

Friday 27 May 2016

**Dear parents, carers, staff,
governors and friends,**

International day

Thank you very much to everyone for making International Day such a success yesterday. It was great fun! The children loved taking part in the different activities and thoroughly enjoyed working with other children from different classes.

The after school event was also a huge success due to everyone helping with either their time or making wonderful food from around the world. Thank you also to all those parents and friends who came in to talk to the children about their culture/nationality. We look forward to International Day next year!

Gold club visit

We were very pleased along with Brindishe Green to host a group of school leaders as part of our commitment as Gold Club members. Members are schools that have been successful with the outcomes for disadvantaged children. Our visitors saw how a highly creative curriculum can inspire, engage and stimulate learners.

Inspiring Greatness

Ms Gorbutt and I have been attending a course in professional development over the year. We have heard some fantastic speakers on education and worked with other headteachers to support the development of ideas, innovation and research into 'what works' in primary education.

The outcome is a collaborative book of 8 case studies of great practice, being published in the autumn called: *Inspiring greatness*.

Our case study is called *Being in the driving seat, self - initiated learning*. During the course other heads came to visit to see our children Leading their learning. They were highly impressed with the way in which children were reflecting on their learning and planning some of their learning for themselves and for others.

WALK to SCHOOL week

Year 6 have organised a WALK to SCHOOL week this week. They counted each day and worked out the percentage of children who walked to school in each class. They had a fantastic response with some classes managing 100% on some days. The overall winners were year 5 Camellia- well done to them

and all our walkers this week. Please keep it up! Walking supports a healthy lifestyle, decreases the pollution and reduces the parking difficulties around the school.

Quiz night

FAB organised a very successful quiz night last Friday, much enjoyed by those who attended. Thank you very much to the organisers and especially to Natalie and Ian (Tom, Iona and Nyree's parents) who ran the quiz!

This week/future dates

Monday 30 May -6 June Half Term

Monday 6 June - INSET day for staff

Tuesday 7 June - 2nd half of summer term

Thursday 9 June- Governing body meeting

Monday 13 June - Friday 23 June
Phonic screening-Yr 1 including year 2 re-sits

Saturday 25 June- Fun run

Wednesday 6 July - Sports day (if not wet)

Friday 8 July - Summer fair

Thursday 14 July- Art Exhibition

Monday 18 July - Year 6 leavers evening

Wednesday 20 July -End of year

Best wishes to all families