

# THE ARCHER

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 7

## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term. We return to a really busy but exciting Term 4

### Open Evenings

*It was great to see so many of you at our Open Evenings on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> February. Unusually, we had a number of non-attendees. Can I ask you to please inform your child's teacher if you are unable to attend an open evening in the future, that way your appointment can be offered to another parent. May I remind you that teachers are always happy to discuss your child's progress and development and if you wish to meet with them, please contact the teacher direct to make an appointment.*

### Parking

Once again, parking is becoming a major issue around our school with drivers parking on the zig-zag lines, across neighbours' driveways, on the double yellow lines on the corners of roads leading to nil visibility for cars turning into the junction. In one case, we are aware of a car parking completely on the pavement to avoid parking on the zig-zag lines!

**THE REQUEST FOR SAFE PARKING IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN, PLEASE THINK BEFORE PARKING IN A DANGEROUS OR INCONSIDERATE MANNER**

One parent has written to the Leader of Dartford Council in an attempt to secure action. I completely endorse their view and will work in partnership with the Parking Enforcement Team in an attempt to keep our children safe from dangerous parking

### YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

Our KS2 choir had an amazing experience singing as part of the Young Voices choir at the O2 arena on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The opportunity to perform at a major venue in front of a packed audience is a memorable one. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the parents who attended.

### Reading Tree

The 'Wentworth Reading Tree' a magnetic mural has been fitted in our administration corridor. Children who achieve anything significant in their reading will receive a magnetic leaf on which they will write their name and attach it to our tree. We are looking forward to seeing our tree blossom over the course of the term.

### OPEN READING AFTERNOON

Parents are, once again, invited to come into school at 2.25pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to join in reading activities with their child in class. This is open to parents of children in all year groups. We had over 130 at our last event on 30<sup>th</sup> January and look forward to welcoming even more visitors this time. The gates at James Road and Wentworth Drive will both be open to ease access to the school.

### READING ASSEMBLIES

Our author of the month for March is David Litchfield. Several of his books will be read to the children in our Monday assemblies.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March and the children are invited to attend school dressed as their favourite book characters. We look forward to storytelling and reading related activities taking place on that day.

### Library and Book sale

*Mrs Turner, Mrs Fortella-Burton and Mrs Kither have done an excellent job in reviewing our library provision. Older books have been removed with new books replacing them. Books have been attractively displayed to make the children's library experience an exciting one.*

*On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March there will be a 10p book sale on the playground with older library books being sold off. Please grab a bargain!*

### STORYTIME

*Our next Friday evening story time is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the library at 3.20pm. Mrs Randall will be hosting this storytime and will inform you of her choice of book nearer the time. Thank you to all the children and parents who have attended our previous sessions*

### Book Fair

*Our book fair is open this week – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 3.15 until 4.00pm – this will be held in the canteen.*

### SPORT RELIEF

*The children will be participating in a range of sports challenges during w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March. This will culminate in Sports Relief day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March when the children are invited to come to school dressed in their sports kits for a donation of £1.00 towards the charity.*



## PGL

**Our Year 6 children, along with 12 staff, will be travelling to PGL Windmill Hill between 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March to experience an outdoor adventurous activity weekend. Activities include: climbing, abseiling, giant swing, fencing, rifle shooting and zip wire among the 12 events they will participate in. May I remind Year 6 parents that we have the pre-trip briefing on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm in the KS2 hall.**

## SCHOOL DANCE COMPETITION

*Along with Mr Pollock and two Year 6 Sports Leaders, I was privileged to judge the annual Wentworth Dance competition. Following many auditions, 12 acts reached the final with performances of street, contemporary, tap, lyrical, hip-hop and modern dance. There were some outstanding dances but after lengthy deliberations, Kyla McGuinness was judged to be the Wentworth dancer of the year. Congratulations Kyla! – we now look forward to the Wentworth's Got Talent show on 12<sup>th</sup> March. My thanks to Mr Harrington for his organisation.*

### YEAR 4 TRIP TO GREENWICH MARITIME MUSEUM

Classes 4CF and 4ST are looking forward to their visit to the National Maritime Museum on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The visit ties with their current project on coasts.

## **JONJO HEUERMAN**

*Miss Kerridge's class adopted Jonjo as their class name at the beginning of the academic year. We were privileged on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February when he visited the school and talked to the Year 5 children. Jonjo took up fundraising following the death of his grandmother to bowel cancer in 2009. To date he has raised over £367,000 for the Bobby Moore Cancer Fund and is the youngest ever recipient of the British Empire Medal.*

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

*The School Council are looking forward to visiting the Council Chambers and the Mayor of Dartford on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. This enables them to see local democracy in action and to ask questions about the council and the role of the mayor. This supports the children's understanding of British values.*

## **EASTER BONNETS AND EASTER GARDENS**

We will, once again, be inviting Foundation Stage and KS1 children to make an Easter bonnet for our end of term parade. KS2 children are invited to make an Easter garden reflecting Easter and the Easter story. Mrs Randall and Mrs Davies will write to you with details nearer the end of term.

## **BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM**

Having won the district 6-a-side football tournament, the boys progressed to the regional finals at Bromley Town FC on 13<sup>th</sup> February. After comprehensively beating all other teams on the way to the final they successfully became regional champions following a penalty shootout in the final following a drawn match. They now contest the South of England finals at Slough on 17<sup>th</sup> March with a place at Wembley up for grabs for the winning team. We wish them every success.

## **SPORTS EVENTS**

We have a number of sports fixtures and events in the coming weeks;

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 4 rugby taster session

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - boys football away -v- Bean - cup quarter final

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March - girls football away -v- Maypole - cup quarter final

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - netball away -v- Westgate

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March girls football home -v- Hextable

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March - district cross country competition

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March - inter house football and netball tournaments

## **SCHOOL RUN CLUBS**

May I remind you that school run club activities finish w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Please check direct with outside providers of their last date before Easter.

**Just a reminder that Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April is the last day of term.**

**We return on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

