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Newsletter 16

The Values theme this half-term: Inspiration

Value of the week: We are willing to learn new skills

Dear Parents and Children

This week we are encouraging the children to learn new skills and to keep practising their skills in everything they do. This could be practising their writing, their reading, their number bonds, how to play with one another and share - anything! So, let's see what new skills they can learn this week.

However, I thought it best to start this letter with the ongoing discussions over the Year 6 London Trip as clearly some folks are not happy with the way things are being organised.

Firstly, I fully appreciate that this is now all happening quite last minute, but with staff absences and shortages it has been difficult to know whether the trip would be able to run in the first place. Thankfully staff have pulled together to make sure the trip happens. My thanks to Miss Mountford for agreeing to lead the trip just in case Miss Head hasn't returned by that date.

On the issue of cost - the full cost of £350 covers everything, entrance fees, cost of the river trip - everything - plus meals in the evening. We are determined to get the price down nearer to £200/£250 if at all possible and on Sunday I spent the day trawling charity websites and applying for grants for the trip. We will also be doing our own fundraising in school - and I appreciate the sponsored silence didn't happen but this will be happening soon and I am meeting with Mr McCarthy tomorrow to see what other fundraising events we could do.

As for the 'non-refundable' deposit - this is only non-refundable if you decide to withdraw your child from the trip. If we have to cancel the trip for any reason, of course all the payments made will be refunded to parents. This is standard practice for any school trip of this nature.

So...we are getting there...honestly. I know the reaction on the Facebook group has been mixed from parents, but I am just asking you to bear with me whilst we get this right and covered by insurance correctly, and all organised to the letter. We WILL get them there! And please...if you have any questions then please get in touch with me rather than hearing only half a story. Thank you.

'Children are at the heart of the decisions we make'

Green Jumpers awarded to our Positive Role Models

Last week we focussed on being role models for everyone else and it is wonderful to celebrate the following children - well done!



Tesco Chinese New Year Visit

This week we had visitors coming in to work with some of the classes whilst they looked at Chinese food. The children had a fabulous time and hopefully the staff from Tesco will be back again in the future! So Happy Chinese New Year for the 28th January!

Year 5 trip to Furness Academy this morning

This morning the Year 5 children have been to Furness Academy for a Sports Science visit. Once again we are grateful for these wonderful opportunities for the children to experience a High School setting, as well as having the chance to extend their learning!



Recycling Bags - available from the School Office

We are very excited to be doing our bit for the environment by supporting a Recycling campaign in school. If you collect a bag from Mrs Malone you can fill it with clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac - all for recycling! So why not pop in and get one and see what you've got that could be recycled?

Glaxo Donation and Learning Sessions

Thank you so much to GSDK for coming in and telling, and showing, the children about the importance of washing their hands. The children loved every minute - especially looking to see where they had missed!



Room on the Broom Colouring Competition

Celebrating the upcoming Forum production of 'Room on the Broom' we will be sending out details of a colouring competition for the children. Entries need to be handed in to Barrow Library by Saturday 28th January. Good luck everyone!

Water Park trip for NEXT YEAR!

So we can get ahead of things in the future, Miss Mountford has already booked the Water Park for some of the children in January 2018! Details will come out soon...



And finally...

As I keep saying, please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments about school. It has been a difficult time as I have shared in all the newsletters, but the school is going from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,

Dates for this week:

Day	Activity
Monday 23 rd January	Year 5 Sports Science Transition Day - permission slip coming soon
Tuesday 24 th January	3:15pm Barrow AFC Football Club for Y3/4/5/6 after school
Wednesday 25 th January	3:15pm: Multi-Sports with Tom after school
Thursday 26 th January	3:15pm Karate after school
Friday 27 th January	2:15pm: Year 1/2 Book and a Biscuit session in the library
Monday 30 th January	
Tuesday 31 st January	Mr Slater and Mrs Malone out on training course 3:15pm Barrow AFC Football Club for Y3/4/5/6 after school
Wednesday 1 st February	3:15pm: Multi-Sports with Tom after school
Thursday 2 nd February	3:15pm Karate after school
Friday 3 rd February	2:15pm: Year 3/4 Book and a Biscuit session in the library

Future Dates for your diary: Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 7th March after school