

# FROM THE STUDY

Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2009

## PUZZLE CHALLENGE DAY

Next Tuesday, every child will take part in a session during our Puzzle Challenge Day, kindly funded by FOWL. The organisers of the day, The Happy Puzzle Company, will set up a stall outside the Hall from 4-4.30pm selling puzzles and games, please feel free to browse and buy.

## AFRICA DAY

Everyone came to school dressed in the colours of the flag of their country or in a magnificent costume. In the morning we had an assembly with a lovely presentation by Mr Stevens about the 'Arise and Shine' Children's Home in Kenya. The slide show was very moving. Then we had lessons with an African theme. I know everyone had a wonderful day, Year 6 even learnt some Swahili!. All this fun and excitement was followed by a delicious African based lunch. I had a great day and I know everyone else did.

We raised £500 for 'Arise and Shine'. Thank you to everyone!

By Georgina Stevens.

Matt and Dawn Stevens would like to convey their thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff at Widford Lodge for the fantastic sum of money raised for the 'Arise and Shine' Children's Home on Africa Day.

For ongoing information regarding the home and how the money may be spent, please go to [www.ariseandshinekenya.org](http://www.ariseandshinekenya.org)

## Africa Week

The week started with a visit from Ian Smith to our Monday morning assembly and he read a passage from the Bible. What you do for the least of you, you do it for me. He challenged the children, now they have this 'information' can they turn it into 'transformation'. How can they make a difference?

**Tuesday was 'Africa Day' and the children dressed in costumes or colours of the flags from some of the countries, which made a very colourful assembly. We all watched a very moving slide show about the 'Arise and Shine' orphanage in Kenya. I'm sure most of the children will remember the delightful little boy dancing. It was a joy to see how blessed these children have been and how their lives have been turned around. Matt and Dawn Stevens must be commended on the incredible job they are doing. A special thank you to you all, as £505.47 was raised.**

**On Wednesday and Thursday in our morning assemblies the children have learned a little of what education means to a child in Africa and how their lives are affected by poverty.**

**On Friday we held our Harvest Assembly. We asked for any donations of foodstuffs. Thank you so much for being so generous. The stage was completely covered with tins, bottles and packs of food, plus bananas, grapes and sweet corn. These donations have been given to Mrs Sarah Meddle who is the Operations Manager for Hamlin Trust. The trust supports children and adults who are disabled here in England. If you would like to know more, or wish to help in any way with the Charity she would be more than happy to inform you. She is a parent from our school and can be contacted through the website [www.hamlintrust.org.uk](http://www.hamlintrust.org.uk).**

### **FOWL Coffee Morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale in aid of Macmillan Nurses.**

**This was a very successful event, with many parents enjoying a coffee and chat. and also taking the opportunity to purchase some 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform at the same time. A total of £224.48, was raised for the Macmillan Nurses. Thank you to everyone who supported this great cause.**

### **APPLE DAY**

**Apple day at Lathcoats Farm, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10-4pm.  
This always proves to be a great day out for everyone, look out for posters around the school next week, for further details.**

### **WINNERS OF THE POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP**

**The winner this week of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup is Joshua Marriage in Form 3D. Well done Joshua.**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.**

**VIKINGS DUTY WEEK**

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Kindergarten Parents Information Evening 4-7.30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Puzzle Challenge Day</b>
	<b>Forms 3 &amp; 6 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team Rugby v Barnardiston Hall (h) 2.45pm</b>
	<b>A &amp; B Teams Hockey v Barnardiston Hall @ Chelmer Park 2.45pm</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Forms 3&amp; 6 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Form 6 to the theatre to see 'Horrible Histories' 7.00pm.</b>