

Dear Parents

It has been an extremely busy term so far and the Easter break is almost here. I am sure everyone is looking forward to a rest and a break over the holiday. As usual we have a few updates for everyone.

Sporting News



Miss Pollendine and Mr Truelove are both delighted to report our most recent sporting successes:

This half term has seen girls' and boys' Football, Dodgeball, Netball and Korfbal fixtures - phew! The year 5/6 boys have continued with their league matches at various local schools. The league organisers for boys and girls have worked really hard to keep it going as the use of Tattenhoe Pavilion Astro facilities was unexpectedly withdrawn at very short notice. The year 5/6 girls began their league campaign on Wednesday 19th March with great style scoring 4 goals over 3 x 20 min matches. Great start for your first outing Ella, Elsie, Maddison, Olivia, Grace, Molly, Lauren, Gemma and Hannah.

The 3/4 Dodgeball match against Knowles had to be postponed but the 5/6s are due to play a Dodgeball tournament against Bushfield on

Thursday 30th March - go for it Team Cedars!

Extreme Netball was how you would describe our 5/6 Netball Tournament due to very high and bitterly cold wind blowing right through the courts at Ousedale School. However, Team Cedars marked, defended and passed superbly making it through to the 3rd and 4th place play-off. They continued to be magnificent but just couldn't tip the final score our way. You all did yourselves very proud.

Team Cedars Korfbal have been playing league matches since October and made such improvements over those months that they got through to the Milton Keynes Primary Schools Korfbal Plate Final and won it! The winning team was Layton, Haydn, Aidan, Jude, Alex, Gemma, Elsie, Hannah M and Grace (Harry Kn was poorly and Fylo was injured). Unfortunately it was during the week of the Year 5 residential trip. However, I want to congratulate Maddison, Alfred and Bayley for all their effort and skills in the first round.

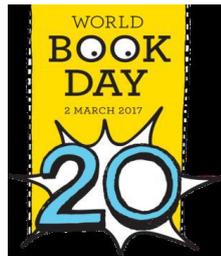
Look out for some new clubs alongside old favourites in the Summer Term Clubs letter - out this week.

The boys' dreams of a Wembley appearance are over, but not after a fantastic effort. They won the first qualifying tournament and unfortunately just missed out on a finals place the following week. There was a huge effort by all of the boys, they should be very proud of themselves.

In the Year 5/6 League Season they are competing really well, so far we have played five matches, winning two and unfortunately losing three. There is one more game against Portfields taking place this week. Good luck boys!

World Book Day

On the 2nd March this year, once again we joined in the fun of World Book Day. We were delighted with the efforts of all our families and staff, dressing up as a huge range of book characters. We enjoyed a fabulous day together, reading a wide range of books and sharing our love of reading. Thank you again for your fabulous support - we do appreciate it and we know that we could not run these events without your help. The children and staff all looked fabulous and it was great to have a day in which we celebrated the joy of books.



Years 3 and 4 Performance

Well done to the children in years 3 and 4 for putting on a fantastic performance of 'Go for Gold'. The children kept us entertained throughout.

Comic Relief

On Friday 24th March we enjoyed joining in the fun for Comic Relief again this year. Hairstyles were definitely wacky! In total we raised £279. Thank you for supporting this worthy charity.



Scooter Training



Year 1 and 2 have benefited this half term from Scooter Training, where they learnt how to keep a 'health check' on their scooters. They also learnt correct and safe procedures for riding on the pavement, starting, stopping, avoiding obstacles and turning. Well done to all our year 1 and 2 children who participated in that course.

Year 5 Residential



Ruby talks about the Kingswood Residential:

"When we arrived, our instructor, Josh, showed us around the huge house we were staying in. Then we were put into our groups and shown our dormitories before dinner.

Our first evening activity was called night-line, where we had to use teamwork to get through an obstacle course blind-folded. Afterwards, we did Wacky Races and then it was bed time.

Our first activity in the morning was Aeroball. There were four trampolines and we had to score by getting the ball in

the other person's hoop. Then we did problem-solving - more team work!

After lunch we went to the beach and learned about erosion and how and why it happens and what it means for us. After dinner, we had a camp fire with marshmallows and hot chocolate and we sang songs.

On our last morning, we played Laser Tag and Jacob's Ladder - they were tricky.

It was a super residential trip!"

PTFA Quiz Night

The PTFA is really pleased that the Family Quiz Night was a huge success raising over £200.

A massive well done to the winners of the evening, who were Lynsey Hall and family!

PTFA Events



Our upcoming events are the 'Decorate an Egg Contest', which will be held on Friday 31st March and Cedars Bake Off on Friday 28th April. More information regarding both of these events will be sent home in book bags.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please remember to keep sending these in to school as they can be exchanged for much needed equipment. Thank you for those vouchers we have already received.



Achievers of the Week

In every Friday Celebration Assembly we celebrate children's achievements both

at school and from home. Each week the Class Teacher chooses a child for a special award called 'Achiever of the Week'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards:

Zac - maths wizz

James - writing about the weekend

Freya - retelling of a story using adjectives

Olly - fantastic illuminated illustration

Jacqueline - an excellent journal entry

Skye - doing all her learning in the classroom

Edie - an excellent journal entry

Harry - very technical work in Scratch

Dylan - fantastic handwriting

Hareesh - fantastic vocabulary

Emma - following the Cedars Way and being an excellent friend

Alana - always trying her best and presenting her work neatly

Zavier - creating a super alternative ending on his own

Sophie - super homework

Lily-Mae - trying really hard with her phonics

Charlie - fantastic attitude to all learning

Deacon - amazing descriptive writing of a Greek God

Millie - recount of visit to the church

Brandon - super work all week in maths

Austin - writing questions

Nathan - super writing

Cody - brilliant postcard

Scarlett - speaking and performance in the play

Chester - standing out with confidence in the play

Mae - fantastic positive attitude to all learning

Bastian - trying hard with phonics and super speaking in circle time

Warith - independent writing

Chloe - amazing positive attitude to learning

Jude - trying hard with writing
Shaun - perseverance in swimming
Noah - fantastic start at Cedars
Olivia - welcoming new pupils in class
Bradley - settling in to Cedars fantastically
Alfie - for being helpful and thoughtful
Thomas - following the Cedars Way
Harry - an amazing week
Leon - for trying hard and improving his punctuation
Zara - for settling in to Cedars so well
Jacob - always polite and a good friend to others
Aimee - working hard using evidence in text for answers
Brooke - amazing Easter story
Francesca - amazing Easter story
Aston - settling so well into Cedars
Isaac - super talk about work in science
Evie - always trying hard
Lauren - an excellent poem
Josh - a fantastic Greek myth
Maisie - writing a lovely story
Kisha - writing a fantastic sentence about her story
Samuel - writing a brilliant sequel
Ava - amazing maths
Talia - fantastic phonics
Willow - fantastic reading
Braden - turning his behaviour around
Layton - fantastic poem
Fylo - fantastic montage of photos

And finally thank you again for all of your continued involvement and support of the school - it is always much appreciated.

Following the Easter Break, we return to school on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Warm regards

Lisa Munday