



The Lion

Monday 29th January 2018

THANK YOU FROM THE DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our fund-raising event for the Down's Syndrome Association. The photograph on the right shows Mrs McKeever, along with the pupils at Marlborough presenting the cheque for £602.41 to the representatives of the charity. Sharon Gordon-Roberts and Jenny Pearman asked us to pass on their gratitude to our children and parents.

Further information about the Association and their work can be found by visiting the following link:

www.downs-syndrome.org.uk

Overall Attendance for current school year

Whole School = 94.65%

Mauve	Purple	Violet	
96.70%	96.15%	96.05%	
Cerise	Magenta	Pink	
95.16%	96.63%	92.49%	
Turquoise	Sapphire	Blue	Indigo
97.13%	95.33%	95.90%	96.10%
Green	Emerald	Lime	
95.63%	94.44%	94.76%	
Gold	Lemon	Yellow	
96.98%	93.56%	94.33%	
Amber	Orange	Saffron	
93.02%	95.30%	95.80%	
Cherry	Red	Scarlet	
93.21%	91.95%	94.06%	
Nursery	am	pm	
	82.37%	84.37%	

OUR LATEST PARENT REPS MEETING

Our Parent/Carer Reps met with Mrs Gill and Mrs Meale on Wednesday 24th January. Following the school report, several items were raised including:

- The ways in which the school is working to address the teacher recruitment and retention crisis in the London area
- Addressing the seemingly continual problems caused by inconsiderate motorists during school drop-off and pick-up times
- Clarifying the school's ongoing concerns in respect to attendance and making sure communication and expectations are clear to parents/carers
- Exploring ways in which our Parent Reps can best support the fund raising activities of our PTA

A full set of minutes along with details of the role of our parent/carers reps and current vacancies can be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab and then 'Parent Reps'.

Unfortunately our overall attendance figures have continued to decline during January. This has been exacerbated by the high proportion of children who did not return to school until Monday 8th January and the number of pupils suffering from winter illnesses. We are hopeful that this worrying trend will be reversed over the coming weeks and months. In the meantime, we ask all of our parents/carers to support us by avoiding taking term holidays and ensuring that their children attend school regularly and arrive on time. Thank you for your support.

MUFTI DAY IN AID OF STURGE WEBER SYNDROME

We are sure that you will join us in congratulating our Learning Support Assistant, Samantha Matthews and her husband Karl on the birth of their second son Riley.

Although the family are doing well, Riley was born on the 15th November 2017 with a port wine stain birth mark and after an MRI scan has been diagnosed with Sturge Weber Syndrome (SWS). This rare condition comes with complications that may include: epilepsy, glaucoma, hemiplegia and learning difficulties. Children with SWS have a range of disability from mildly affected to severe. The outlook for each child varies greatly from child to child, depending on the severity of the symptoms and how well they are controlled. Samantha and Karl have set up a Just Giving page to raise awareness for the Sturge-Weber UK charity. Karl will be participating in a 10 km obstacle course to raise funds.

Staff and children would like to support this charity by raising money for the charity by having a mufti day on **Friday 9th February**. Suggested donation £1 (to be brought in to school) If you would like to make further donations please visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/karl-matthews6

YEAR 3 - ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

On Monday 22nd January an artist called Farah Husain visited our school. She told us about her life as an artist in a special assembly and later, we had an opportunity to write a biography about her. Farah also visited our classes and taught us how to do something called 'Stretch Art' which was fun as you never knew which colour would come out. After that she then helped us to paint different types of flowers. This was linked to our work on Vincent Van-Gogh. Farah showed us different techniques to produce swirls and waves and we enjoyed the day.
Report by Maya Nampootheri - Lime Class

News, Messages and Reminders

- * We would like to offer a warm welcome to Mrs Vaishali Paranjape who will be working as our new computer technician for two days a week.
- * Congratulations to our girls and boys football teams who have been in action over the past couple of weeks. The boys' team qualified for the borough 7-a-side competition with four wins from five matches in the Isleworth cluster tournament at the Green School and also reached the knock out phase of a cross-borough 6-a-side tournament held at the 'Goals' Centre in Osterley. This was followed up by an excellent and very competitive match against Smallberry Green which ended in a 1-1 draw. On the same evening our girls also took part in a very close match with a strong Smallberry Green team and managed to win 1-0.
- * Our Year 6 children enjoyed a very interesting and exciting World War II workshop on Tuesday 23rd January. This consisted of various drama activities where the children dressed up and learned about the ways in which people kept themselves safe in an air-raid and what it was like to be an evacuee.
- * Thank you to Mrs Burdett has re-launched our School's Council. The classes in the juniors have been busy electing their new representatives and we look forward to hearing about the outcomes of their next meeting.
- * Well done to the children of Mauve Class who presented an assembly on the idea of 'balanced arguments.' This involved a very entertaining re-enactment of a court scene which made a clear distinction between fact and opinion and demonstrated that the pupils have developed a sophisticated level of understanding.
- * The children in Year 4 visited the Green School where they were treated to four short very entertaining pantomime performances including Sleeping Beauty and the Princess and the Pea. Our pupils especially enjoyed being showered with balloons at the end of the show.

REMINDER: PARENT/TEACHER CONSULTATIONS - WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY FROM 2.30pm