The Head Teacher writes...

NEWSLETTER W/C 20.03.17

On Wednesday morning I got up a bit earlier and altered my usual routine so that I could listen to Mr Hunter on Heart FM radio. He had been invited to take part in their morning competition '10 to 7'.

It started well, he spoke up with confidence when Jamie Theakston questioned him about his job - then came the challenge! As it was National Marmalade day he had to name as many things as he could that you could spread. You'll have to ask him how many he scored ...

For me listening at home it was easy, I could think of loads (and annoyingly kept adding to my list during the day.*) But then I could be Mastermind or win Tipping Point from the comfort of my sofa! Competing in reality, in front of an audience I know would be a completely different ball game.

One of my least favourite things to hear a child say in class is 'Oh, that's easy' when someone else gets a question wrong. My retort generally is along the lines of 'it's easy if you know it.'

As we approach the end of term and assessments are carried out in class, it gives us a chance to see if we have managed to make things easy or at least easier for the majority of pupils. We love to see progress, and so do the children. It's what we do. And hopefully what we do well.

Meanwhile, well done Mr Hunter, keep persevering and next time it might be that little bit easier!

*Jam, Peanut butter, honey, lemon curd, tile grout, cement, syrup, treacle, marmite, good news, gossip, tarmac, love and happiness ...

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR PUPILS TAKING PART IN THE BROMLEY FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY



PRE-PREP

On Thursday 16th March we had a visit from PC Dan. He came to talk to the children about road safety and about not talking to strangers. He then talked about different scenarios for example;

- a child crossing the road without looking
- a child running away from a parent in a crowded shopping centre
- a child talking to a stranger

They learnt when to ring 999 and why they should only do this in an emergency. That police officers are people they can approach if they are in trouble or difficulty. PC Dan then taught them the police phonetic

alphabet. They all had fun trying to remember the letter at the start of their own name.

PC Dan then let the children ask him questions. They watched their teacher and friends being handcuffed and thought this was hilarious! They were able to try on his helmet and body armour. They could not believe how heavy it was! They were all delighted to have their photograph taken with PC Dan.

Thank you PC Dan for spending time with us, we all had great fun and hope you did too.

REMINDER: SCHOOL ENDS AT 11.30AM ON FRIDAY 31ST MARCH

YEAR 6 YOUNG ENTERPRISE SCHEME

We are really excited about the new business enterprise initiative that Year 6 pupils are involved in. We are competing against the other Wishford schools—this is 'The Apprentice' meets 'Dragons Den'. The final prize of £1,000 is being funded by Jordan Daykin, a success story from Dragon's Den and now the owner of a £10m company, Griplt.

> We will be trading over a 24 period from 11.00am on Thursday 30th to the end of school on Friday 31st March 2017

> > These are the services we will be 'selling'

CAR WASHING ON THE CAR PARK from Thursday 11.00am to 4.00pm REFRESHMENTS AND RAFFLE AT THE DANCE SHOW FROM 4.30pm

CAR WASHING AND CAFÉ Friday from 9.00am to 11.00am

STALL SELLING SWEETS, DRINKS, HAIR BANDS AND MUCH MORE OPEN BREAKTIMES, LUNCH TIME AND AFTER SCHOOL

Children to bring in £3.00 if they wish to buy from the stall AND THEN...



ON THURSDAY

All proceeds to charity

PTA EASTER EGG HUNT

The PTA require delicious cakes to sell at the Easter Egg Hunt on Tuesday 28th March.

All types of cakes and biscuits are welcome but NO NUTS please. Add a label to tell us what type of cake/biscuits you have made, and your name so we can return your container! Please leave your donations in Prep school on Tuesday morning or bring them along in the afternoon.

DONATIONS PLEASE

As part of the computer science lessons, Mr Leach would like to teach students how to programme apps on the MIT App inventor.

To do this it would be very useful to have a collection of Android phones, sorry not iPhones so if you have an old phone or are upgrading soon please could you donate any unwanted handsets to School.

OUR SPACE-THEMED OPEN MORNING REALLY TOOK OFF!

Thank you to all the parents and pupils who came along and spent the morning with us. As always our pupils were our best ambassadors and didn't let us down. Each and everyone of you made us very proud. We had many compliments from new parents who visited the school Special thanks to Mr and Mrs Garratt, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Jackson who were real stars serving tea and coffee. A massive astronomic thank you to Mr Skelton who made the marvellous St David's rocket and photo-booth.

IT WAS A SKY-HIGH HIT!

