

Weekly Newsletter



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A new Learning Power – Thank you Thomas O'Hagan for suggesting an additional Learning Power – 'Be Determined'. Let's see who can use this over the coming week.

A kind donation – Thank you to Mr & Mrs Deamer who have donated £300 to Holly Trees in memory of their daughter Philippa. This money was collected at the celebration for Philippa before Christmas and will be used to provide a friendship bench for the children to enjoy.

Jazz Night – On 5th March we are holding our next Dixieland Jazz Night from 8:00 to 11:00 pm with tickets selling for £16, which includes a fish and chip supper. Order forms are available from the school office or you can book online at hollytreesprimarieschool.co.uk/jazz, but please be aware that this will incur a booking fee. The band is my own, Paula Jackman's Jazzmen, and we offer an evening of music and entertainment.

Chopstick Challenge

1st round: Who can pick up the most pasta shapes/marshmallows in one minute using chopsticks. Pupils compete in classes.

There will be a 'Congratulations' certificate for the winner of each class.

2nd round: As above. Pupils compete in year groups.

There will be another 'Congratulations' certificate and a pair of chopsticks for the winner of each year group.

3rd round: As above. The winner of each year group compete with each other for KS1/KS2 Chopstick Challenge Champion!

The overall KS2 winner is Reice Jupiter from Spruce class. He confidently picked up 53 pasta shapes in one minute.

The overall KS1 winner is Liam Sier from Beech. He confidently picked up 22 marshmallows in one minute. As well as their certificates and chopsticks, the boys will get a red money bag and a fortune cookie.

Thank you to Kimberley Cheung's mum (Peking Chef) and Izumi's restaurant for donating the chopsticks for this fun event,

Fun with French Sponsored Learning Activity – Your children should have collected all their sponsors by now and can collect the money as soon as you are notified that they have completed the activity.

School Journalists – A big thank you to Peking Chef and Izumi, who donated the chopsticks and the top prizes for the chopstick challenge. Everyone who sponsored their child for the French challenge are making as much of an effort as Peking Chef and Izumi did by donating money for the final stages of the music room. This term the Fundraisers gave £150 to the School Council, who issued each class with their own basketball. The balls in question were the first big project of the Council. *By Edmund Bass*

Music Room fundraising – The Fundraisers Association is nearing its target to provide our Music Room so that the library, small hall and mentoring area can be available for supporting all children's learning whilst music lessons are also taking place. They are, however, still a couple of thousand pounds short of the figure needed and I am desperate that we raise the money before the costs for providing the room increase. If you know any individual or business that would like to sponsor the Music Room, please notify me or Laurie Edmonds, chairperson of the Fundraising Association, with details (or a cheque!).

Football training – Football training next Thursday (11th) will be cancelled due to a match against St. Peter's and there will be no more football training as all games will have been played. Well tried to the team this week who played against Long Ridings but were beaten by the better team and lost 7-0. Let's hope for better news next week.

Sainsbury Vouchers – Please put your vouchers in the box in the entrance hall. Many thanks.

Rag Bag closed – Just a friendly notice to let you know that the Fundraisers are NOT currently accepting clothing donations for Rag Bag. We are investigating other options for cash-for-clothes and hope to have an update for you very soon.

Holly Hobbies - This term Holly Hobbies will be running on 9th February and 1st and 8th March in the small hall from 1:30 to 3:00 pm. We will be making costumes and props for the Year 4 play. If you have any spare time and would like to help at any of these sessions, please come along. Tea and biscuits provided! Many thanks.

Breakfast Club – There are limited spaces available every day at Breakfast Club. If your child attends Breakfast Club, you will receive notification on Fridays about your credit or debit for the club. Please ensure any debt is settled the following Monday. Thank you.

Champions Academy – There will be basketball at St Martins PA Sports Hall on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The cost is £18 per day with discount for bookings received before 10th February. Booking forms can be completed on their website www.brentwoodfirebasketball.com

Attendance – 97% target - Congratulations to Beech, Birch, Elm, Holly, Hornbeam, Larch, Maple, Mulberry, Spruce and Sycamore for having over 97% attendance since the start of the academic year (September).

Menu - Week 1 of the new winter menu.

Letters home

1st Feb – Y5 visit to Science Museum

2nd Feb – Breakfast Club policy

4th Feb – Football match v St Peter's

4th Feb – Elm & Elder classes – visit to Pizza Express

Forthcoming dates

11th Feb – Football match v St Peters

11th Feb – Storyteller for Year 6

12th Feb – Y5 & Y6 Road Safety walk

15th to 19th Feb – half term

22nd Feb – School of Rock Barnados concert

25th Feb – Elder Class visit to Pizza Express

3rd Mar – Y3 fire safety talk

4th Mar – Elm Class visit to Pizza Express

5th Mar – Fundraisers Jazz Night

11th Mar – Able Maths Day

15th Mar – Years 5 & 6 cross country

15th Mar – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – evening

16th Mar – Y4 performance of Pied Piper – afternoon

16th Mar – Y6 visit to church for Easter Cracked

17th Mar – Y5 visit to Science Museum

17th Mar – Fundraisers disco

17th Mar – Regional rugby final

24th Mar – last day of Spring term

11th Apr – children return to school

Congratulations

Bronze Certificates went to Scarlett Barker, Ryan Green, Jilan Parekh, Oliver Rank, Mahith Vemula, Ryan Kershaw, Riley Hooper, Maicey Southwick, Lily Dench, Aydin Malik, Abigail Dench, Logan Izzet, Morrighan Charles, Chloe Golding, Kaylan Burnett and Isla Montgomery.

Silver Certificates went to Millie Preston.

Pen Licences went to Millie Preston.

Golden Owl Badges went to Anya Jeffries and Millie Montgomery.

Headteacher's Award went to Maddie Barker.