



Trotts Hill Primary School

Newsletter

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Values

The final value we are exploring this year is Tolerance which is also a British Value.

“Tolerance implies no lack of commitment to one’s own beliefs. Rather it condemns the oppression or persecution of others.”

J F Kennedy

Please note as a mark of respect and as a way to demonstrate British Values, we mark one minute silences in school but we do not explain the reasons for them to younger children. The minute is spent in quiet reflection in class and is an opportunity to us all to feel united with all people everywhere.

Attendance

I would like to remind you that good attendance is 96% or above. The table below shows class attendance percentages for the last two weeks.

Classes	w/b 12.6.17	w/b 19.6.17
N	87.6%	91.7%
R	96.8%	99.7%
Y1	95%	100%
Y2	98%	95.3%
Y3	94.1%	98.6%
Y4	95.2%	96.9%
Y5	96.6%	98.7%
Y6	97.2%	92.8%

Well done to all of the classes that have achieved the highest attendance each week. Keep up the good work.

School Discos



Thank you to all of the parents who helped at the school discos and staff who were able to stay. Everyone had a good time and we raised a total of £299.05 for school funds.

Thank you to parents for not taking pictures in the disco too!

Open Evening

You are invited to meet your child’s new class teacher, and say goodbye to their current class teacher, at our Open Evening **on Monday 17th July from 5.30pm to 7.00pm.**

Let’s Dance!

Year 4 took part in a dance festival ‘Let’s Dance!’ last weekend at the Gordon Craig theatre. They performed an emotional dance to ‘Imagine’ by Emeli Sande using a parachute. The class learnt this dance in their dance lessons with Mr Sapsted. The children were amazing and performed very well, we are all so proud of them.

Nursery

The nursery children are reaping the benefits of their green fingers. We have had several punnets of strawberries this year that have tasted really sweet and juicy.

We have just planted our vegetables that we have grown from seeds and we can’t wait to eat them later this year.

At this rate we could open our own market stall!



Affinity water

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic science trip to Affinity water to learn about mini-beasts. Children searched in the forest for different animals to create a food chain. Children then had the opportunity to go pond-dipping. Later in the day children looked under rocks and in bushes to find a range of other mini-beasts. One group found a beetle which later ate a woodlouse! It was very exciting.

Jon and Sarah from Affinity water praised all of Year 2 for their excellent listening and great participation in all the activities.

Seaside Topic

Reception have been enjoying their seaside topic this half term. We have been making sandcastles, looking in a rock pool, measuring sea creatures, packing for the beach, painting a seaside picture and writing messages in bottles. We hope the beach weather continues as long as the topic.

Sharing Assembly & Book of Fame

Please note that the last sharing assembly and Book of Fame for this term will be on Friday 7th July. Thank you for all the awards and achievements that have been shared with us in school this year. The Book of Fame will resume in September.



Sports News

On Friday 16th June ten Year 5 children took part in a Rising Stars Handball Tournament at Round Diamond School. They showed great enthusiasm in a new sport and became more confident throughout their matches.

Well done to:

Liam Morgan
Jake Merriman
George Page
Harley Grayling
Justin Nool
Mia Khoury
Sienna Garner
Noemi Kiss
Aimee Plant
Sasha Booyse



Book Showcase

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the book showcase this week. Children enjoy sharing their learning with a family member.

Foyles Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who was able to let their child purchase a book on Monday 19th June. The school council chose a book for each class from the selection and all the children enjoyed browsing. The school received £144.46 in commission and Mrs Mandel is choosing books for the library to supplement the curriculum.

Music Assembly

Well done to everyone that took part in the violin assembly. It was great to see and hear how much they have learnt during the past year.

It was really good to see some children confident enough to want to perform on their own. They all did a fantastic job and a special mention to Tanaka for his composition.

It was obvious to see the delight on the faces of the children as they performed and so lovely to hear Mrs Morris speaking so highly of them.

Well done, you should be very proud of yourselves.



Governor's Report: Helen Altringham

Today, I met Mr Hopcraft, the school's School Improvement Partner, as part of the summer review with Miss Pidgeon and Mrs Shergill. It was an informative and productive meeting. We looked at pupils' books, reviewed attendance data and considered the priorities for next year. Mrs Evans was also invited to the meeting in preparation for September. It has been a very busy and productive year for the school and would like to thank all staff for their efforts.

End of Year Arrangements

As a staff we have decided to take an opportunity at the end of this academic year to have a clear out and tidy up around the school. We will be taking down the majority of classroom displays before open evening so that we have a more manageable end to the year and a fresh start for September. Please be prepared to see the school looking a little less inviting than usual!

Afternoon Tea



Please encourage your child to take part in both the summer diary and reading challenge this year. Reading and writing are essential parts of the curriculum and we need to motivate children over the summer to keep their skills and follow good routines. Last year we came second in the town with 114 children taking part in the Reading Challenge. Remember children who complete both challenges will be invited to a tea party with Mrs Evans and me.

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Year 6 parents/carers please note that the leaver's assembly will be at 9.15am on Friday 21st July.

Sports Day

Well done to all the children for behaving so well on sports day and giving everyone who watched such a good day. It was great to see the children have so much fun and demonstrate their athletics skills too.

Thanks you to all the adults who work together to put sports day on for their various classes and a final thank you to Mr Ward and Mrs Mehan for their organisational skills preparing the Key Stage 2 event.

Train Competition

Congratulations to Olivia Jenkins in Year 2 for winning our train colouring in competition. Thank you to all the children who entered. Stevenage station will be displaying the winning entry and some of the other entries in the ticket area for the next few weeks.

Around the World Day

On Thursday 22nd June Year 1 had an 'Around the World Day'. The children went on a virtual holiday to Kenya and Greenland. They travelled on Trotts Hill Travel in a virtual plane to Kenya. Year 1 had lots of fun going on Safari and in the afternoon they created shelters fit for a snowy climate and compared the different animals living in and around Greenland. A great day had by all!