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Year 6 Bikeability

40 Year 6 children took part in Bikeability level 1 and 2 training during Fun, Fit and Fruity Week. They all did really well, prompting one of the instructors to say this in an email to us:

"I would like to say today ended brilliantly. The children's cycling ability was outstanding. They conveyed all the relevant skills without being prompted. Lots of looking behind, and their road positioning was perfect. The children were confident with their riding. This shows how enthusiastic they were, as well as listening and observing the demonstrations. It brought a happy tear to my eyes."

We are very proud of Year 6s' behaviour and the progress that they made.

An Update from the Governors

On behalf of the Governors, I hope everybody -- and I mean children, staff **and** parents -- had a lovely half-term break. This next half of the Autumn term is always packed full, and we look forward to seeing you as we visit the school or attend the school events that are planned. It was lovely to see so many parents in church for the Harvest Festival and to see how much the children enjoyed being there too.

At our September meeting of the Full Governing Body, we appointed a new Chair of Governors after Gerry Miller, our previous Chair, had announced his intention to stand down. We thank Gerry for his years of service as Chair and are very glad to retain his experience on the wider Governing Body. Dr Pippa Brush Chappell is our new Chair and will introduce herself to you later in the term.

We can see the excellent work taking place across the school this term around Behaviour. The manners being displayed are delightful and the Governors know what *SLANT* means too! Fun, Fit and Fruity week looked Fabulous too -- well done to all for your extra efforts on this. We appreciate the time that it takes to pull off these events

One of us will be back later in the term with another update.

Liz Ayling and Pippa Chappell

Walk to School Week

We were really impressed with the number of children who used active travel to get to school during this week - as ever, thank you so much for your support with this. Our overall school average was a brilliant 92%. The class results were as follows:

3S - 96%, 3I - 91%, 4A - 80%, 4H - 97%, 5DR - 92%, 5H - 93%, 6C - 93%, 6M - 91%

Well done particularly to 4H and 3S for earning 15m and 10m extra play for reaching such high percentages!

Now that we know that it can be done, we would really like all pupils to make an effort to walk, ride scooter or park and stride as often as possible, not just in Walk to School Week!

Colouring Competition

The standard of colouring and design in the boot, bike, scooter colouring competition was so high that the ATAs had a tough job choosing runners up and winners! They finally chose the following:

Esme and Alice in Year 3, Lucia and Elle in Year 4, Hayden and Alex in Year 5, and Mia and William in Year 6

A huge thank you to the ATAs for all their hard work!

Poster Competition

The Year 6 Eco Warriors would like children to design a poster about saving water/turning off taps to display by class sinks. Please send in entries by Friday 10th November.

Thank you, Mrs Reeve.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November



Advance notice that we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 17th November. Mrs Harland and Miss Stevens will send out more details in due course.

Gates

I am pleased to say that the intercom has now been replaced and that the vehicle gates are back to full functionality. Thank you so much for your patience as we resolved this matter. We will now enter into a lengthy battle to get the cost paid by the coach company's insurer!

First Communion at Corpus Christi Church, Tring

Children who would like to make their first communion in the Catholic Church are welcome to attend some preparation classes. The classes will be held on Saturday mornings 10am - 11am in the sacristy of the church. Children who are year 3 and upwards are welcome to join the class.

Please contact Tricia Apps; mobile 079 27313165 or email patriciaapps@aol.com

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards and other items have arrived in school for those who ordered them. Please check your child's bag as they will be coming home via pupil post over the next few school days!

Attendance

Debs and I met with the attendance officer today to look at whole school attendance figures as well as that of individuals whose attendance may be a cause for concern. It was generally a very positive discussion. However, it showed a pattern of term time holidays being on the rise. We will always do our best to work alongside parents to improve attendance. As such, some of you may receive a letter to come and meet with us to look at strategies to improve things. Thanks in advance for your support.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Rafi SG and Darcey E
3S – Leo S and Alex G
4A – Ella H and Reggie R
4H – Maria P and Joshua R
5DR – Alice and Wilf A
5H – Astrid G and Enya S
6C – Frankie B and Anya R
6M – Maisie B and Marcelina O

Other Honours

Freya S – Brownie Promise
Lucy C and Friends – Fundraising for Hospice of St Francis (£1827.12!)

Around School

Year 3 have enjoyed looking at books from the school library to research animals before writing kennings. Year 4 have enjoyed looking at how the human digestive system works. Year 5 have been learning about multiples of numbers in Maths while Year 6 have been conquering BODMAS/BIDMAS.

Next week, Year 3 will be studying the life of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh). Year 4 will be looking at Roman Gods in their English lessons. Year 5 will be practising their Young Voices songs and Year 6 will be investigating light in Science.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year. New dates will be highlighted.

Monday 6 th November	SEN/PPG Parent Meetings during the week (details sent before half term)
Wednesday 8 th November	Come Dine with Year 3 – 3I (Bookings closed)
Monday 13 th November	Year 6 - Weighing & Measuring (Letter sent 8 th September)
Monday 13 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th November	Come Dine with Year 3 – 3S (Bookings closed)
Wednesday 15 th November	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th November	Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Day (Letter sent 28 th September)
Monday 20 th November	2pm – Music Celebration (details to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 24 th November	Occasional Day (school closed)
Monday 27 th November	Year 4 Trip – BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple, Neasden (Letter sent 19 th October)
Thursday 7 th December	Open Morning - New Parents
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch Day – Available to book now!
Monday 18 th December	Nativity – Evening Performance in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30am – Christmas Service in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow)
Wednesday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley