

Hemingford Grey Newsletter

25th April 2016

It has been an incredibly busy and successful start to the term and we are delighted with the enthusiastic way in which everyone has come back to school. The summer term diary is always very full. Please keep an eye out for dates of forthcoming events and trips and visits.

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR TEAM FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT ON MAY 20TH - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



Public Speaking

A HUGE well done to every child who took part in our first ever Public Speaking competition. The standard was incredibly high and our judges (Councillor Ian Bates, Claire Merrion, Chris Parker and Rebecca Keane) had a very difficult task to decide on the winners in our grand final. After much debate, Luka in KS2 and Isla in KS1 were awarded the winners' trophies for the clarity with which they spoke as well as the engaging and informative content of their speeches.

Very well done to our finalists, Sylvia, Daisy, Edward, Eva, Lillie, Afel, Luka, Heather and Isla all of whom spoke very confidently and clearly.

Year 5 maths challenge

Well done to Jasmine, Noah, Kiera and Joshua and Mr Churchill in Year 5 who represented the school so stunningly well at the maths challenge. 12 schools took part in this heat with over 100 primary schools in Cambridgeshire entering the event. Our team worked so well to support and encourage each other and were sent to the event with the support and good wishes of their class mates. Our team came an incredibly respectable third.



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Staffing update

As you know, Mr O'Sullivan will be leaving us at the end of the term to begin a new life in London. We are delighted to inform you that we have appointed Miss Charlotte Bloom to work in our Foundation Stage from September. Parents of children going into the Foundation stage will have the opportunity to meet Miss Bloom before the end of the term.

Inter-house singing competition

On the last day of last term, we had a very exciting and very closely fought inter-house singing competition. Our judge, Mrs Gunn who is our vice chair of Governors, had an incredibly difficult task of judging the competition. She finally decided that due to the combination of Heather accompanying the House on the piano, as well as the House's great reflection on Mrs Gunn's feed-back last year, that Pembroke were declared the winners. The whole afternoon was a wonderful way to end the term with every child and member of staff absolutely singing their hearts out. Well done everyone.



Netball success

On a sunny afternoon, the Year 5/6 netball team took to Longsands Academy to take part in their very first netball tournament. After an apprehensive start, the team showed fantastic determination and teamwork to beat a number of local schools. They played with a tremendous sporting attitude and proudly represented Hemingford Grey Primary School. VERY WELL DONE!

Dates for your Diary

Please check the website and weekly reminders for diary dates.

Please don't forget to drop any cuttings or spare plants off by the green house for Mrs Seamark. Thank you

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We were all very excited when our delivery of seeds from outer space arrived. We are taking part in a national project because scientists want to find out whether seeds which have been kept in space grow in the same way as seeds on earth. All children are taking part in the experiment from foundation stage up to year 6.

Please can we urge you to drive and park safely and legally (not on the pavements, not blocking residents' drives and ideally not directly opposite the entrance to the school) as well as courteously and with due regard to local residents. If you witness any incidents of dangerous driving or illegal parking, please report them to the police immediately by dialling 101.

Last week, one of our parents was hit by another car as she was parked on the road waiting at 8am for the secondary school bus. The Parish Council will be urging all residents in the village to drive with care. Please can we all keep eyes peeled and reduce speed when driving through the village.

THANK YOU

