

GRADE 3 OCTOBER NEWS

The new term seems to be flying by and what a great start to Grade 3 we are all making. Everyone seems happy and settled and busy learning new things. 'October News' brings lots of information on upcoming events and curriculum topics.



A special thanks to all of you who participated in the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope, and to Nicola Williams for all her hard work in organising and promoting the event. It was so great to see everyone dressed in their T-shirts and wanting to help the cause. "The Terry Fox Foundation has a dual mandate. Not only does it raise money for cancer research, but it also continues to share the story of Terry Fox. People from around the world learn about Terry in the hope that their lives might be enriched by his example and that they may derive inspiration from his courage." The determination of the children of Provo Primary to participate certainly showed much inspiration to all that day.



A single dream. A world of hope.
The Terry Fox Foundation

Open House

Thank you to everyone who came to the Open House last week. The children did a super job of showing everyone around and had great fun doing all of the activities presented to them. What a great evening!



Unicef



This month we are going to start a topic based upon the Dorling Kindersley book 'A child like mine.' Within this topic we will be finding out all about Unicef (United Nations Children's Fund) and how this organization helps children all over the world.

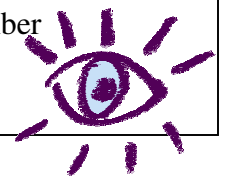
We will be thinking about the sensitive subject of children's rights. We will learn about, and involve ourselves in, activities in which children help other children. These will aim to encourage them to become good global citizens, helping them to see what a difference they can make to the life of others, both near and far. Please encourage your child at home to ask questions and to think of their own ways in which they can help.

As part of the topic we will be supporting Unicef through our annual Halloween 'Trick or treating' event. Each child will bring home their own Unicef box for use with the enclosed "Taking Action Everyday" calendar. These are optional activities and I encourage you to review them and decide which activities you would like to participate. If you do not wish to participate in any of the activities, simply return the box to school.

World Sight Day

In our PSHCE lessons the children have been learning about the sense of sight. We have learned about our eyes and how we keep them healthy. We have listened to stories about people in the past - Louis Braille and Helen Keller - and how these people overcame their disabilities. We will now be looking at visual impairment today, across the world, and begin by observing Thursday 13 October as World Sight Day, an annual event aiming to draw the world's attention towards the issue of visual impairment and blindness. You may like to explore this theme further at home. Visit: http://www.sightsavers.org/bigeyeopener/kids/big_eye_opener.htm for more information.

I have spoken to Miss Alison and she has agreed that we donate our next dress down money to Sightsavers. So visit the website to learn more about the organisation and remember to dress down and donate on Friday 28th October.



One Minute Math

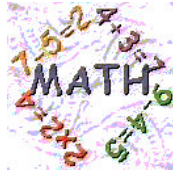
On your marks, get set, go! The children have been testing their number fact mastery with daily 'One Minute Math' tests and have really enjoyed tracking their daily progress. When students know their basic number facts it makes every Numeracy concepts so much easier. You can support your child's success with number facts with these following online fun games, please visit:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/units60.html> (Addition - just like 1 minute math)
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/subunits60.html> (Subtraction - just like 1 minute math)
<http://www.ictgames.com/funkymum.html>
<http://www.ictgames.com/funkymum20.html>
www.aplusmath.com/games/picture/AddPicture.html
www.aplusmath.com/games/picture/SubPicture.html

This week we are practising counting on 2, 3, 4, 10 and 100. Try this link out to show off your skills:
<http://www.ictgames.com/fairyfog.html>

Find more Numeracy games at:

<http://www.ictgames.com/resources.html>
<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/numberskills.html>



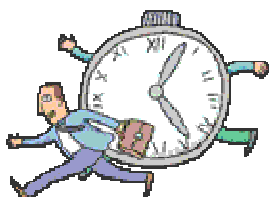
Birthdays

We have no class birthdays this month, unless of course we count teachers! Happy Birthday to guess who



Punctuality

It's great to report that most of us are regularly arriving in good time in the mornings. Punctuality is important, as from the moment the children enter the class at 8:30am, they begin their studies by practising their spellings, changing reading books or doing their one-minute Math task. Thanks for helping us to get the day started in an effective manner.



TEETH AND EATING

We have finished our unit on healthy eating and have moved on to learning about teeth. We have started by looking at animal teeth and our visit to see Camille's new foal taught us lot about baby animal teeth. Thanks to Camille and all of you who helped with transportation. We will now move on to looking at our teeth and how to look after them. I hope to arrange either a visit from, or to trip to a dentist in the next couple of weeks and will keep you posted.



Match the teeth to the animal on this link:

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/Science/index.html>

A fun teeth quiz for all the family to take part in:

<http://www.ada.org/public/games/totell.asp>

Reading and Spelling

Well done to all of you who are reading regularly and filling in your reading records. Remember that Monday night is our designated 'big reading night' as you have no other set homework to do.



Please make looking through your new Letterland Wordbank part of your reading routine. Learning to read, write and spell with Letterland is fun, multi-sensory, age appropriate and memorable. Children love it! They find they are not learning about boring letters and sounds, but interesting full of life characters. The Letterlanders (or 'pictograms') are carefully designed illustrations that are accompanied by a short story or reminder. They provide children with valuable memory hooks, helping them remember the sounds.

Listed in the back of your Letterland book are the high frequency words for Grade K-2. Your child can continue to practise spelling these through this online game:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/dynamo/den/spelling/index.htm>

Homework

The children appear to be settling into the homework routine and seem to be managing it confidently. Please remember to sign the homework diary before returning it to school on Monday to ensure that it is complete. Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding the homework.