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Kenyan Partnership



I spent half-term visiting our Kenyan partner school, St Paul's in Kutus. As usual I received a very warm welcome from the teachers and the children who were very excited to see me and to receive letters from their friends in Ardleigh.



This was my fourth visit and the teachers joked that they should now add me to the duty list for the week as they regard me as a member of staff!

There have been some changes since my last visit.

The headteacher, James, and Purity, who visited us last September, have both moved to new schools. However, the new head, Mr Mwangi, is very keen to continue the partnership. We quickly developed a strong relationship and we are looking forward to welcoming him to Ardleigh in September.

During the week I was able to spend some time with all of the classes from the 3 and 4 year olds in the nursery to the young teenagers in Standard 8. With the younger age groups I did lots of counting games, stories and songs, including the 'Penguin Song' which our children often sing in forest School! The older classes had an introduction to tag

rugby and we also completed some activities related to our joint project on World War One.

The four days in school passed very quickly and before long it was time for the farewell assembly and tree planting ceremony.

This year I was honoured to be made an elder of the St Paul's community!

St Paul's continues to develop as a school and certainly benefits from the partnership. Their results have improved every year and more children have been successful in gaining scholarships to go on to higher education.

The Kenyan Government is planning to give all primary schools laptops and the school is preparing a room to be their new ICT suite. They also have plans to install a water collection system, to extend electricity to more rooms and to lay concrete floors. Hopefully, it won't be too long before our children can communicate with their Kenyan friends via the internet rather than just by letters.

Mr Evans



Table of The Week



Class 1
Joshua Brill

Class 2
Curtis Oleforo

Class 3
Amelia Watkins

Class 4
Darcy Lee



Meals - Lunch Menu

The menu for the week beginning 08.06.15 is Menu 36



Additional Letters

* Friends of letter

*Musical Event - Class 4 only

Sports News



Netball Tournament

On Wednesday afternoon our netball squad went to Mayflower Primary School in Dovercourt to play the re-scheduled annual Harwich and District Primary Schools' Sports Association Netball Tournament.

Eight out of the ten schools in the Association took part and so it was a busy afternoon as all the schools played each other.

The tournament had been cancelled previously because of the bad weather and Wednesday afternoon proved to be the complete opposite of this. The sun shone brightly and this helped make the competition even more enjoyable.

The girls played extremely well, working hard as a team and showing a huge commitment to playing their best netball. Their skill level was so high that they won all seven games that they played, winning one match by 11 goals to nil!

They were delighted to be crowned champions, for the second year in a row and this means that they have matched last year's result in winning both trophies again!

Well done to all of the girls involved:-

Charlotte Tree - Goal Keeper,

Evie Cathro - Goal Defence,

Libby Milne - Wing Defence

Hannah Morley - Centre

Darcy Lee - Wing Attack

Rosie Snook - Goal Attack

Josie Mason-Cherry - Goal Shooter

Martha Hoggarth - Super Sub

Many thanks go to Mrs Snook who helped coach the girls and Mrs Cathro who helped with the transport and cheered the team on!



Squash News

As you know many of our children are members of the 'Off the Wall' Squash Academy, coached by Lauren Selby and Will Southworth.

As part of their work with the junior players, the coaches have decided to introduce a 'Player of the Month' award.

The players are assessed throughout the month by the coaches, where they look at a range of attributes and skills;

Attainment, Attendance, Attitude, Punctuality, Sportsmanship and Self-Improvement.

The recipient of the first award - 'April 2015 Player of the Month' - was Hannah Morley in Y6 and this is what the coaches had to say about Hannah:-

"Hannah has climbed the National Rankings very quickly and is now No. 19 in U11. She won the Essex Junior Open and is one of the most regular attendees at squads. Hannah is always on time and works hard during squads. This shows in her constant improvement"

Well done Hannah - what an achievement!



Events

Y10 Musical Performance



On Friday 22nd May 2015, a group of Y10 students from Manningtree High School came to school to perform some musical pieces for the children in Class 3 and Class 4.

We were lucky to be one of the local Primary Schools that they were visiting over the afternoon. This performance was part of their GCSE work and involved the students singing and dancing to an audience; pieces that they put together themselves.

The children in KS2 were really interested in what the Y10 students were doing and thoroughly enjoyed the whole event.

It was also great to see some old Ardleigh pupils amongst the group.

