



Dear Parents/Carers

We have had our second week in school of 'The Big Picture Creating Fortnight' with several extra events happening across the school. All classes have enjoyed a topic based two weeks focusing on books and art. We have been trying a more cross curricular way of teaching in preparation for the new 'Primary Curriculum' which comes into effect in September 2011. Great fun and good learning has been had by all!

Our 'Artist in Residence' Myra Hutton, has been in school for three days this week working with groups of children to create a beautiful piece of artwork entitled 'Growing and Flourishing'. We are hoping it will be completed and hung in the welcome area very soon. Watch this space!

World Book Day was on Thursday 4th March and all children have received their World Book Day £1 book token to use. It is only valid until 28th March, so don't forget to use it before it expires! More information can be found by logging on to the World Book Day website: www.worldbookday.com.

Thank you to Mrs Feil and Mrs Bradley for the "Snuggle up with a Book!" events on Wednesday evening. The story sessions were very well attended and enjoyed by all, and the workshop for parents of Foundation to Year 2 children was also well supported and has produced a lot of positive feedback.

Well done to our amazing school choir for representing our school with their performance at the MK Dons Stadium Ballroom last Saturday. They sounded great and we hope they enjoyed singing as much as the audience enjoyed listening to them. You will have an opportunity to hear the choir perform their pieces as part of a 'Musical Extravaganza Concert' that will be held in the summer term. More details to follow after Easter.

A huge welcome to Mrs Melissa King who has joined our Office Team this week as one of our Receptionists. She is looking forward to cheerfully meeting you all and helping you with your queries.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Anne Hamilton
Headteacher

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Cultures and Carnivals

On Thursday 4th March Sycamore Class created their own Carnival. The Carnival was held at 1.30pm and was AMAZING!!! 3 dance groups performed all to the same African song. In the first group there are 8 girls, in the second 4 girls, and in the last there are 5/6 boys. The first group is called 'RAJ and the Crew', the second is called 'Princess What?'. The last group is a group of boys. They dance to a funky beat and just play around!

Freya Price, Year 5

QURAN/ARABIC CHILDREN'S EVENING CLASSES COMING VERY SOON!

We now have a teacher for the planned Islamic classes at Christ the Sower School.

We intend to teach aspects of Islam in a fun, informal way using a variety of educational resources. The children will be taught stories of the prophets, basic Quranic Arabic and short prayers. The classes will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5.00-6.00pm.

Please come along to our open evening on **Tuesday 16th March at 5pm** at Christ the Sower School to find out more about the classes, meet the teacher and enrol your children.

(Please note there will be a charge for these classes)

For further details please contact Safura Houghton on 01908 330725/07821 574475 or email me at safurahoughton@hotmail.com

EXTREME READING COMPETITION



The winners from each year group for the "Get Caught Reading" extreme reading competition were also announced in school on Thursday as follows:

Foundation 1	Rhian Murray	Year 3	Giovanni Osei-Tutu
Foundation 2	Evie Barratt	Year 4	Anna Prendergast
Year 1	Lilli Delaney	Year 5	Jody Watkins
Year 2	Rhiannon Cleaver	Year 6	Iona Norwood

There were some very inventive places used for the photographs! Every child has received a £10 book token and a certificate. Well done to everyone who took part - it was lovely to see you all reading and in such unusual places!

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES 2010

Friday 12 March	Barley Class Collective Worship (9.00am)
Wednesday 16 March	Friends Together AGM featuring "An evening of Wine Tasting" including nibbles, prizes and soft drinks - 6.30pm
Friday 19 March	Catkin Class Collective Worship (9.00am)
Wednesday 24 March	Parent Workshop "Feelings and what we do with them "
Friday 26 March	Sycamore Class Collective Worship (9.00am)
W/C Monday 29 March	No clubs this week
Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 March }	Year 3/4 Easter Performances (details to follow)
Thursday 1 April	Break up for Easter Holidays at end of school day
Monday 19 April	All children return to school - Summer Term begins



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