Year 2 SEAL Showcase

Next Tuesday, 10th November at 9.10 am, Year 2 children will be showcasing some of their skills in personal, social and emotional development. The teachers have planned a short informal event that will demonstrate the types of activities that children participate in at school. Please do join us – the event should last no longer than half an hour.

REMINDER Friday, 27th November - INFANT SCHOOL CLOSED

Please do remember that the Infants is closed on Friday, 27th November due to a planned occasional day.

***** KS1 STAR AWARDS*****

Yellow: Jasmine, Eliza, Alexandre **Blue:** Daniela, Jayden, Jacob
Purple: Daniel, Emma L, Joshua **Turquoise:** Vienna, Joshua, Abdiaziz
Lime: Luca, Sofiya, Harry **Pink:** Louis, Danna, Luca

Remember 8.56 am is LATE for school!