

FROM THE STUDY

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2009

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children, James Carey and Anna Curran (1E) for History, Isabelle Berryman (2K) for Maths, Joshua Dolton (2K) for Geography, Rachel Adshead Grant (3D) for History, and finally Fabian Bright (3D) for Maths. Well done to you all.

POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP

The winner of the Politeness & Courtesy cup this week was Rory Hopkins. Congratulations Rory.

MATHS SHOW REVIEW! (The Countback Kid)

The show was very exciting. It had a good theme and story line to it and it shows you that maths is a good life skill. It helps you learn quick and easy strategies. They did very well with just the two of them to play all those characters! They let all the children join in and answer the questions. The plot was a father and daughter, the daughter tries to tell her father about the importance of maths and they met some people on the way to find the £35,129 in the Wild West. There was good scenery and the projector was useful. It was quite funny and enthusiastic. It inspired us to work harder in maths and I bet it encouraged the teachers too!!
By Joe Burton and Emily Foreman.

'GROUP PHOTOS'

Due to the wet weather today the 'Group Photos' were cancelled. This has been rescheduled for next Thursday, 19th November at 9.15am. Please remember to bring the appropriate kit into school.

CHILDREN IN NEED

Next Friday, 20th November, is Children in Need. After the success of last year, we wanted to do something again this year to mark the day. We have tried to keep it simple so as to ensure that any disruption to the day is kept to a minimum. Our proposal is that the children come to school dressed in their PE kits, but instead of the school tops, the boys come wearing a **PINK** top and the girls come wearing a **BLUE** top. Then, through break time we do a half hour 'jumping' as a whole school, through a jumping assault course. Children can bring in donations to put into a bucket at the start of the day.

SPORTS NEWS

Under 10 Rugby v St Cedd's

Wednesday 11th November

The Under 10's were desperately unlucky not to come away with a result from their match against St Cedd's earlier this week. Despite playing against a side

that generally were bigger and quicker, Widford's greater desire to play a passing game coupled with a steely determination, made for an exciting and close encounter.

In attack Widford moved the ball swiftly and with ambition, while in defence, there was huge commitment if at times a little too much disorganisation which would ultimately cost us the game.

All the boys played well, especially Joe Burton, Will Buttleman, Mackenzie Maberly, Ben Read and Tom Baseley and a special mention to all of the Form 4 boys, Nick, Joe, Teddy and Alex who performed so spiritedly when they came on. St Cedd's 3 – 2 Widford Lodge.

Try Scorers; Ben Read and Joe Burton.

Men of the Match; Will Buttleman and Mackenzie Maberly.

YEAR 5 NETBALL V ST CEDD'S

We started off strongly scoring 3 goals by Emma and Phoebe, with great defending by Ellie, Emily and Evelyn and passing by myself and Pippa. In the 2nd half, St Cedd's scored one and we got another 3 goals.

Widford 6-1 St Cedd's.

Well done girls.

By Sophia Houston.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

After a Prep school voting week, I am pleased to announce the school council members elected to joining the Head and Deputy Head boys and girls this year:

Charlie Torr, Poppy Allen, Max Bawtree, Lois Lucas, Alex Barlow, Olivia Snooks, Oliver Matthews, Rebecca Strong, Alexander Houston and Ellie Maine.

Congratulations to you all. Already, the council have organised themselves into four workgroups in order to achieve our Bronze award, the first step towards our Eco-School Green Flag bid after an environmental inspection in 2010.

The four groups cover 9 areas (Water, Biodiversity, Energy, Global Perspectives, Healthy Living, Litter, School Grounds, Transport, Waste) to be reviewed and assessed by the children in order to produce an action plan designed to improve the school's ecological and environmental status. The council have set a deadline of Christmas to achieve both Bronze and Silver awards, this is ambitious but achievable with support from children and parents.

Details of how you can help will follow but in the meantime if there are matters that you think may be of use, please feel free to talk to Mr. Grant. Please be aware that information or results of reviews will be posted on the council notice board that is behind the door leading to the playground.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is this year's Anti-Bullying week. To mark the occasion the school will be taking part in a variety of activities and events;

A Prep School Teamwork challenge

School assembly on feuds and friends

Pre-Prep 'adopt a buddy' activity

PSHE lessons focusing on the school's ethos of friendship

The week will also involve a rather belated conker tournament, designed to test children's attitudes and lean towards maintaining friendships regardless of success or failure in a competitive environment. A more light hearted approach, therefore, is expected for this year's 'conkertition' from both participants and officiators.

Bullying, however, is serious and discussions will be taking place in all classrooms about effective ways to keep bullying out of Widford Lodge. Importantly, the need to properly recognise bullying and harmful behaviour will be explained and so children can understand the difference between and boundaries that separate, jovial high jinks or social sparring from persistent and vindictive hurtful actions.

We have now collated the results of the recent Parent Questionnaire. Our response to the survey will soon appear on the school website for your viewing. I am delighted that the overwhelming suggestion is that the school is providing a service that on the whole meets with your approval. However, there was a suggestion that the school could do better in the way that we deal with concerns about bullying and harassment.

The questions and responses that prompted this are:

Q3 My child/children is/not bullied or harassed at school:

42% strongly agree with this statement.

41% agree

10% neither agree or disagree

1% Strongly disagree.

Q30 The school is good at stopping bullying, harassment and racism, or dealing with it if it happens.

25% strongly agree with this statement

33% agree

39% neither agree or disagree

3% disagree

Any concern that we may not be dealing with the highly sensitive subject of bullying in an appropriate manner is taken seriously by all the staff. Therefore,

in conjunction with 'Anti-Bullying Week', I would urge any of you with concerns to discuss them with me or any member of staff. Hopefully, any mistakes that may have been made can be rectified for the future.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

ROMANS DUTY WEEK

Tuesday 17th	Form 1 Christmas Play Rehearsal	9.20-10.10am
	Pre-School Christmas Play Rehearsal	10.15-11.15am
Wednesday 18th	2K Christmas Play Rehearsal	9.20-10.10am
	KG Christmas Play Rehearsal	2.00-3.00pm
Thursady 19th	'Group Photos'	9.15am
Friady 20th	Children in Need Day & Assembly	
Saturday 21st	11+ Exam	