



Crossdale 10k and Fun Run

Many thanks to all the people who helped make the 10th anniversary of the Crossdale 10K and Fun Run a tremendous success. The 10K attracted the third highest field since 2002 and the Fun Run set a new record, with 206 people taking part. In total it looks like we have raised over £3,000, around £500 of this will go to Friends of Kadzinuni who are planning to sponsor a student through high school in Kenya. It should not be under-estimated how much effort goes into organising the 10k and Fun Run and I would like thank the organising committee who did such an outstanding job for this landmark event.

Swimming

Swimming begins for children in Years 1, 3 and 5 on Wednesday 11th November. Please contact your child's class teacher if you are able to help as a swimming observer. Full training will be provided! In the light of new guidelines surrounding safeguarding children (you may have noticed stories in the local and national media about the increased emphasis on child protection in schools) we will need to ask swimming observers to be subject to a CRB (Criminal Record Bureau) check. If you have any questions about this please arrange to see me to discuss it further.

Jeans for Genes

Our fundraising event for the charity 'Jeans for Genes' raised £117.65. This charity helps children and families affected by genetic disorders by funding support services and research into the causes and cures of these conditions. We used the day to talk to the children about how genetic disorders affect people, but more specifically about how it affects two of our children, Tom and Jack Bosanquet. The boys' mum, Claire Bosanquet, came into an assembly and briefly talked about the impact Muscular Dystrophy has on the boys. We would really like to thank Mrs Bosanquet as this was a very valuable experience for our children as they develop their understanding of the needs of others.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday the 3rd November. Any families wishing to have photographs taken with siblings not at Crossdale should come to school at 8.30am. Brushed hair and big smiles are a must!

South Wolds Language Questionnaire

I would be grateful if all language questionnaires sent out by South Wolds school could be returned by Monday 2nd November.

Harvest

We have been talking to the children about harvest and will be holding a special harvest assembly this week. Our collection for harvest this year will be through 'Love in a Box'. You will already have received a letter about this and we would appreciate your contributions in school as soon as possible.

Best School Garden

We are very proud to have received a Silver Award in the East Midlands in Bloom competition at our first attempt. The judges were impressed by our facilities and by the hard work that has been put in by our 'Green Team' to promote environmental awareness. Our plans to have every child in school involved in growing plants in our new allotments and in the polytunnel should help us develop the super work that is already being done. **If you have time to help us keep on top of the regular maintenance required in these areas please contact Miss Cuttell in the school office.**

BIG STREET SLEEP for Calcutta Rescue

Steve Wong would like to thank everybody who supported him in his fund raising activities for the Calcutta Rescue charity. Through his personal experience, Steve knows that the money raised, nearly £1800, will make a real difference to the people living on the streets of Calcutta.

www.calcuttarescue.org.uk

Parents Meetings

We will be holding two parents' information evenings in December:

- 1st December 6pm
 - Maths: Ideas and suggestions on how you can support your children in developing calculation strategies. There will also be the opportunity to discuss other issues around maths at school
- 8th December – 6pm
 - ICT: We will be introducing you to Fronter, our 'Virtual Learning Environment'. This is essentially a web based facility that allows children to continue work at home that has been started at school. Teachers oversee and monitor the work.

A letter will be sent out closer to the time to confirm details.

Enhanced Healthy Schools Status

In November I will be attending the first meeting in preparation for our bid to attain Enhanced Healthy Schools status. In anticipation of the work that we will do for the award I would like to remind parents that snacks sent for break time should fall within the guidelines of our existing Healthy Schools status:

Yes please ✓

- Fruit
- Low sugar cereal bars
- Raisins and dried fruit

No thanks X

- Crisps
- Chocolate
- Biscuits

Please contact me if you have any questions about this.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are available from the school office for a donation.

Dates For Your Diary

- Monday 2nd November Back to school
- Tuesday 3rd November School photographs
- Thursday 5th November School travel plan meeting – 6pm in school hall
- Friday 13th November Love in a Box
- Monday 16th November Base 1 trip to Sudbury Hall
- Friday 27th November Anti-Bullying week begins
- Tuesday 1st December School Christmas Fayre
- Tuesday 8th December Parents' Maths information evening – 6pm
- Friday 11th December Parents Fronter information evening – 6pm
- 15th and 16th December Base 3 Trip to Imperial War Museum & Cabinet War Rooms
- Thursday 17th December Carol concerts
- Monday 21st December School Christmas Dinner
- Monday 21st December Christmas holiday begins

Roll of honour

- A big thank you to all the children who raised money through sponsorship for Friends of Kadzinunni at the 10k and Fun Run. A special mention to Verity Blakey, Cerys Williams, Eden Emerson, Isabelle & Oliver Atack, Madeleine Whittaker and Sarah Maston who raised over £235 between them.
- Frances McNally cycled over 150 miles in 6 days in temperatures of over 30°C during the Summer holiday.
- Charlotte Matravers has been selected for the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club U12 girls' trials at Trent Bridge.
- Jack Phoenix has passed his Karate orange belt.
- On Saturday 19th September Mai Findlay and Callum Findlay ran in the Mini Great North Run in Newcastle and Gateshead. By running, Mai & Callum (along with Daddy & Aunty) have raised over £500 for WaterAid.
- Well done to Frances McNally and Verity Blakey who organised the 'Help the Puffins' sale in September. They raised over £115 which will benefit the RSPB site at Bempton Cliffs
- Well done to Leila Hall for her 1st place in the Waltz at the North East Area Ballroom & Latin Competition.

Please contact the school office, preferably by email marked 'Roll of Honour', if you would like to share the achievements of your children with the rest of the school community. We love to hear about what they have been doing outside of school.

Peter Cresswell