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# Newsletter

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## Young Designers Competition

Thank you to all of the children who entered the Gloucester Museums Young Designers competition this year, we had some great entries! We are pleased to announce that the winning designs were by Leo Chapman (Infant category) and Hannah Palmer (Junior category). The runners up were Kaiden Ingram, Lewis Squire, Emily Parr and Annabel Hoyland. Well done to all of those children.

Our winning designs have been entered into the county-wide competition and the overall winner will be announced on the museum website on 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Mrs Dodwell

## Red Nose Day/Book Day-31<sup>st</sup> March

We are looking to combine Red Nose Day and mark World Book Day (just a little late!) on the same day this year. Children can come dressed as any character from a book and they may even want to combine Red Nose with book characters! Alternatively, they could come just in red.

All donations received on the day will be split between Comic Relief and a project in Rwanda that Joseph and his mum, Sarah Parkes are working with. (Please see details below)

*Together, with his Mum (Sarah) Joseph Parkes (Year 6) is going on a two week Mission trip at the end of April to Shywoye in Rwanda in connection with the David Dale Trust and St Michaels Church in Bishops Cleeve. Whilst in Rwanda, they will be visiting a variety of different initiatives, all aimed at alleviating poverty and developing a more*

*sustainable way of life for the children and families in this region.*

*One of the Trustees of the charity, who is going on the trip, will be giving an assembly on Monday so children can learn more about what Joseph will be doing. We hope to hear from Joseph on his return too.*

*Joseph and Sarah would like some donations of good quality baby clothes or newly knitted ones; new tennis balls; new pens and very good quality picture books. In addition, Joseph has a plan to take footballs and a pump. Joseph and his sister Lily are busy making loom band bracelets to give to children as gifts. Homemade friendships bracelets of any sort would be a lovely gift if this is something your child would like to do. Please pass any of these items onto Sarah or Joseph directly.*

*If you would like to make a financial donation it will be much appreciated and given directly to people who need it. Please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Sarah-Parkes9> or if you would like more information contact Sarah ([sarah.parkes.uk@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.parkes.uk@gmail.com) 07794431480.)*

*As a school we would like to offer financial support to the people of Shywoye. Half of our money donated for the red nose day and book day dress up on March 31st will be donated to this cause. The other half will be given to Comic Relief.*

*Thank you for your support.*

## Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are currently collecting these at school. If you do have any, please pop them into school.



### **Rakunan Junior High School, Japan**

Year 4 pupils will be hosting a class of students from Rakunan High School on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The morning will consist of a tour of the school, a presentation and a workshop. We are confident that our Year 4 children will be great ambassadors for the school and will make our visitors very welcome.

### **Communication**

We like to think that we communicate effectively with all members of the school community. Unfortunately, we still get comments such as 'I didn't know about that' and 'I don't read the newsletters anyway.'

There have also been a number of cases recently when parents have not received communications because we have not been informed of changes to mobile phone numbers or email addresses. It is essential that we have up to date contact details for you, especially in the case of an emergency.

Our fortnightly newsletters are emailed out and put on the website every other Friday. We aim to include as much information as possible and we update calendar dates where appropriate. We also text parents and use email where we need to send documents home. We have Home-School Diaries for the younger children and Class DoJo for communication about behaviour as well as sharing what classes have been doing. Staff emails can also be found on the newsletters.

We really hope that by using a range of communication we can keep you informed of all that it is happening at school. We now have had some parents complaining about too much information!

Can I please urge parents to read all the correspondence we send home and make a note of certain school activities? We had

over 15 sets of parents coming in with clothes on Monday, asking our busy office staff to take them down to the classes, because they had forgotten that we were marking Holi. This is in spite of details being in the last email and a text going home the week before.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Year 1 Art Club**

Unfortunately, Mr Tucker's Year 1 Art Club will not be on next week (21<sup>st</sup>) as he will be interviewing all day. Sorry for any inconvenience.

### **Woodmancote Cricket Club**

Woodmancote Cricket Club is looking for new players to join the Under 11 team. (Years 5 and 6)

Training for the new season starts on Tuesday (7th March) with indoor nets at the Prince of Wales stadium at 7pm. The hall is on the opposite side of the road to the main stadium, down some steps (adjoining Leisure@Cheltenham).

Indoor nets continue throughout March on the 21st and 28th. Due to traffic issues during race week there won't be a session on 15th. Cost is £2:50 with all equipment provided.

No experience is necessary, just plenty of enthusiasm!

After March nets will be outdoors at Cleeve School.

For further details contact:

Paul Goring Junior Manager 07948 094905

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Woodmancote Cricket Club are also offering to run a **Cricket Club** at school for children in Years 5 and 6 starting after Easter. If your child is interested in attending, please email Mr Tucker

[head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodmancote.gloucs.sch.uk)



### Car Parking

Once again, we have received calls from local residents complaining about the irresponsible parking of parents when dropping off and picking up from school. Cars are apparently being parked on both sides of Woodmancote Vale meaning that cars and emergency vehicles are unable to get through. If you need to drive to school, please think before you park your car. Thank you.

### Assemblies

22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ash and Oak
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Pine
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Beech

### School Uniform Provider

Following many requests from parents, we have taken the decision to change our School Uniform provider.

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March our new provider will be Scooltogs, based at 252 High Street Cheltenham, [www.schooltogs.com](http://www.schooltogs.com).

Schooltogs will stock uniform in their shop to purchase immediately and will also provide an on-line service for 'click and collect' or home delivery. Items available will be sweatshirts, cardigans, polo shirts, PE t-shirts and bookbags, all with the school logo on. These will look the same as existing products so there is no need to purchase new items if existing ones still fit. From 20<sup>th</sup> March, Schooltogs will be our sole supplier and Brigade will be unable to provide any uniform.

### Diary Dates

21 <sup>st</sup> March	Japanese School visit to Year 4
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Residential Trip to the Forest of Dean
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Engine visit for Year 2
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Meeting to discuss Residential trip and SATs (6.30pm)
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Violin Performance 10.45-11.15 Parents of Year 3 children welcome
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day/Book Day
6 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term for children Whole School Photograph PTA Disco
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Staff INSET
24 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day back at school Photographer in school for the day taking photos for the website.
2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> May	Life Education Van in school
w/b 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs for Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Photos and Teams
w/b 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential

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