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March 14th 2008

Dear Parents and Carers

Theme Week

We welcomed Vic Marks, Travel Plan Officer, Lesley Elkington and Tracy Lucas-Apea from the Local Authority Travel Sustainability Team. The children had some very enjoyable learning experiences including undertaking traffic surveys, learning how to ride their bikes and cross the road safely. It was surprising that on the day when they were checking the speed of cars through the village, most people were keeping within the speed limit! I am sure you will agree that this was a valuable exercise for all the children who have now been made aware of how to keep themselves safe.



Late Arrivals

I am so pleased that most of our children are arriving at school for the 8.55 am bell. A small number of children are persistently late for school. Please could I ask that all children are in school on time. Any children arriving late after the bell will need to enter school through the front door.

Thank you.

Class 5 Theatre Trip

On 26th February Class 5 went to The Castle at Wellingborough to see a production called 'The Countback Kid'. This was a mathematical adventure! Using their quick mental maths skills the children solved the dilemma of the missing Countback Kid. "It was great to use my quick maths skills" said one child.

Grendon Hall Maths Enrichment Day

Six children from Year 5 and 6 joined 2 other primary schools last week for a Maths Enrichment Day at Grendon Hall.

It was a sunny day and the children worked in mixed school teams, challenging their mathematical thinking as they worked through different investigations indoors and out. At the end of the day they were joined by their parents for a presentation of their learning.



Science Enrichment Day

The girls in Year 5 were chosen to attend a Science Activity Day at the Northampton High School on Friday 29th February. This was a very successful and exciting day which all the children, and Mrs Freeth who had accompanied them, enjoyed very much.

Brogan said how much she had enjoyed their time in the theatre where they were treated to a session on how to keep healthy, and naming the organs and their position in the body.



Top of the list for experiments were the Alka Seltzer tablets put into bottles of water and then corked up. For this experiment the children wore goggles as the effect

as the tablets fizzed up was to blow the corks out of the bottles, quite a sight as the corks popped all round the room.

Wearing ear muffs the girls watched another experiment where a plastic bottle was filled with gas, this was then lit with an igniter. The bottle shot across the room with a tremendously loud bang.

Chewing Gum

Several pieces of chewing gum have been found recently, on the playground and one found in school under a table. We do ask that you encourage the children not to buy gum and definitely not to let them bring it into school.

Dance Festival

The year 3 children in Class 2 took part in a dance festival at Wollaston school where they were coached by the staff from Wollaston School and experienced many different kinds of dance. The afternoon ended with a performance on what they had been learning, and this was attended by parents. The festival was "really good fun" according to the children. Mason and Lewis were impressed with the Alien dance with "laser beams" but found the tap dancing a bit difficult, whereas Emily and Hollie really enjoyed the tap dancing. Emily felt proud when they went on stage at the end to do a robot dance.



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Police Training Project

We were approached by Police Headquarters in Northampton to be involved a training project. One of the aspects of work at Police Headquarters at Wootton Hall is crime training, and one of the most difficult elements for the police is giving their trainee detectives opportunities to talk to young children. A group of 12 children from Class 4 were taken to police headquarters for a fascinating couple of hours. They saw the control room with the cameras and really enjoyed spending time with the police dogs. They were then interviewed individually by police officers as part of the 'Achieving Best Evidence' legislation course. This training enables the police to interview vulnerable and intimidated witnesses and the course is made as real as possible for the officers by introducing 'real witnesses', and that is where our children came to help out. Oliver and Connor said they thought it was "a really exciting day." They were really interested in the control room with the big plasma screens where they could see what was going on in the towns. They also saw the view from the police helicopter. Connor and Oliver felt quite nervous being interviewed but Alice said she was quite happy with this part of the day. Everyone enjoyed trying on the bullet proof vests, but commented how heavy they were.



Head Lice

We are still getting frequent cases of head lice cropping up. **Please check your child's hair regularly each week and treat if necessary.** The only way this can be eliminated is if every family is alert to the problem.

School Photos

As you know, Braiswick Photographers were at school this week to take our annual school photos. They will be returning on **Tuesday 18th March to take the Family and sibling photos. Also individual and class photos of Class 5.** **If you would like a family photo please be at school by 8.45am on the 18th.** On that day they will also, I am very pleased to tell you, be taking a whole school photo. This will be the first time we have undertaken a photo of the whole school and hope that many of you will want to buy a copy of this - an exercise in nostalgia and memory after a few years.



Football Tournament

Well done to our team of footballers who represented the school at a football tournament at Wollaston School with other cluster schools on Friday 7th March. They all played very well and finished the afternoon joint 3rd. Ryan Bromley was made Boy Of The Tournament for not conceding any goals. What an achievement!

Best wishes

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Clubs

I am asking what kind of clubs the children would like to see run after school so that we can try to offer them activities that they would choose. Hopefully, as a result of this survey the clubs we offer will be well attended and enjoyed by all the children. We will let you know the result of this in due course.

If there are any of you who would be able to run a club, such as Sewing, Cricket or Art and Craft, please let me know. We would be very grateful.

