



## NEWSLETTER 30

### FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

#### **The annual Children and Parents' Surveys- feedback**

Earlier this year, we carried out our annual survey for all school stakeholders, and we wanted to share some of the outcomes with our school community. The surveys were focused on the four core school values and whether they were observable around school. I am delighted that in by far the majority of cases, children and parents gave a resounding 'yes', with many positive comments also being made. There were, of course, areas that were identified that we can improve on, and this has already started. Here are the outcomes.

#### ***Children's survey (all children)***

Children were especially positive about how the school helps them to be **healthy** and **eco-friendly**, and to **do their best**. Children would like us to focus on helping children be kind to each other more; we know that all children can be involved in this.

#### ***Parents' survey (71 returned)***

Parents were especially positive about the **expectations** school has of children and families, and the **well being** of children. Parents were not so positive about the opportunities available to them in school; but since the survey we have taken steps to address this by holding maths and SEAL curriculum evenings for parents and sending home maths booklets. We are planning more opportunities for next year. Parents wrote many helpful comments, and I will get back to some who have been kind enough to put their name on the survey.

**PS** Following the recent governing body meeting, governors thought parents might like to see my report, which highlights how the school values impact on what goes on. The report is at the end of this newsletter.

#### **"What My Friend Eats"**

During the week of 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> June the School Kitchen will be serving dishes from around the world, please see the menu enclosed with this newsletter. Mrs Smith will also be running competitions, for infants this will involve colouring and for juniors designing a menu. Some children may have their photographs taken during the week, if you do not wish your child to be photographed please speak to Mrs Smith in the School Kitchen or leave a message at the office.

#### **Race for Life**

Chloe, B1 did 'Race for Life' on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. She walked 3 miles along Weston-Super-Mare beach and raised £103.00 for Cancer Relief. Well done Chloe.

#### **Sport for All**

14<sup>th</sup> July 9.45 am – Foundation/Key Stage 1 and 11.00am Key Stage 2

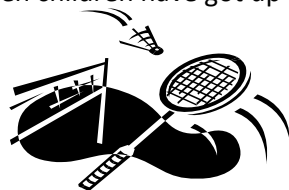
Come and watch your children show off the skills they have learned during their PE lessons this year. Look out for further information nearer the time.

#### Year 5 children visit Sevington

This week all the children in year 5 spent a Victorian School Day at Sevington. Mrs. Bowker and Mrs. Cardy would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who went to so much trouble to find or make suitable clothing and send their children to school with authentic Victorian packed lunches. It was very much appreciated and greatly added to the quality of the experience. The children will need these outfits again, if possible, for their year group assembly to be held on Friday 19 June.

### **Celebrating Talent Assembly**

The next assembly will be on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June; I look forward to seeing what exciting things Longwell Green children have got up to recently!



### **COMING SOON**

Junior and Adult Badminton for all standards.

If you would like more information on coaching courses, or clubs.

**Contact. Andrew Lomas.**

**Email. [ajl.coaching@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ajl.coaching@yahoo.co.uk)**

**Phone or text 07807227951**

### **Summer Celebration ‘The Litter Muncher’**

The Children and staff of Reception and Key Stage 1 classes invite you to join us for a performance of our summer musical ‘The Litter Muncher’.

Children from all classes will take part as villagers in this fun musical, and are asked to wear colourful clothes for the three performance days.

Parents with a child in Miss Rogers, Miss Burkett and Mrs Harris’ class are invited to come at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Parents with a child in Mrs Phillips, Mrs Murdoch and Miss Christopher’s class are invited to come at 2.30 pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

## **HEADTEACHER’S REPORT TO GOVERNORS UPDATE FOR PERIOD MARCH-MAY 2009**

### **OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL**

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
<p>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNDERTAKEN BY STAFF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Online training on autism</li><li>- Conclusion of the PDS project on SEAL, trainees and TAs, with a presentation at Bath Racecourse to members of the Training Development Agency</li><li>- Ongoing NQT training for three members of staff</li><li>- Visit by two members of staff from CEIP Las Marinas, Spain; planned future curriculum links and professional development opportunities</li><li>- TA training on the revised framework in maths</li><li>- ICT best practice</li><li>- Staff presentations at Bath Spa University</li><li>- Foundation Stage moderation</li></ul>	<p><i>Staff feel valued, raising the commitment and participation in school; international links strengthened, with children’s involvement increased. Comment by Spanish visitor- ‘We have felt as well as at home.’</i></p>

