

May 2015 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Congratulations to all our Year 6's on completing their national tests this week. They all approached these tests very well, with a positive frame of mind and serious attitude. All of the pupils worked extremely hard and did the best they could possibly do, which is all we ask of them. We hope they will have a well-deserved restful weekend.

Today our Year 3 pupils visited Norwich Castle to learn about and experience what life was like in the UK for people during the Stone Age. The pupils arrived back at school eager to tell us about their day and everything that they had learnt. There will be more details to follow in our next Update.

I am pleased to report that the decoration of our GoGo Dragon is well under way. The base coat is being completed and the whole school are now working on designing the dragon's scales. The theme for our dragon is 'Treasure'. We look forward to seeing it completed and will be proud to show it off in school before it goes to join the rest of the dragons in the city centre. Dates will be published shortly.

With only one week to go to half term may I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you a very enjoyable half term holiday.

Mrs Robinson

Our Lower School Election

On Thursday the 7th May, not wanting to be left out, children in the Lower School held their very own election. The children formed five single issue parties and wrote their own manifestos. After electing a leader, each party presented their policies to the voters and spent time campaigning.

Year 4 staffed the Polling Station, whilst Year 3 took charge of the count.

"It was a really exciting election day, because you got to take your ballot paper into an actual voting booth to vote and post it folded into a ballot box." Toby Carlisle 3AH.



The winning party, which had been campaigning for more outdoor and adventurous activities in the school timetable, was announced in the school assembly. The Leader of the Yellows, Shane Davenport told us: "I would like to thank everyone that voted Yellow on Election Day and I am looking forward to meeting Mr Batty to discuss our policies."

At the same time as having fun, the children learnt about British values and the importance of being able to vote. They now can't wait to turn eighteen and take part in the real thing!



Upper School Election

In Year 5 and 6 we wanted to give the children the experience of an election by having a choice of voting for the 5 main parties in England with the party leaders. The children were given information about each party and their manifesto. Then each child was given a ballot paper and instructed on how to complete it. Afterwards, Mr Moreton's maths set were given the challenge of counting the votes and working out the percentages, then analysing that information to compare it with the real election results. Our results would have been a bit different, Conservatives still winning with a majority of 31%, however overall it would have been a Hung Parliament. The children were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the opportunity of experiencing this important part of democracy.

The School Day

Please note that children should not be on the school site before 8:30am because of safe supervision. A reminder that the school day starts at 8:45am and we would urge everyone to be on time to start their lessons without causing disruption to their class.

Please note that anyone arriving after this time must come to the office to sign in and indicate if they will need a school lunch.

Paying Online

All the initial problems with "Schools Cash Office" have now been resolved and a number of parents are making good use of this online payment system. You can pay for dinners and trips using this system. If you pay for dinners but only want certain days or options either tell your child to make sure they order what they want on the appropriate days when the dinner register is taken or you can send a list to put in the white post box next to the office.

DIARY DATES

May	22 nd	Non Uniform "Yellow & Green Day" - £1 per child
	25 th – 29 th	Half Term break (school closed)
June	3 rd – 5 th	Y6 Kingswood residential
	3 rd – 5 th	Y5 Holt Hall residential
	18 th	FOF – Father's Day shop
	29 th – 3 rd July	Norfolk Summer Games week – various sports activities
July	6 th – 10 th	This week - Sports mornings & Summer Production
	13 th /14 th	Y6 to Hellesdon High School
	15 th	Parents Evening 3:30 – 5.30pm
	17 th	Prom on the Pitch
	21 st	Last day of summer term