

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

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Phew! What a week that was. Today was our fantastic finish to our 'Winter Olympic' theme week. It ended with each class presenting to the rest of the school dances, facts, national anthems, art and Science. Teachers have used this as an opportunity to make the curriculum fun, exciting and memorable. Children have been able to learn about other cultures putting themselves into other people's shoes. In addition the usual curriculum core subjects such as ICT, English and Mathematics have been given a shared context. Apologies to anyone whose child is now expecting fame and fortune on national T.V. as part of the Olympic opening ceremony. Mr. Turvey got carried away!

Whilst I prefer not to cause any unnecessary concern, I wish to make you aware that there have been a cluster of incidences reported to the police around the North Kent Area over a two week period. A number of young people have been approached by a male in a vehicle. The male has requested help to find his dog, asked if the young person wants to see the dog and has offered the young person a lift to school. I suggest that we continue to remain vigilant in ensuring that our children are supervised on their way to and from school. Please report any incidences of concern to the police on 01622 690690 and inform the school.

School Uniform

During the last Class Reps meeting, two examples of waterproof/shower proof coats were viewed. Price and Buckland have now sent us further samples in all sizes of the waterproof reversible coat, which the Class reps considered a substantial coat and good value for money at £15.95. Parents are welcome to view the coats in the hall at 3.15pm on Wednesday 24th February, and place orders which will take approximately two weeks to arrive from the date of order.

Haiti

St John's Primary School is collecting all the money raised by Tunbridge Wells primary schools for the Haiti appeal. They have advised us that the total amount raised so far is £7,546.15. Thank you for all your support.

Theme Week – Winter Olympics 2010

Year 5

When the Olympic committee requested our help for the opening ceremony celebrations for Peru, we rose to the challenge! We researched and presented everything there is to know about Peru, including their culture, religion, food, music and geography. We even learnt the national anthem! Our lucky mascot was Chocolate Brownie the guinea pig and we have had a visit from real guinea pigs, but don't worry, unlike the Peruvians, we won't be eating them! We were also asked to help the Peruvian bobsleigh team build and test a prototype bobsleigh. The atmosphere was great when we cheered each sled down the bobsleigh run in the woods! We believe Peru would be proud of us!

Year 1

This week we have been learning about Kenya. We have learned that the men's favourite colour is red. We learned some of the language: 'Jambo, bwana habari gani?' means 'Hello, how are you?' We have learned to draw the Kenyan flag and made some necklaces for the girls and some sashes. We have been learning how to do the drumming and dancing. Then we wrote some animal poems and made masks. It was interesting and fun. *Alfred and Izzie*

Walking Bus Jackets

If you have any spare adult size reflective jackets at home, please can they be returned to the office after the holiday.

After School Club

After School Club would very much like a visit from a Vet after the holiday, to talk to them about what a Vet does, and to do an activity with the children. If you are a Vet, or know someone who is and who may be willing to come into school, please contact Kelly Gurr on 01892 520114 ext 6.

School Nurse

In order to provide an efficient and helpful service, the School Nursing Team from West Kent Community Health, have asked that we provide you with the contact details for the named School Nurse for Bishops Down. Her name is Pat Heath and she can be contacted on 01892 539144 or 07507555681.

Helen Lawton, our resident school nurse, continues to be here at Bishops Down should you need to talk to her at any time.

Have a happy and relaxing holiday.

Regards,

Dan Turvey