The Y10 students should be very proud of themselves and it was obvious that they were really enjoying the whole experience of performing in front of a receptive audience.

Writtle College



On Thursday 4th June 2015, the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 had a very enjoyable visit to Writtle College for the annual 'Food and Farming' day.

The sun shone and the children were able to visit different exhibits.

This included Livestock, Food, Machinery and Sheep Shearing.

The visit helped the pupils to further develop their understanding of where food comes from and the important role of farmers.

We would like to thank all of the adults who went with the children to help.



Tracksuit Tokens

Don't forget we are collecting the tracksuit tokens from any of the Gazette Newspapers -Daily Gazette and the Standard. Please ask family members and any friends as well and bring or send your tokens into school.

The closing date is June 26th.

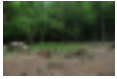
Many thanks.



Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are still collecting vouchers from Sainsbury's. Our collection box is located in the Food Technology area.

Many thanks.



Forest School Sessions

W/B 08.06.15
Class 1 - Tuesday
Y2 - Wednesday
Y4 - Thursday
Y6 - Friday



Ardleigh Pre-School News

Walking Bus

If you need the services of the Walking Bus please contact Jenny or Lizzie from the pre-school, either in the playground

or

by email: admissions@ardleighpreschool.co.uk or

by phone or text: 07702419248

Bookings are welcomed whether regular dates or as one-offs.



Friends of Association



Events

Friday 12th June -

Non Uniform Day for donations

Items required:

Lucky Dip Prizes

Bottles

New and unused raffle or tombola items

Small prizes for the stalls

A letter is being sent out today with more information.

Saturday 27th June 2015 -

Summer Fete

If you have not returned your raffle tickets yet please send them in to school or return them to any members of Friends as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Please remember that this year the price of a book is £5 - with each raffle ticket costing £1.

Your probability of winning remains the same!

More information regarding the fete will be following as soon as possible.

School Effectiveness Plus Surveys

On Tuesday you received information regarding the School Effectiveness Plus Programme pilot that we are involved in.

Reminder - the parental survey needs to be completed and submitted by Friday June 12th 2015.

Dates For Your Diary

- *08.06.15 Class 1 attending Ardleigh Pre-School's Teddy Bear's Picnic - details sent out 18.05.15
- *08.06.15 Harwich and District Primary Schools' Sports Association - Kwik Cricket Competition @ Dovercourt Cricket Club - details sent out 02.06.15
- *08.06.15 Tiptree and Stanway Consortium KS1 Music Festival @ Copford - details sent out 18.05.15
- *09.06.15 Full Governing Body Meeting
- *12.06.15 Non Uniform Day - donations for Summer Fete - letter sent out 05.06.15
- *W/B 15.06.15 Y1 Phonic Check Week
- *16.06.15 'The Great Big Sing' - Chelmsford Cathedral - details sent out 04.06.15
- *17.06.15 Class and Team Photographs
- *19.06.15 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Y2 Scatterball Competition @ Great Bromley Cricket Ground - details to follow
- *19.06.15 Y6 Flower Arranging Workshop at St. Mary's Church, Ardleigh - details to follow
- *22.06.15 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Rounders Tournament @ All Saints, Great Oakley - details to follow
- *22.06.15 Ardleigh Pre-School attending Assembly - 2.20pm start
- *23.06.15 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster FS2 Treasure Hunt @ Tendring Primary School - details to follow
- *24.06.15 New Entrants' Parents' Evening - 7pm start
- *25.06.15 Musical Extravaganza Event - details to follow
- *26.06.15 Friends of Summer Fete
- *29.06.15 Harwich and District Primary Schools' Sport's Association Teddy Bear Run - Y1 - details to follow
- *01.07.15 Induction Day for Y6
- *02.07.15 Induction Day for Y6
- *03.07.15 Class 1 attending Ardleigh Pre-School's Sports Day - details to follow
- *03.07.15 ACA Camp Out - details to follow
- *06.07.15 Last swimming session for Y5/6
- *06.07.15 Tendring Small Schools' Cluster Sports meeting @ Boxted St. Peter's - details to follow
- *07.07.15 Sports Day - 1.15pm start - more details to follow
- *08.07.15 Y6 Flower Arranging Workshop @ School - details to follow
- *09.07.15 School Picnic - details to follow
- *09.07.15 ACA Awards Evening - 7pm start - details to follow
- *11.07.15 Tendring Show
- *13.07.15 HSA Rounders Tournament @ Great Oakley - details to follow

After-School Clubs



Maths Club

Maths Club will start again in the Autumn Term.



