

Dear Parents

It doesn't seem possible that it is already half-term. We hope the great weather continues for us all to enjoy into next week too!

As usual we have a number of updates and news items for everyone.

### **Summer Music Concert**

In our annual Summer Concert, our young musicians delighted family & friends with their performances. Brass, flute, violin, guitar and keyboard groups all presented pieces which showed the amazing progress they have made in their instrumental lessons this year.

The evening also saw the premier of our Little Voices choir of children from KS1, who sang their own song before joining with the older singers in Gospel Medley. The choir sang four songs in contrasting styles, including 'Lean on Me' from their live TV appearance.

We are fortunate to have excellent instrumental and choral teachers at Cedars and we thank them for the time and commitment they give to our pupils.

If you would like your child to learn an instrument at Cedars, please contact Mrs Launn by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, as we still have a few spaces available for beginners' classes in September.

Staff

Choir: Mrs Launn & Ms Pollendine

Little Voices: Miss Mazzone &

Ms Pollendine

Violin: Julian Pentz

Guitar: Joe Barefoot

Pupils

Brass: Millie Burns, Jessica Mapley, Daniel Porter & James Wells

Flute: Olivia Caulfield, Molly Gorse & Gemma Wickham

Violin: Ashley Ekwensi, Alicia Goodger, Phillip Goodger, Zoe Griffin, Alicia Judkins, Ella Patmore & Dinithi Thennakoon

Guitar: Lewis Barnell, Louie Caulfield, Huey Cessford-Row, Alfie Crouch, Mikey Donnelly, Paris Farley, Bret Griffin, Dylan McConville, Deacon Old, Finn Wilkie & Jasper Yates

Keyboard: Edie Cooper, Kingsley Gallagher, Alicia Goodger, Phillip Goodger, George Halsey, Chris Irie, Charlotte Medhurst, Millie Shann, Emily Snowden

Choir: Poppy Page, Grace Parker, Sally Handford, Elsie Parlor, Ella Patmore, Tyra Minter, Hannah Mascall, Hannah Brown, Molly Gorse, Leiandra Rader, Gemma Wickham, Emily Milne, Grace Middleton, Bret Griffin, Huey Cessford-Row, Leo Deacon, Emily Snowden, Francesca Dunk, Amelie Rew, Rojpreet Sandhu, Matilda Patmore, Zoe Griffin & Jessica Stock

Little Voices: Victoria Radeva, Tazmin Middleton-Meadows, Connie Correia, Imogen Porter, Laura Tilley, Eloise Payne, Elysia Braford, Emma Warren, Maisie Watts, Isla Old, Felix Russell, Gracee-Mae Atkins, Poppy Brunt & Megan Donald

## Year 6 Residential

What a week we had! Despite some very wet weather, we managed to achieve many personal bests! Our activities included survival skills, fencing and archery, which Gemma thought was "awesome". We pretended we were in the Australian outback for 'Survivor'; we made fires, built a shelter, whittled and painted our faces with mud. On the wettest day, we built rafts to sail in the lake - most of us ended up in the water - and Mrs Mackie was thrown in! We conquered the zipwire, Jacob's Ladder and abseiling as well. There was so much to do, that it was difficult to choose a favourite and the week flew past!

Cedars pupils looked great in their blue Leavers' hoodies and the teachers were able to spot us very easily!

## Breakfast Club and After School Club

Thank you for completing our recent Breakfast Club and After School Club Questionnaire. It has been most helpful in aiding our planning to ensure that from September 2017 we are able to provide care for your child/children outside of the school day and that meets your needs as a family.



We are delighted to tell you that Sarah Moores (a Teaching Assistant in Years 1/2) has very recently been appointed as our new Extended School Day Manager from September 2017. Sarah will have the responsibility of leading and managing our new Breakfast and After School Club. Sue Powell (a Teaching Assistant in Years 1/2) and Louise Hart (Lunchtime Supervisor) have also been appointed as Extended School Day

Assistants. Sarah, Sue and Louise are very excited about their additional roles and are busily working with the Senior Leadership Team on finalising our offer for you. Tina Varney (Lunchtime Supervisor), Rachael Smith (Lunchtime Supervisor) & Alison Cowling (Teaching Assistant) will be covering any absences. Full details will be ready to be shared with you after half term.

## PTFA Cedars' Bake Off

Thank you to all of the children who entered the PTFA Cedars' Bake Off. The judging was very difficult but very yummy at the same time! In first place was Zoe Griffin and Bret Griffin with a Honey Cake, in second place was Finlay Connolly with a chocolate cake and in third place was Amalina Clark with a set of cupcakes. Congratulations! The cake sale at the end of the school day made £107, so all in all it was a fantastic event.



