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FRIDAY January 30th 2009

New Musical Instruments

This week we have taken delivery of five new tuned percussion instruments; 3 xylophones and 2 glockenspiels, thanks to a £500 grant from the Rosemary Bugden Charitable Trust. The instruments are already being put to good use in KS2 class music lessons.

Playground Leaders

Earlier this week twelve children from Years 5 and 6 received training to become playground leaders. Mr Arnold, a PE teacher from Hanham High, came into school and delivered an afternoon of training to enable the leaders to teach our KS1 children playground games at lunchtimes and help our Lunchbreak Supervisors lead fun and active sessions. Initially KS1 will take part in these sessions on a rota basis and it is hoped that in the summer term, when the field is available, we can extend it to KS2.

Our Year 6 playground leaders are James, Rhys, Ben, Olivia, Savannah and Daniel and our Year 5 playground leaders are Megan, Rhianne, Isabel, Evie, Jessica and Callum.

A Ugandan Visitor

Last Friday Year 5 and 6 were treated to a moving and thought provoking talk by Sheiba from Uganda. She shared her experiences of growing up in Uganda. The children were told how she became a child slave and how the charity Compassion helped her and her family at this difficult time.

Sheiba talked of how she worked extra hard at school in order to give her a chance in life. She now has two degrees, speaks seven different languages and works for the charity that helped her.

Her inspirational message of 'do your best' struck a chord with all of the children. Thank you to Mrs Gazzard for arranging this thought provoking visit.

Please note that ALL after school clubs are cancelled on Wednesday 11th February due to a school event.



We are really delighted to announce that Longwell Green Primary has been selected to become a Bike It! School. This is part of a national programme to promote cycling, and the health and environmental benefits that cycling can bring. We will be supported over the next two years by a Bike It! Officer, who will lead a range of activities in school to help children learn about the benefits of cycling in a fun way. To help with this, the school has been offered the chance to install cycle storage, and governors are currently looking into using government grants to bring this about. This is an exciting development for the school, and one that I am sure will have a long lasting impact on children's awareness of health and environmental matters. Bike It! Is organised by Sustrans and you can find out more by logging onto www.sustrans.org.uk/ sustrans projects/ Bike It!

Lost Property – *Could parents ensure they mark all clothing as we have a large amount of unnamed clothing in lost property.*

Do you want to help us be healthy eaters?

Many children in the school are very interested in healthy eating and now there is a chance to help the school to improve what it provides for children. Are you interested in:

Healthy food?

- Understanding where food comes from?
- Talking to the school cook about our food?
- Helping others to make sensible food choices?

If you answered yes to these, then maybe you would like to join a new team in school. If you would like to, please write a letter to me to explain why you are interested- you could even draw some pictures of your favourite healthy food! There will be a meeting for the new team next Thursday so please send your letters in to me by then. Thank you.

Mr Sibley