

GRADE 3 NOVEMBER NEWS

In our latest Newsletter, we report on topics that we currently working on, and inform you of future projects and events. We also offer links to some great websites with activities that reflect the learning we are focussing on in school.



Thank you for supporting Poppy Day with us. For more information on this topic visit with you child: <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Remembrance.html>

Caribbean Cinderella Pantomime



It's almost time for the clock to strike!

I am very pleased that all the class are planning to attend a performance of the Caribbean Cinderella this week. It is especially pertinent, as our next two weeks of Literacy involve the study of Play scripts. What an amazing knowledge they will be able to draw upon, all fresh in their minds after seeing the show!



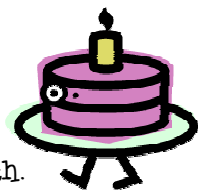
Best of luck to Ciara, Phoebe and Megan, who are all performing in the show. We look forward to seeing you in the limelight!

Parent-Teacher Conferences & Reports

Our Parent Conferences are on the 28, 29 & 30 of this month. You will be given a time for you conference and if you need to change this please let me know so that we can rearrange a new time. Your child's Progress Report will be sent home a few days before the conference. I will be referring to this report and explaining how your child has been progressing in class, so make sure that you bring it along to the conference. This is also a good time for you to bring up any comments or concerns you may have. It's always best when the parent and teacher are working on the same targets, and the conference is a good time to make sure that the targets are the same. Conferences will be for 20 minutes each so please be on time to make the most of this opportunity. I look forward to talking with you all.

Birthdays

We have already celebrated our two November birthdays this month.



Rysha turned 8 on the 6th
& Phoebe turned 8 on the 10th.

Thanks for the yummy cake and the healthy fruit salad.

Develop Your Child's Visual Perception Skills @ These Recommended Websites.

The children all seem to have enjoyed our recent focus on using the geoboards to aid the development of their visual perception skills.

Please check out the following links to some great websites that are jam-packed with games and activities to further these skills:

My #1 recommendation this month! A wide variety of fun activities aimed at developing your visual skills:
<http://www.childrensvision.com/exercises.htm>

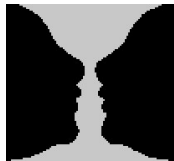
How does my pattern grow?
http://teams.lacoe.edu/documentation/classrooms/linda/algebra/activities/pattern_grow/pattern_farm.html

An online geoboard to help with your homework!
<http://www.mste.uiuc.edu/users/pavel/java/geoboard/>

A couple of excellent Tangram sites:
<http://www.kidscom.com/games/tangram/game1/tangram01.html>

http://www.inventionatplay.org/playhouse_puzzle.html

Follow the sequence of lights and test your memory:
<http://www.ababasoft.com/mnemonic/simon.html>



Thank you to everyone who donated money to UNICEF and a special thank you to the Fletcher and Karam families who altogether collected over \$800. Thank you to the Grade 6 for sorting and counting all donations, and Tracey Pratt, who has once again done the arduous feat of rolling up all the coins. Our Grand total this year is \$1425.

Well done to everyone and thanks for being world heroes this Halloween.

PLANTS

Our latest science unit is 'Helping Plants To Grow Well'. In this unit, the children are learning about what plants need to grow well and why it is important that they do. We have already heard great reports on the progress of your sunflower and pumpkin seeds. Keep taking good care of them!



THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

The Christmas play approaches fast and we appeal to all parents to help out with this year's costumes. Our class are mainly clowns & acrobats, along with a tiger & magician. Mrs. Katie is coordinating the costumes for our class & will let you know what your child needs. Please see her if you require help with your child's costume or can offer to help out with any others.



Upcoming Dates & Events

17th Nov - World Peace Day

20th Nov - UNICEF's Universal Children's Day

29th, 28th & 30th - Parent-Teacher Conferences

25th Nov - Dress Down Day - \$1 donation goes to

sightsavers INTERNATIONAL - a charity that the children learned about in their PSHCE this term. Sightsavers works in the world's poorest countries, restoring sight and giving hope to many adults and children who are needlessly blind.