

Dear Parent/Carers,

We are rapidly approaching the end of term 4. Here is a round up of recent news.

Year 6 Trip to PGL Windmill Hill

76 year 6 children enjoyed a weekend of outdoor adventurous activities between 22nd and 25th March at PGL Windmill Hill. They participated in; giant swing, abseiling, climbing, fencing, archery, problem solving, team games, tunnel trail, challenge course, aeroball, trapeze and Jacob's ladder. It was particularly pleasing to see so many children challenging themselves and achieving more than they thought possible.

My thanks to the 11 staff who gave up their weekend, unpaid, to make the trip such a success.

Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police initiative that ensures that the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Tracey Reilly) is notified of any Domestic Violence/Abuse incidents that have occurred where the police have been contacted. The police aim to contact the DSL as soon after an incident as they are able to ensure that the school are made aware of any potential danger for the children or to notify the school that they have witnessed or observed domestic violence.

Domestic Abuse: can include physiological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional abuse.

Should you require any further information about the initiative please contact Tracey Reilly or Pamela Hill on the usual school number.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to all those who supported Red Nose Day this year, we raised a total of £502 to support this worthwhile charity.

In addition we have had many charity events organised by groups of children to support a range of beneficiaries. Many of these are raising significant sums of money for good causes. Well done to all those carrying out such great work.

Change to Attendance Policy

Our new attendance policy has been produced and will come into effect from the start of term 5. The major change is that we require parents/carers to inform us of their child's absence by 9.30am. This is to support us in our safeguarding responsibilities by ensuring we know where all our children are as early as possible. I know I can rely of your support in following this policy change.

Immersion Room

Our immersion room has now been completed and is due for final commissioning this Thursday. The room allows children to be immersed in over 600 different environments of which over 200 are fully interactive. This allows the children to interact with historical and geographical settings, to travel into space and be surrounded by moving planets through to being taught positional play in virtual sports matches.

We will be holding an open day at some stage during term 5 where you'll be able to visit the immersion room and experience it's incredible educational potential.

Sports

There have been many sporting events in recent weeks with the highlights being both the girls and boys football teams beating Oakfield Lane 3-1 and 5-2 respectively. In addition our Cross Country team came 3rd overall in the district competition at New Ash Green. Well done to all who participated.

Sadly, our girls football team lost 1-0 in a very hard fought match in the quarter finals of the cup competition against Sutton-at-Hone on Monday evening.

School Field

The newly laid school field is progressing very well and will be ready for use at the start of Term 5.

School Council

The members of the School Council had a very interesting visit to the Dartford Borough Council chambers on 27th March where they enjoyed a very informative question and answer session with the Mayor, David Mote. This was followed by a visit to the Mayor's parlour and signing of the visitors' book.

Sion Margrave

Congratulations to Sion Margrave, a past pupil who has just been selected to represent Great Britain in the Downhill World Cup of Mountain biking in Slovenia at the end of April. Well done Sion, we're very proud of you and wish you every success.

Class Photos

Class and sports team photographs will be taken on Tuesday 23rd April, the first day of Term 5. Can you please ensure your child is in full school uniform on this day.

A whole school panoramic photo celebrating 20 years of Wentworth Primary School and the Year 6 group photo will take place on Monday 17th June.

May I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing Easter.

P Langridge
Headteacher

We break up this Friday 5th April at 3.15pm - Term 5 starts **Tuesday 23rd April**