



NEWSLETTER 27 FRIDAY 1st May 2009

Staff update

Mrs Kate Rogers

As I am sure you are aware Mrs Rogers will shortly be leaving Longwell Green to await the arrival of her baby. Her last day in school will be Friday 8th May. I hope you will join with me and all her colleagues to wish Mrs Rogers and her husband all the very best for the safe arrival of their first child.

Miss Gemma McElroy

I am delighted to announce that Miss McElroy will be joining us to teach Mrs Rogers' class during her maternity leave. Miss McElroy has been a supply teacher at Longwell Green for some time and knows the children and school very well. We look forward to welcoming her as a full time teaching colleague.

Miss Jen Wood

Following recent interviews Miss Wood has been appointed as a permanent member of the teaching staff at Longwell Green Primary School and from September will be teaching a Year 2 class. We are delighted that Miss Wood will be joining us on a permanent basis and wish her every success in her new position.

Mrs Sue Cleverley

I wish to extend my congratulations to Mrs Cleverley and her husband John on the news that they are expecting their second child. Mrs Cleverley currently works part time in the school, teaching children in Years 5 and 6. She will be working with us until the end of this year before starting her maternity leave.

RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Morris dancing for St George's day

To help the school celebrate St George's day last Thursday the junior children had a presentation of traditional Morris dancing by the Somerset Morris Side. The children were given a brief history of Morris dancing followed by examples of dances. Many thanks to Mrs Good for organising this special event.

Freedom Theatre

A few years ago the school commissioned a new play from The Freedom Theatre company, and on Friday 24th April the whole school was fortunate to have a free performance of the play, entitled 'Broken'. This was a very professional presentation, which skilfully covered the difficult area of family break up. Following the performance the juniors had an additional workshop which allowed them to ask questions to the characters in the play. This was an excellent experience for the children.

South Gloucestershire Road Show

On Wednesday 29th April Years 3, 4 and 5 were visited by a Road Show, which reinforced safe road side behaviour. This presentation was provided to us free of charge, and we are grateful to South Gloucestershire Council for making it available.

Maths Curriculum evening

We had a very successful evening on Tuesday 28th April, when school staff gave presentations about maths teaching in school. Thank you to the parents who joined us, and thanks also for the feedback about future curriculum evenings.

Visit by Spanish staff

I am delighted to announce that on Thursday and Friday next week we shall be visited by two colleagues from our link school in Spain, Colegio de Educación Infantil y Primaria Las Marinas in Almeria. Pedro López Galdeano, and María Isabel Bañares Alegría will be visiting classes and talking to our school staff about future curriculum links. Thanks to Ms Flook for organising this visit for us, which I am sure will add to our global understanding.

Apertito (Wiltshire Farm Foods)

The school is very grateful to an ex-pupil Sarah Fry who has presented a cheque for £250.00 to be spent on new library books. This has come from Sarah's employer Apertito (Wiltshire Farm Foods).

Clothes for a Cause

The learning teams in F4 have investigated how much clothes weigh in their maths lesson. They thought you would like to know what they found out.

1 pair of trainers = 1kg so we would need another 990 pairs of trainers to make 1 ton.

1 jumper = 200g so 24 jumpers = 5kg

1 pair of shoes = 400g so 13 pairs of shoes = 5kg

1 pair tracksuit trousers = 210g

1 PE bag = 200g

1 tee-shirt = 140g

1 tracksuit top = 230g

1 pair shoes = 400g

2 pairs and one shoe = 1kg

2 jumpers = 1kg so 2000 jumpers make 1 ton

10 PE bags = 1kg so 10,000 PE bags make 1 ton

2 pairs of shorts = 100g so 10 pairs of shorts = 1kg.

One tonne = £425 for Longwell Green School! Bring your sacks at 8.55 am next Wednesday 6th May.

Keynsham Fun Run and Road Race 17th May 2009

A reminder that this event is taking place in May to support two local charities, Young Carers in Bristol and 1st Keynsham Scout Group. Forms can be downloaded from the website

<http://www.1stkeynshamscouts.org.uk/>

A purse has been handed in to the school office containing some money, please come to the office if you have lost a purse recently.