## Attendance

Please remember that the school is unable to authorise any absence in term time for holidays.

### **Years 3/4 Residential**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 50 ecstatic children from Year 3 and 4 arrived at Whitemore Lakes after the two hour journey on the double decker coach. Everyone was excited that it felt like we were never going to be sad again! As soon as we arrived, we took our things to our common rooms where we were told our bedrooms. We had two common rooms, one for boys and one for girls. After we got there we settled in and had lunch outside.

There were different activities that we took part in during our stay.

#### Climbing

One of the activities we did was climbing, there was a gigantic wall taller than the school which we had to climb up. It was nerve wracking, but through the fear, we made it and what an achievement it was!

#### Canoeing

We learned to turn the boat and played battle ships with a tennis ball, someone threw the ball and whoever got it had to pass it round each member of their boat, then throw it at the other boat to score a point. It was great fun and at the end we all got to splash in the lake - apart from Lewis who had already had his daily swim!

#### Extreme Teams

The organisers set up a range of games where we had to collect special balls called ORBS OF GLORY! They were mostly silly games, but we all had fun knocking over tubes, running through hoops and even clucking like chickens.

#### Archery

Archery was in a large room set with three targets, five bows and five quivers full of arrows. When it was our turn to shoot we had to take an arrow, load it into the bow and take a shot to score the highest points possible. We played a

game including the colours on the targets and a game to make a cake or pizza.

#### Challenge course

On the challenge course we played a range of games. There was a rope swing, an A-frame, a commando crawl, a long dark tunnel, a balance beam, a tight rope walk and limbo poles. The most difficult challenge was getting across the other side of the course, whilst not touching the gravel, using only crates. It was very hard but we managed it!

#### Meals

The food was really tasty and included fish cakes, a delicious fry up, lamb burgers and a giant chocolate cookie. Before we went to bed we all had a cup of steaming hot chocolate and a slice of birthday cake to celebrate Ryder's birthday.

When we had finally finished our activities, which was around 9 o'clock, we all went to our rooms for the night. After sneaking a midnight feast, we all slept like logs! In the morning, we all woke up around 7.00am and our activities started at 9.00am. After a morning of activities, it was very sad when we had to leave. It is clear to say that we had a brilliant time!

By Zoe Griffin and Isaac Eames



### **Sport Update**

Since our last report the Year 5/6 Dodgeball Team were triumphant over Bushfield. In a superb example of sportsmanship on both sides, the tournament included changes in team sizes and ball sizes. Both schools (pupils and teachers) gave their all in our first ever home fixture. Well done to everyone involved - players and the groups of spectators!

The girls' football team were also magnificent and only narrowly missed out on a place in the finals. The girls scored in almost all games, but were brilliant at defending and keeping the goals against score down. Well done Ella Patmore, Gemma Wickham, Hannah Mascall, Grace Parker, Olivia Caulfield, Lauren Gatesman, Elsie Parlor and Maddison Stopford. Special mention goes to Molly Gorse and her lightning reflexes in goal, as well as our super supporters, Orlaith and Aibhlinn Green.

We have also competed in Year 5/6 Handball, Swimming and Rounders.

Coming up next term will be Tri-Golf, Cricket, Rounders and several Athletics meets starting on 16th June. Keep up the good work Team Cedars!

### **Governor School Uniform Consultation**

The Governing Body have recently analysed the children's views and your responses, and are delighted with all of the input. Please see their letter sent to you today for details.

### **Sports Day (Foundation 2 - Year 6) - Thursday 15th June, 9:30am**

Please save the date and come and support your child/children on the school field.



### **Summer Fair - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 3:30pm - 5.00pm**

Plans are now well underway for this long established annual event. Thank you to Safenames and Woburn Safari Park for the raffle prizes that have been donated. If you know of any other companies willing to donate a raffle prize we would be most appreciative. Details of what to donate will be communicated to you after half term.



### **Frozen Friday!**

This will be in full swing next half term thanks to the support and hard work of our PTFA. Please remember to have your money ready on Fridays to enjoy a 'taste of summer'!



### **Wrap Around Care for our Nursery Children**

We are delighted to confirm that from September 2017 we will be able to provide wrap around care including the 30 hour offer (up to 78 places, maximum of 39 children in the morning and 39

children in the afternoon ) for children who attend Cedars Primary School's Nursery.

