



# Trotts Hill Primary School

## Newsletter

31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

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### Quiz Night

A huge thank you to the parents who organised the quiz night on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It was a lovely night and great fun for everyone who took part. The staff involved even forgot they were at work and became quite competitive!

Mr Paice was a superb quiz master as was his able assistant Mr Ward. They hosted the quiz with style and panache and included some fun rounds too. A special thanks to the Year 6 pupils for pre-recording a round of questions for the night.

The parents who organised the quiz held a raffle and the sponsors provided very generous gifts. I know the winners were very happy as many prizes were family friendly.

Our thanks go to:

Standalone farm

Play 360

Partyman World

Willows farm

Paradise Wildlife Park

Lyn Ward Hairdressers

Sammie Does Younique

Emma at Pilates Corner

Barrett and Coe Photography in Welwyn

Our winners' prizes were supplied by Co-Op at the Oval in Stevenage.



### Fundraising

The Fundraising Group have been very busy over the past few weeks and have raised a staggering amount from their activities:

Bags2School £128.00

Quiz Night & Raffle £299.00

Mother's Day Cake Sale £220.76

### 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	Week Beginning 13/02/2017	Week Beginning 20/03/2017
N	90.7	92.7
R	97.1	96.8
Y1	99.0	100.0
Y2	98.7	98.0
Y3	95.9	99.0
Y4	98.3	99.0
Y5	99.3	98.7
Y6	97.2	97.6

### Social Media

Thank you to those parents who support the school by talking to either myself, Mrs Shergill or their class teachers about any worries they may have about any aspect of school life. As a school, we would like to be given the opportunity to address any concerns and we make ourselves available to parents at all times. I believe we do our best to listen, even if we cannot always give you the answer that you need. Equally, I do my best to amend any error on our part.

I appreciate it is not always easy to talk face to face to someone about an issue that is upsetting or emotive but I appreciate honesty and the courage it takes to talk openly. I thank our parents for this and how they conduct themselves in school as it creates an open and honest culture that we want to model for our children.

Parents are free to use social media sites in any way they choose and everyone is entitled to their view. I would simply remind some parents to consider how any comment you make reflects back on you. Even though some sites and messaging services are private or for a select group, all comments reach people in the group and they may not share your views or want to be part of that discussion.

Before asking parents to comment, on personal issues through group sites, please consider the implications of your actions on others, as your intentions can be misinterpreted. This behaviour can cause great harm to individuals and in the end the whole school.

As parents, it is in your power to manage how social media sites are used in the best interest of everyone connected to the school. Ultimately the responsibility lies with you.

### Year 1 Indoor Athletics

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Year 1 visited the Stevenage Leisure Centre for an indoor athletics morning. The children developed many different skills. They participated in javelin, relay races, basketball and jumping. The children had a great time and worked as a team with other schools. Thank you to Rising Stars for a fun filled morning!

### Comic Relief

We raised a total of £106.05 which will go directly to the Comic Relief Charity. Thank you for your donations.



### Governors Report: Emma Richardson

As I work for GSK and I am a STEM ambassador I was lucky to have the opportunity to run the Knex workshop with Year 6 on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The task was to build a moving bridge using only the pieces of Knex that were contained in a box. The children spent some time brainstorming attributes they thought made a good team and they were then given some time to plan their bridge.

We looked at many possible designs of moving bridges to help give the children some ideas. The children then had an hour to build their bridges and afterwards each pair presented their design and the bridges were judged.

There were so many different designs and the children all worked really well as a team. Well done to the winners Phoebe Mayhew and Tolu Ogunmiloyo who made a really eye catching design that was very strong. It was a pleasure to run the challenge and I look forward to doing so again next year.



### Whitehill Quiz

Well done to our general knowledge team who did well in many difficult rounds in a local quiz against three other schools in Hitchin. They participated well and worked together as a team effectively. Mrs Shergill enjoyed preparing them for the quiz too. As always our children are a credit to take anywhere. Even though they didn't win, the children impressed me with their knowledge.

Well Done:

William Honeysett

Sasha Booyse

Stanley Andrews

Emelyn Abrahams

### Sports News

We have had a very busy month of sporting fixtures. Our girls and boys football teams have been successful in their respective football league matches against Giles Junior School and Fairlands Primary School.

Our Year 1 and 2 classes developed their fundamental athletic skills during their Indoor Athletics Workshop with Rising Stars. Representatives from Year 1 to Year 6 also took part in a competitive Boules Festival at Round Diamond School. Finally, last week our Year 5 and 6 boys B and C teams had an opportunity to play two friendly matches against Martins Wood. Well done to all of our participants for demonstrating effort, determination and talent throughout these different sporting experiences.

### School Council

Jamie Clarke and Emily Hunter visited the Stevenage Recycling Centre as part of the 'Keep Stevenage Tidy' project run by the School's Parliament with Mrs Norman.

They had a good morning finding out about recycling and how important it is to the town. There are plans for School Council to be involved in more activities in the summer term.



### Safeguarding Training

All school staff attended Safeguarding Training on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. The training was led by Viv Hammond from the Children Services team who took us through our duty in school to protect children and report concerns.

This training is essential in schools and was well received by everyone. As a school child welfare is of paramount importance to us.

### John Forster

We would like to thank John Forster for his many years of service as a mentor at Trotts Hill Primary School. His work with our children is invaluable and has made a difference to many children in school. We wish him well in his well-earned retirement from his role in Bridge Builders. We welcome Mandy Branders to the team who has already met many of the children she will be working with.

### Value of the Month

During April we will be exploring the value of hope. You may want to consider this over the Easter holiday and talk to your child about their hopes for the future.

**“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.”**

Desmond Tutu

We will continue to explore hope in school when children return after the Easter holidays.

### Easter Break

We finish for the Easter Break at **1.15pm on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Children return to school on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**.

Have a lovely Easter break and enjoy the good weather and longer evenings. We look forward to seeing you all in the summer term.

**HAPPY EASTER**

