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Hockey

Quicksticks hockey tournament



Over the last three Mondays two teams from Woodmancote have battled away on the hockey pitch. The children from years 5

and 6 were playing fast-paced 4 a-side hockey on an Astro turf pitch. They played 24 schools from the Cheltenham area across the three weeks and were fantastic. Both teams were top of their respective pool on the last day and the first team won the whole tournament losing only one game across the three weeks! We have qualified to attend the Gloucestershire school sports games next week to play against other teams across the county. This is something the children who attend hockey club have been working towards for some time so we were delighted their hard work paid off. We were also very proud of our children for upholding the school sports values so beautifully. Well done! Mrs Allen and Mrs Fletcher.



Photography Competition

Thank you to all those children who submitted entries into the recent Photography Competition. The quality of the photos was amazing and we are really proud of Aaron Hughes who was awarded first

prize with 'Sand trees of Appledore'. Entries can be found in the link corridor between the Infants and Juniors.

New Appointment

We recently appointed an Early Years Leader for our Pre School and Reception classes. Miss Nicola Simcock comes highly recommended from Bristol and will start in September, although she will be involved with the project group meetings this term.

International Belong Week

We will be holding our first International Belong Week in June and we are looking to provide the children with a range of experiences from a variety of countries from around the world. This week follows on from both our International Language Week that many parents supported us with and our STEM Week which was also very successful. Further details will follow in the new term.

CVI Project-University of Bristol

Thank you for the tremendous response that you have given this research project from the University of Bristol. The next phase will begin very soon, with children selected for testing within school. Please look out for a letter that will give further details if your child has been selected.

Red Nose Day/Book Day-31st March

Thank you for supporting us today with raising funds for Comic Relief and the project in Rwanda (details of which can be found in Newsletter 13). We will let you know the amounts raised in our next newsletter.

Easter at Woodmancote Church

Once again the Year 1 children were warmly welcomed to Woodmancote Church this week by Mr Hiscock, who will be visiting the school again on Thursday of next week. Andrew and his team will be helping the children with a



range of Easter activities. We really do appreciate the generosity shown by all members of the Church.

School Meal Price Increase

We have been informed by the County Council that the price of school meals will increase to £2.28 from Monday April 24th 2017. This is the first rise since 2013 and is due to the introduction of the National Living Wage and large increases in the costs of food, materials and transport during the last twelve months.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

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

Lego/ Game appeal

Do you have any Lego figures or general Lego that your children no longer play with, or any games that you think may be suitable for a lunchtime club? If so Awesome Club would be really grateful if you would donate them to them via the school office. Thank you

Adult Readers

We would appreciate any offers of help with hearing children read at school. Please drop us an email. It could be a parent or grandparent!

Assemblies

5th April Beech

Diary Dates

These are updated on a regular basis, so please keep an eye out for changes or additions.

6 th April	Last day of term for children
7 th April	Staff INSET
24 th April	First Day back at school Photographer in school for the day taking photos for the website.
27 th April	PTA Disco
1 st May	Bank Holiday May Day in Woodmancote
2 nd -5 th May	Life Education Van in school
w/b 8 th May	SATs for Year 6
19 th May	Year 6 Photos and Teams
w/b 22 nd May	Year 6 Residential
w/b 19 th June	International Belong Week
19 th July	Year 6 Disco

PTA News.

Thank you to all those who have sent in sponsor money for the sponsored pancake flip, which took place last month. So far over £1300 has been raised! We are still able to collect sponsor money so if you haven't yet sent sponsor forms back, you still can.

On Monday 3rd April the PTA are holding a decorate a hard-boiled egg to look like a teacher at the school. There will be a first prize and runner up prize per class. The competition entries will be judged by the class teacher. The children can choose any teacher at the school they wish. Please ensure the eggs are hard boiled and are in school by 0900.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the PTA school disco on Thursday 6th April has been postponed. This will now take place on Thursday 27th April. Thank you to all those



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who had offered to help. If you are free for the next disco, please let us know.

We are holding a tombola stall at Woodmancote May Day this year. We will be asking for donations the week we go back to school after Easter.

On Saturday 8th July we are holding our exclusive lido evening. We will be sending information out after Easter. The past 2 years has been very successful and we hope even more families will be joining us this year.

Message from Cheltenham RFC regarding Newlands.

It's likely you've seen on the local news, and quite possible that you've been contacted so far regarding it (sorry if you have), but we are getting into final stages of our campaign to help Cheltenham RFC with their plans for new changing rooms and ultimately a new 3G artificial grass pitch at Newlands Park. The club has already done an amazing job in securing around £450,000 of loans, grants and the like towards a build cost of over £500,000 for the changing rooms.

The remaining £55,000 needs to be raised by the club, by 10.59am on 1st April. If we can pull this off, it will be an amazing community sports hub for the north of Gloucestershire.

Essentially, if we don't build the changing rooms to the RFU standard we don't get the pitch - so we need all the help we can get!

Here's what we need people to do....

1. Go to this link - <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/tigers>, Watch the video and pledge. Every single penny counts.

2. Please don't assume everyone has seen this, please share the link or email with friends, family, grandparents and all sports lovers

3. Please post comments, reminders and general "pitch-in" messages on every kind of social media you use.

One of the easier things to reference will be the £10 pledge which is rewarded with 1 entry into the Prize Draw. Prizes currently available include tickets to the RovinFest at Newlands this summer; 20 pairs of 1873 Club tickets to Gloucester Games, and signed Premiership team sports memorabilia.

Learning 2B

Bounce Back badger by Skyla Turbard Y3



Bounce Back Badger encourages children to always have another go if something doesn't quite work the first time. Learning from our mistakes and 'Bouncing back' after set-backs is the way that we grow and improve.



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