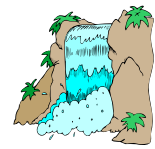




B.W.I. CE Primary School



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Mrs G.M. Westbrook, Headteacher

Friday 30th January, 2009

Dear Parent(s),

Wishing you all a belated Happy New Year.

May 2009 bring you health peace and happiness.

Quality Mark

Positive news to begin the New Year.

I am very pleased to inform you that we have just been awarded our Quality Mark. The Quality Mark is an award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in literacy and numeracy. It is awarded to a school to recognise their provision, practice and performance in literacy and numeracy, and is valid for three years. A school must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy, with evidence of the impact of its approaches. It provides a framework for self-evaluation and continuous improvement of the basic skills of all pupils in a school, including those who underachieve and those who under-attain.

As well as being given a book mark for each child, we are the proud owners of a plaque, which will soon be on the wall outside the main entrance door.

Seasons for Growth

On the training day that took place before Christmas, our whole staff were given information about Seasons for Growth, which is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. Seasons for Growth is not counselling, but a grief and loss peer support education programme. Two members of our own staff, Mrs Perrett and Mrs Nicholas, have nearly completed the training to be Companions so that they will be able to facilitate discussion, and support children to understand and accept their grief.

Some comments from children who have been part of the programme, are as follows:

"It is OK to feel sad and angry". "I learnt to take care of my feelings".

Comments from parents:

"My son is less angry and seems to be doing better at school". "Thank you for giving me my son back".

A comment from a Companion:

"This programme really does give the children the space and time they need to talk about their losses and so helps them not feel so alone."

We are really looking forward to providing this support and extending our programme of care for our children.

New Children

Welcome to all new children who have joined us this term, both in Rainbows and the main school. We hope that you and your families already feel part of our school family.

Music and Sport Focus

Mrs Prentice has been doing wonders in her effort to provide different sports and physical activities in which our children are invited to participate. We have many different clubs and lunchtime activities going on. She has more plans for our children this year - watch this space.

Mrs Allen's passion is for music. Our choir participated in a music session at the Barn in Ruislip and she has more ideas for our children. Again, watch this space.

Welcome to Mrs Hazell

This is Mrs Hazell's fourth week with us and she has now well and truly settled in. Thank you for making her feel so welcome.

Sporting Achievements

Under the care of Mrs Hill, Miss van Vuuren and Mrs Thomas, our Indoor Athletics Team came second in the recent competition, gaining nine first places! Well done to our team. Their sporting behaviour was something we can all be proud of.

Look Who's Talking

We have now held our heats in school.

Simran Suri went through to the borough heats, representing Years 1 and 2.

Nicole Man represented Years 3 and 4.

Victoria Hodges represented Years 5 and 6.

Nicole won her heat and is in the final next week.

Well done to all children who took part in the school heats, and to the three children who represented our school in the borough heats. We all wish the best of luck to Nicole. We will be thinking about you!

Elected Parent Governor

One of our elected parent governors' term of office is coming to an end, which means that in March there will be a vacant position on our Governing Body. If you feel passionate about our school and would like to be a governor and make a difference, please come to the office for a form. You can also nominate someone else. A letter will be coming out very soon, providing more information.

More Music News

A letter providing details of a wonderful opportunity for all Year 4 children to have two or three lessons learning a special child-sized French horn will be coming out soon.

Revised Local Authority Admissions

Procedure

Details of admission of children to full-time education (Reception Class) has been revised by the Local Authority on Government instructions.

For children entering full-time education from the year 2010 onwards, parents will now not be notified of their school place until the June prior to the child's September entry. This is much later than the present arrangements which have a February/March notification.

In Cases of Inclement Weather

Hopefully we will not have too many occasions where we are unable to open the school because of bad weather. However, if you wake up to snow and are not sure whether school will be closed, instead of phoning and not being able to get through, please check our website. We will post a message on the moving banner.

Our website is www.bwi.org.uk

(If you are not able to access the internet, then please do use the phone instead.)

Reminders

I am taking the opportunity to remind you about some of our rules and regulations, which make us the school that we are.

- School Uniform - please ensure that your child wears a coat or a fleece to school, not a top with a hood (hoodie). We pride ourselves on our school uniform, and when we are out and about, hoodies just don't look very smart.
- Many lucky girls are wearing their warm and cosy UGG boots to school. I am just concerned that they are not hardwearing and they are going to get ruined in the playground. If children are wearing them to walk to school in, for warmth, please make sure they bring their normal school shoes to change into, and a plastic bag in which to hang them on their peg.
- Walk to school badges - it is wonderful to see so many children are collecting these badges and proudly wearing them on their jumpers/cardigans. It would be such a shame if any of these badges were to fall off and be lost. Perhaps a place to keep them would be on a dedicated piece of material or pencil case made of material etc. In that way they could still be brought to school, but would be safer.
- Hair - any child's hair that is shoulder length or more, needs to be tied back, for health and safety reasons. Fashionable haircuts need to be kept for holiday periods, not for school.

Dates for your diary

Please see attached sheet for this term's dates.

Good News from Haydon School

In the December edition of the Haydon News Sheet, it was good to see so many ex-BWI pupils doing so well.

From top GCSE result award, to 100% attendance award, to GCSE Art National Achievement award, to Headteacher's Commendation, they are achieving great results.

Calling All Dads

Read on for a message from Positive Parenting Support:
Do you want to know how to get the best out of your children? Do you want some tips on managing difficult behaviour?

Join us for a Triple P Positive Parenting Seminar at the Civic Centre in Uxbridge, on Saturday 7th February from 10 am to 2 pm.

This is a free seminar for all Dads (Step-Dads, Grandads, Foster Dads). Lunch will be provided but places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis.

To reserve your place contact Parent Support Services on: 01895 277877 or email afraser@hillingdon.gov.uk

High School Musical Auditions

Could you be the next Ryan, Taylor, Sharpay, Gabriella or Troy?

Songtime Theatre are holding auditions for their June 2009 production of High School Musical at the Beck Theatre, Grange Road, Hayes, on Saturday 7th February at 3.30 pm.

Call 01372 372352 or visit the website to register online

www.songtime.co.uk

And Finally...

Don't forget that our teachers are more than willing to help you with any concern or worry that you might have. Please come and speak to them. Alternatively, ask at the office to make an appointment to speak to me. We are all here to do whatever we can for our children.