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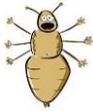


Friday 22nd September 2017

Hello everyone,

Angela Topping delighted us all by sharing her poems with us in assembly on Monday. Her time spent in writing workshops with our Year 5/6 pupils resulted in them creating a group poem on the theme of Freedom for National Poetry Day (**Thursday 28th September**) as well as writing of 2 poems of their own. This proved to be an excellent way to start our week's work and the children's individual poetry journals are looking good.

If anyone wishes to purchase Angela's book as a memento of this special occasion then please send £7 in for the attention of Ms Finch and we will arrange for a signed copy to be sent to your child. I have spotted some poems already that I would like to include in our Poetry Supper evening and will let you know soon who will be invited. If you would like to follow Angela on Twitter you can find her here: <https://twitter.com/AngelaTopping>



A sprinkling of nits seems to have made its way into our school. Please help everyone by checking your hair regularly and treating your child when they have nits.

Our Year 5/6 pupils, along with Mrs Taylor and two other staff, will be experiencing safe train travel on Tuesday when they will be walking to Ellesmere Port Station, and catching a train to Hooton and back. Please ensure that your child is wearing appropriate, comfortable footwear on this day.

On Tuesday Years R, 1, 5 and 6 were treated to a visit from the visiting Welsh Bird of Prey Centre. Your children were able to see a selection of birds including a Kestrel, Harris hawk, Lanner falcon and a very impressive Eagle Owl. Some of the children were lucky enough to hold one of the birds and impressed us with their calm behaviour.



Accelerated Reader – Years 2-6

Please remember that when your child uses Accelerated Reader that there are some fantastic quizzes to do online. When the children complete these quizzes successfully, they earn the wordcount of the book. The quizzes can be done on books read to the children as well as books they read and quizzes can be found for Home Reading and School Reading. All our Reading Rewards this year will be based on Accelerated Reader. Please note that the website can only be accessed Monday to Fridays. The children will be visiting the local Library in the coming weeks. Dates for these visits are as follows:

26th September – Year 2

6th October – Year 1

Notes for your diary:

Thursday 28th September - National Poetry Day – “Freedom”. All children will be creating poems to mark this special day. We look forward to reading and hearing them all and will then select the very best examples to be celebrated at our future poetry supper.



Friday 29th September – Harvest Festival assembly at 9.30 am. You are invited to be part of an audience in our School hall and watch as each class shares a Harvest message with you in poem or song. After the assembly, you will be invited to join your child's class so that we eat together and remember the importance of this celebration. We will be offering bread, crackers and a selection of fruit and vegetable.

This is a double celebration so you are welcome to join the coffee morning from 9.00 am where we will be raising funds for Macmillan prior to our 9.30 assembly. Tea, coffee and cake available for £1.50 per person. We will be supporting the local Foodbank for Harvest Festival so our Heads of School will be visiting a local supermarket to purchase relevant items to donate. To make their shopping experience fun, we ask that you donate 50p or above and Ms Finch will take them shopping.

Please note that Enrichment Club takes place on Thursdays, in the school hall and at the end of the club (4.15 pm) the children can be picked up from the white school hall door on John Street.

Tuesday 3rd October - Family Lunch 12:00. Please book your place with Mrs Rennie.

Friday 13th October – Go Orange for Orangutan Day (and Cake Sale during morning break)

Homework Club runs on Wednesdays for children in Years 1-6. This club will be dismissed onto the School playground at the appropriate time.

Ms Hughes has a little gift for you if you have filled in **your Free School Meals/Pupil Premium application form**. Please return your form to her and she will give you your gift as a Thank You. We know that we already have 10 people to give a gift to so please speak to her on the gate to claim it.

Finally, we raised an impressive £175 today for our joint Genes for Jeans and Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness. The children enjoyed pink cupcakes and got to wear their own clothes for the day. The monies will be split equally between the charities and the School Fund. Thanks to all those who participated.

Yours faithfully,

Sue Finch

Sue Finch (Head Teacher)

Lunch Menu 1 w/c 22nd September 2017. (Menus can be viewed on the school website).

NB: *If you are sending grapes with a packed lunch for your child, please ensure that they cut in half to avoid a choking hazard. Please also note that we have children at our School with allergies, so we ask that you **do not include nut products** in any packed lunches.*