<p><b>ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Started regular 'Celebrating Talent' assemblies</li> <li>- Four children took part in the local Quiz Club tournament, winning the heat</li> <li>- Year 4 visited STEAM, to find out about life during the Second World War</li> <li>- Girls' football tournament at Hanham High</li> <li>- Boccia tournament at Hanham High</li> <li>- Y6 netball tournament</li> <li>- All children attended the Explorer Dome (science presentation)</li> <li>- Morris dancing assembly &amp; workshop for KS2 to celebrate St George's Day</li> <li>- Freedom Theatre presentation- 'Broken'</li> <li>- Year 6 played basketball at the Festival of Youth Sport</li> <li>- Mulitskills tournament at Hanham High</li> <li>- Road safety show for years 3-5</li> <li>- Road safety show for year 6</li> <li>- Cycle training for 30 Year 6 children</li> <li>- Year 5 trip to Sevington</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>ECM agenda being promoted (Stay safe; Enjoy &amp; Achieve; Be Healthy; Future economic Well-being )</i></b></p>
<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS &amp; OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trainee teachers on final placements from Bath Spa University</li> <li>- Three student Nursery Nurse placements</li> <li>- David Farr led a SEAL workshop for parents</li> <li>- Staff led maths workshops for parents</li> <li>- Maths booklet produced by staff and distributed to all families to support home learning</li> <li>- New parents induction evening</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Partnership with parents strengthened (Some parental comments: 'This I feel is a very useful evening to enable us to help our children'; 'Great idea and sure to be of value to both pupils and parents'; 'very well explained methods- a lovely approach'; 'I feel better prepared to help my child'.</i></b></p>

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF ALL**

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
<p><b>LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT PROCESSES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Permanent teacher appointed for KS1 class</li> <li>- Temporary maternity cover teacher appointed</li> <li>- Budget for 2009-10 drawn up</li> <li>- Grants obtained for library books (Apetito) and musical instruments (Candis magazine)</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Robust financial, recruitment and staffing processes have been used to secure best value</i></b></p>

**WELL-BEING OF ALL**

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bike It! launched for children</li> <li>- Healthy Eating Team established in school</li> <li>- Year 5 cycle training</li> <li>- Parent Support Advisor (PSA) programme in school- two families referred</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>School's partnerships mean enhanced provision across a range of areas; the outcomes of the surveys have enhanced the dialogue with children and our understanding of parental</i></b></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New outdoor musical instruments installed in playground</li> <li>- Annual Children's and Parents' Surveys carried out, analysed and used to improve practice</li> </ul>	<i>wishes</i>
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**KINDNESS TO ALL**

<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Red Nose assembly and fund raising</li> <li>- Jewellery and clothing recycling project</li> </ul>	<i>Children and families have demonstrated their kindness through collecting for charity</i>

**DIARY DATES**

**1<sup>st</sup> June – INSERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> June – Term 6 begins**

**4<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photographs**

**4<sup>th</sup> June – 8.00 Friends of Longwell Green meeting**

**16<sup>th</sup> June – 1.15 pm – 3.15 pm Year 5 Sports Festival, Hanham High**

**20<sup>th</sup> June – 8.30 am – 1.30 pm Festival of Youth Sport– Year 6 Girls Cricket**

**Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Key Stage 1 celebration**

**27<sup>th</sup> June – Friends of Longwell Green, Summer Fayre**

**Week commencing 29<sup>th</sup> June – Key Stage 2 performances**

**1<sup>st</sup> July – Year 6 pupils Primary Transfer day (visits to secondary schools)**

**10<sup>th</sup> July – Competitive Sports Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> July – , 7.15 pm Friends of Longwell Green meeting**

**14<sup>th</sup> July – Sport for All Foundation/Key Stage 1 9.45 am and Key Stage 2 11.00 am**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Stone Farm residential visit**

**24<sup>th</sup> July - Term 6 ends**