

# **Duncombe News**



1st February 2019

Well, the long-anticipated snow has finally arrived and is actually falling again as I write this. While we are mindful of the safety issues and ask that you only attempt to come in to school if the roads are clear, the children have been enjoying the snow outside, building snowmen and giant snowballs. Those without suitable outdoor clothing, or if they just feel like staying in the warmth, are watching a DVD in the Old Hall. So, all is good as we reach the end of the week...

At the beginning of the week, I spoke in assembly about one of my heroes, Sir David Attenborough. I shared early video clips of him with gorillas in Uganda, the incredible footage of the young gecko escaping snakes and, also, Sir David's recent plea to the world on the damage and destruction plastic is doing to the planet. I was, therefore, delighted when three Year 6 pupils came to see me yesterday with their own leaflet on how global warming and plastic pollution is so damaging. I have invited Ava, Grace and Connie to consider how as a school we might address this issue and will be discussing it in the next School Council meeting.

Yesterday was busy when we showed the school off to a number of prospective parents, who were again incredibly impressed with our Year 6 tour guides. The visitors spoke very favourably of the classes they had visited and of the busy nature of our school. In the evening, the Academic Team and I hosted our Future Schools' Evening, where parents of Years 4 and 5 came along to hear about what we do to prepare our children for their next steps. I was delighted to welcome back Archie, Esmé and Bethany who left us at the end of last year to go on to Haileybury, Presdales and Queenswood, respectively (see picture below). They spoke with a confidence beyond their years about their time here and I was hugely impressed with each one. For those parents who were unable to attend, the brochure will be available on our website or you may collect a hard-copy from the office.

Mrs Kyriakou ended the week with a superb assembly on Chinese New Year (see picture below). She was ably supported by Hexia in Year 3 who came adorned in the most exquisite Chinese dress and brought an array of items used in this wonderful celebration. We learnt that fortune cookies are actually from Hong Kong and some of our children were given these and red envelopes containing chocolate coins.

Wishing you all a wonderful, if snowy, weekend. *Miss Sands* 

# **Diary Dates**

Monday 4th February - Year 4 to the Sikh Temple. Tuesday 5th February - Year 1 Glass Workshop in Hertford. Year 5 Come Dine with Us. New Hall at 5pm.

Wednesday 6th February - Year 1 Glass Workshop in Hertford.

Friday 8th February - 5SA Assembly (parents welcome). Music Assembly (parents welcome). Old Hall at 8.50am.

## **Looking Forward**

**Tuesday 12th February** - No swimming for Year 4 due to pool closure.

Wednesday 13th February - Year 5 Eureka Workshop at PHC Hitchin.

**Thursday 14th February** - Woburn Dress Up Day (odd socks and crazy hats).

Author visit for Years 5 and 6 at Duncombe.

School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

Friday 15th February - Half Term begins. School closed. Monday 25th February - School resumes.

**Thursday 28th February** - Woburn Charity Coffee Morning.

#### **Sports Fixtures**

**Wednesday 6th February** - U10 Netball v Westbrook Hay (home). 2.30pm start.

U11 Rugby v Westbrook Hay (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 7th February** - U9 Netball v St Francis (away). 3.30pm start.

**Tuesday 12th February** - U9 Netball v Stormont (away). Time TBC.

**Thursday 14th February** - U9 Netball v Edge Grove (home). Time TBC.

**Tuesday 26th February** - U9 Rugby v Kingshott (away). Time 2.45pm.

Wednesday 27th February - U11 Netball v Westbrook Hay (away). Time 3pm.

**Thursday 28th February** - U8 Rugby v St Edmund's (away). Time 3.15pm.

**Friday 1st March** - U11 Girls Football v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

**Friday 1st March** - U11 Boys Hockey v St Edmund's Prep (away). Time TBC.

Kung Hey Fat Groy!



Well done to the pupil who received a Headmaster's Award this week



## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Isla C (3K) who played with the U8 Hertford Hornets Netball Team last Sunday and won their first netball tournament. At The High Five Cross Keys Tournament the team played six games in which they won five and drew one, which meant they were overall winners. Well done to Isla and her team!



# Well done to this week's Lower School Stars of the Week





## Woburn House Charity

As you know, this term Woburn are supporting Tiggywinkles, a Wildlife Animal Hospital. Tiggywinkles helps look after injured or sick wild animals and, once well enough, release them back into the wild. Here are reminders for two events and information on a new one.

#### **Design a Plaster**

The 'Design a Plaster' template should be returned by **Monday 11th February** please. It is £1 to enter and the winning design will be displayed on the Tiggywinkles website.

#### **Dress Up Day**

We are very excited about our crazy hat and odd sock day taking place on **Thursday 14th February**. The children can accessorise their school uniform with the craziest hat and odd socks they can find. Please could the children also bring in £1 to donate to the charity.

## Bake Sale

On **Thursday 28th February** we are holding a bake sale in Old Hall from 8.30am.

We would be most grateful if the children in Years 1 to 6 could bring in cakes or biscuits, nut free (including ground almonds and almond essence) to the Old Hall. The tasty treats will be delivered to classrooms at first break with the remainder of the cakes being sold after school. Please could the children also bring in £1 to donate to the charity.

Thank you. The Woburn Charity Team

#### Snow Fun!

Everyone has had lots of fun in the snow today...















## **Swimming Changes**

In preparation for the Upper School Swimming Gala on Friday 22nd March, Years 5 & 6 will be swimming at Hartham on the following dates:

Friday 1st March – Year 6 Friday 8th March - Years 2 & 3 as normal Friday 15th March - Year 5 Friday 22nd March – Swimming Gala

This means that Years 2 & 3 will not be swimming on the 1st March, 15th March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## <u>Uniform</u>

We will be displaying all the unnamed, unclaimed uniform and non uniform after school on Wednesday 13th February outside the Old Hall. Please do check to see if anyone of it is yours. Anything which has not been taken will be put in the uniform shop or given to charity.

#### <u>Lost</u>

Named fleece belonging to Tami Ojo.

# Sports Fun Morning at Queenswood School Saturday 9 February 10.30am –12.30pm

Queenswood School is running a Sports Fun Morning on Saturday 9th February from 10.30am - 12.30pm for girls currently in Years 4 and 5.

The event will take place in their new Sports Hall and will include netball, hockey and badminton. It is open to girls of all ability, from complete beginners to experienced players, and will be run by Queenswood's expert coaches, led by Director of Hockey Mr Mark Menear.

The emphasis will be firmly on fun and making new friends, and the event is free of charge.

If you would like your daughter to attend, please RSVP to <u>admissions@queenswood.org</u> by Friday 1st February.



## Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 4th February 2019