In addition to the 15 funded hours of childcare provided by the government, from September 2017 some families will be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare. Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare are two separate government schemes, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply for both through one online application - the Childcare Service. The Parent Portal on the HMRC website is now live and parents can set themselves up to check their eligibility for the extended entitlement from 1st September 2017 - <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>. **This is also the website you need to go onto to apply for the 30 hour offer.**

We will be offering the following options:  
Morning sessions - 5 mornings per week = 15 hours (8:50am - 11:50am)  
Afternoon sessions - 5 afternoons per week = 15 hours (12:20pm - 3:20pm)  
Full time - 5 mornings and 5 afternoons = 30 hours (8:50am-2:50pm)\*  
*\*Please note if you do not wish to use the full 30 hours, your child will still be expected to attend 5 mornings or 5 afternoons*

Nursery children are also welcome to attend Breakfast and After School Club.

Full details will be ready to be shared with you after half term.



## News from Newport Pagnell Town Council

The Youth Club in Wolverton Road holds a Friday night youth club for all young people aged 9 upwards, which is run by Youth Network MK, a professional organisation with qualified youth workers. These Friday night sessions are great fun, and offer the opportunity for children to make new friends outside of their school environment. The group gets involved in art work and crafts, sport, computer games and cooking amongst many other activities, and the club is well equipped for games such as pool, and Wii fitness. To join the club contact Debbie Scott on [debbie.scott@ynmk.org](mailto:debbie.scott@ynmk.org)

Newport Pagnell Town Council is putting on a 1940s Vintage Weekend on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June. The weekend is full of fun events, such as learning the lindy-hop and cyber games in the Living History Museum - Enigma sessions, displays of Spitfire and Messerschmitt aircraft as well as toys, clothing and radios of the period. Don't forget to join us for the egg and spoon races on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10am on Bury Common. Programmes can be bought from the Town Council offices from 18<sup>th</sup> May.

## Celebrating Success This Term

Jessica S - a fantastic Greek myth  
Julia M - a brilliant sequel to the Tin Forest story  
Charlotte J - an eye-catching & colourful flower picture  
Laura T - always listening & trying her best in maths  
Louis K - excellent independent writing  
Cameron - improvements in his writing  
Leo F - hard work in maths  
Luca & Dylan M - an amazing Greek myth

All the Year 5s that attended the residential to Kingswood - excellent behaviour and great ambassadors for our school

Emily C - fab RE

Oliver Y - proving answers in maths

Jacqueline - amazing week & helping with the display

Zavier - being a great member of Hedgehogs

Yashvina - a fantastic suncatcher

Ollie M - super effort in all areas

Preet - always following the Cedars Way

Ava B - hard work & positive attitude

Callum Y - reading & writing in phonics

Cayden D - a super week

Bek - producing great mixed media work

Charlie B - working really hard in maths

Brook C - a mature attitude in PE

Jack P - excellent explanation of how to make a telescope

Ellie & Ruby C - amazing teamwork to describe a circulatory system

Maddie C - a polite & caring member of the class

Eloise - maths superstar & completing challenges

Edward - interesting poem about different smells

Noah I - brilliant learning all week

Ella P - an impressive non-chronological report

Charlotte - beautiful observational drawing of a tulip

Phoebe - for being a lovely friend

Evie - super maths work

Ava - a fantastic description of a giant

Oliver - problem solving in maths

Noah - amazing sketch of a flower

All of Miss Taylor's class for a brilliant class assembly

Huey - super handwriting & fractions work

Amelie - producing a balanced argument

Emily M - great effort in handwriting

Morgan - fantastic RE work

Nathan - amazing creative homework

Willow - super reading

Krystal - brilliant writing

Owls class for their impressive class assembly

Macy - great work in writing

Achshara - settling in so well in her first week

Mikey & Lewis B - excellent maths work

Josh C - a great narrative

Jessica - hard work using decimals

Elsie - fantastic contribution to a presentation

Hesham - always working hard

All Year 5 for their flexibility and good behaviour

All of Year 6 for a positive attitude & hard work during SATs

Cody - being a maths master

Ellie H - amazing independent writing

Sebastian - brilliant reading

Joshua - trying really hard on his handwriting

Kitty-Rose - following the Cedars Way

Andrew S - creating a great theme park

Paris - neat handwriting in topic

Orlaith - a brilliant biography

Skye - writing a fantastic story

Felix - being kind & caring to other pupils

Jamie B - using figurative language to describe the heart

Kirsten - trying hard with writing, finger spaces & connectives

Carmen & Phoebe - an excellent fantasy story

Judah - a delightful member of the class who is polite & hardworking

Henry - work independently

Liam - amazing independent writing

Ted A - a great friend and role model

Lola - working really hard to learn her times tables

Claudia - brilliant make & tell to create a theatre & use puppets to tell a story

### **Lost Property**

Mr Truelove has two scooters that have been left in the playground since Easter! If you think one of them might be yours, please speak to him to check. If they are not claimed by the end of June, they will be donated to charity.

And finally ... it has been a fabulous first half term and as always, thank you all for your wonderful support!

We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

Warm regards

*Lisa Munday*