

Friday 29th January 2016



Duncombe News

We were treated to two extremely engaging and visually stimulating assemblies this week from 5V and 1D. 5V tackled the important issue of caring for our environment and dealing with local issues such as litter, recycling and waste management. Not a natural platform for comedy you may think, yet they managed to share in a way that left us all entertained, informed and challenged. A great use of props and good comic timing along with well selected visual pieces ensured that we all understood the significance of taking responsibility and doing our bit.

1D took us on a wondrous journey through the Chinese New Year. A cultural trip that was both colourful and exciting! The props, storytelling and pupils' art work really made for a wonderful experience. As ever, the pupils projected well and the growing sense of self confidence was extremely evident. Well done to both Miss Varney and 5V, also to Mrs Durham and 1D. A marvellous way to top and tail this week.

It was good to see a strong turnout for our Future Schools Evening. Feedback from those who attended was extremely positive. The accompanying material supplied on the evening will be emailed to all Year 4 and 5 parents, but do ask in the Office should you wish to have a copy and we can happily speed one on its way to you. My thanks to our visiting speakers and to Mr Douglas, who organised the event.

There was plenty of activity both inside the classroom and out this week. I greatly enjoyed observing Year 6 partake in their French lesson on objects in the room and prepositions. They really excelled themselves and I left with a great confidence about the level of challenge our staff are consistently setting the children. Comments from visiting parents on our Open Morning and Tours continued to be very positive and centre around how polite and well behaved our pupils are.

Lots to look forward to next week including an Open House Coffee morning in Old Hall. If you have the chance, do come in for a few minutes and have a chat. A list of staff attending can be found in the Newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Phelan.*

5V Assembly



1D Assembly



Diary Dates

Monday 1st Feb - Year 6 to Crucial Crew.

Wednesday 3rd Feb - Year 1 Setpoint Circus Workshop.

Thursday 4th Feb - Open House Coffee Morning in Old Hall. Miss Ord, Mrs Frost, Mrs Watson, Miss Angus, Mrs Davies, Mrs Takawira, Miss Roberts, Mrs Howes, Mr Sopher and Mr Douglas will be in attendance.

Friday 5th Feb - Breakfast Concert (including Year 3 recorders).

Saturday 6th Feb - Ski Trip Departs.

Looking Forward

Tuesday 9th Feb - Parents' eSafety Evening. 7pm start in New Hall.

Thursday 11th Feb - School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

Friday 12th February - Half Term begins.

Saturday 13th February - Ski Trip Returns.

Monday 22nd February - Second half of Spring Term starts.

Tuesday 23rd February - Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming lessons at Hartham.

Year 5 Come Dine with Us.

Wednesday 24th February - No Chess Club.

Friday 26th February - 6F Assembly. Parents welcome. Year 2 to Roald Dahl Museum.

Sports Fixtures

Monday 1st Feb - U9 A&B Quick Stick Hockey v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Wednesday 3rd Feb - U11 A&B Rugby and Netball v Friends' School (away). Time 2.30pm.

Thursday 4th Feb - U8 A&B Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2pm start.

Tuesday 23rd Feb - U11A Rugby v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 3pm start.

Wednesday 24th Feb - U11A&B Rugby v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

U11A Netball v Sherrardswood (away). 2.30pm start.

Thursday 25th Feb - U9 A&B Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). 2.30pm start.

Congratuatiions

Congratulations to Harry M (1T) who has been playing football for Bengeo Tigers U6 team since September last year. On Saturday 16th January, while playing in a Tournament for Bengeo Tigers, he was scouted by West Ham. Being an avid West Ham fan, along with the rest of the male household, this was an opportunity too good to say no to. Harry has now started training with West Ham and is really enjoying it. All his family are very proud of him. Well done and good luck Harry!



Congratulations to Arya P (4R) who passed her ABRSM Grade 1 in piano with merit in December. Well done Arya.

Congratulations to Sophia P (Nursery Maple) who reached her class goal this week.

Treetops Enjoy a Visit from the Police!

Treetops were very excited when two members of Hertfordshire Constabulary came to visit them on Tuesday. They didn't come to catch any baddies, but to talk to all of the children about what the role of a police officer is, what they do, and how their job helps us and makes us feel safe.

The children got to see how handcuffs work, how the police communicate through their radios, and how they catch criminals and put them in the back of their police van. Treetops would like to thank PC Mark and PC James for giving the children such an informative and exciting demonstration about their jobs.



Here are this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award. Well done to them!



Year 4 Visit Sikh Gurdwara

On Wednesday 27th January Year 4 visited the Sikh Gurdwara in Hitchin.

The first thing we noticed was a bright orange flag, the Nishan Sahib flying outside. We took off our shoes and covered our heads before entering the prayer hall. At the front was a low stage with bright covers on which was the holy book the Guru Granth Sahib. We learnt lots of facts about how Sikhs live and then had a tasty snack in the Langar. *From our roving reporters in 4CH.*



House Photography Competition

The theme is

COLOUR

Competition Rules:

- Open to pupils in Years 1-6
- Only ONE entry per pupil.
- If you enter you will receive house points.
- Photograph cannot be altered on a computer
- All entries should be printed and have your name, form and house on the back.



All entries to the School Office by 3.40 on Friday 26th February

Parking

Please may we remind you to park considerately in and around the school area to ensure residents are able to get out of their driveways and get up and down Warren Park Road. Thank you.

Swimming

In preparation for the Upper School Swimming Gala on 15th March, Years 5 & 6 will be joining Year 4 at Hartham for swimming lessons on the following dates:

Tuesday 23rd February – 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 1st March – 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday 8th March – back to normal for 2, 3 & 4

Tuesday 15th March – Swimming Gala

This means that Years 2 & 3 will not be swimming on the 23rd February, 1st March and 15th March.

After School Chess Club

Please note that there will be no chess club on Wednesday 24th February. If you require after school care please contact the School Office.

Lost

Named hockey sock and tracksuit top belonging to Lottie Beard.

Named cardigan belonging to Sophia Gruselle.

Named floral shirt belonging to Chloe Gruselle.

Named tracksuit top belonging to Amelia Gruselle.

Names hat belonging to Georgiana Fowler.

Named jogging bottoms belonging to Grace West.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 1st February



Weekly Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dish Of the Day Spaghetti Bolognaise Garlic Bread	Dish Of the Day Lamb Kofta with Tzatziki and Pitta Bread	Chinese New Year Lunch Dish Of the Day Sweet and Sour Chicken Prawn Crackers Vegetarian Option Oriental Vegetable Noodles Mini Spring Rolls	Dish of the Day Roast Pork with Gravy and Apple Sauce	Dish of the Day Oven Baked Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option Quorn Bolognaise with Spaghetti with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Option Cheese and Potato Layer Bake	Vegetarian Option Oriental Vegetable Noodles Mini Spring Rolls	Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Wraps	Vegetarian Option Butternut Risotto
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese
Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Sauté Courgettes	Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Sauté Courgettes Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn and Peas	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Honey Glazed Carrots Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese	Vegetables Oven Baked Jacket wedges Baked beans Garden Peas
Dessert Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Cream Fresh Fruit	Dessert Chocolate chip Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Banana Spring Roll or Vanilla Shortbread Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Strawberry Jelly Served with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Citrus Drizzle Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

Daily Salad Bar

With a Selection of Home cooked meats & freshly Prepared Salads
Fresh fruit salad available daily