Handicrafts Club

The next Handicrafts Club is on Monday 8th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Lucy Banks, Molly Butcher, Lucy Harris, Naomi High, Martha Hoggarth, Imogen Howard-Lock, Ruby Mason-Cherry, Rebecca Morley, Mya Patel, Helena Sahin, Rosie Snook, Leona Wade, Amelia Watkins



Gardening Club

The next Gardening Club is on Tuesday 9th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

GROUP 2

Chloe Adams, Alfie Austin, Molly Butcher, Lexi Gowing, Stanley Harmer, Olivia Harmer, Lucy Harris, Grace Johnson-Laird, Mia Milne, Jude Moore, Curtis Oleforo, Thomas Owen, Danny Percival, Harry Rawlinson, Ella Thompson, Harvey Weaver

Don't forget to bring appropriate clothing and footwear and 50p donation



Glee Bees Club

The next Glee Bees Club (Choir) session is on Tuesday 9th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Amelie Andrews, Kaci Bircher, Olivia Harmer, Martha Hoggarth, Phoebe Lay-Flurrie, Josie Mason-Cherry, Ruby Mason-Cherry, Libby Milne, Mia Milne, Callum Nash, Jennifer Owen, Rosie Reade, Matthew Salmon, Rebecca Salmon, Nathan Scofield, Sarah Scofield, Molly Scotchmer, Jessica Scotchmer, Rosie Snook, Charlotte Tree, Leona Wade, Blake Williams



Please don't forget, if you have any issues or queries you want to discuss with any member of Staff please come in and speak to us.



Music Makers Club

The next Music Makers Club is on Thursday 11th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Amelie Andrews, Charlotte Bohanna-Smith, Daniel Batchelor, Rosie Brook, Ellie Da Costa, Summer Harris, Olivia Harmer, Phoebe Lay-Flurrie, Joseph McKenna, Paige McMaster, Jude Moore, Danny Percival, Harry Rawlinson, Beatrice Scatola, Mollie Thrower



Dramarama Club

The next Dramarama Club is on Thursday 11th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Amelie Andrews, Evan Bament, Daisy Crilly, Jack Franklin, Chase Johnson, Logan Mitchell, Curtis Oleforo, Jacob Partridge, Charlie Peirson, Rosie Reade, Rebecca Salmon, Sarah Scofield, Lucy Waddell



Rounders Club

The next Rounders Club is on Thursday 11th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Cameron Adams, Alfie Austin, Troy Callen, Evie Cathro, Archie Cathro, William Cawthorne, William Dutch, Olivia Elden, Lexi Gowing, Jacob High, Martha Hoggarth, Keaton Huffey, Josie Mason-Cherry, Ruby Mason-Cherry, Hannah Morley, Libby Milne, Ronnie Peirson, Callum Nash, Edward Reeve, Helena Sahin, Matthew Salmon, Jacob Saunders, Nathan Scofield, Jessica Scotchmer, Molly Scotchmer, Jamie Smith, Rosie Snook, Harry Thornton-Wood, Gareth Thrower, Charlotte Tree, James Tree, Mason Vearer, Blake Williams



Tag Rugby Club

The next Tag Rugby Club is on Friday 12th June 2015

This session is for the following children:

Cameron Adams, Chloe Adams, Alfie Austin, Daniel Batchelor, James Blacker, Troy Callen, Archie Cathro, William Cawthorne, Leo Dines, Arthur Elden, Lexi Gowing, Stanley Harmer, Martha Hoggarth, Lucas Howard-Lock, Keaton Huffey, Harry Ives, Grace Johnson-Laird, Ruby Mason-Cherry, Josie Mason-Cherry, Libby Milne, Logan Mitchell, Jude Moore, Rebecca Morley, Hannah Morley, Callum Nash, Curtis Oleforo, Mya Patel, Danny Percival, Harry Rawlinson, Leo Rice, Jacob Saunders, Nathan Scofield, Jessica Scotchmer, Molly Scotchmer, Sonni Smees-Hotene, Rosie Snook, Harry Thornton-Wood, Mollie Thrower, Gareth Thrower, James Tree, Charlotte Tree, Mason Vearer, Leona Wade, Franco Wallis, Blake Williams



Have a lovely weekend.
Take care - From all at Ardleigh St. Mary's

