



FITZMAURICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In our usual spirit of 'vibrancy', there is a huge amount happening at the moment!

Haiti Fundraising

Thank you for the tremendous support last week for all our fundraising activities for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. We had a wonderful selection of cakes and congratulations to Camy



Nolan (Robin) who beavered away all week to make a great selection of cards to sell, in addition to the bookmarks that all the children had made. We raised a magnificent **£526.13**, but the pot remains open if you would still like to donate (some of the children are still organising fund-raising activities). It is good to hear of all the other fundraising activities that are going on in the community too. I'm sure that between all of us we can make a difference.

Emma Hughes' Memorial

We are having a very informal gathering on Friday after school for Fitz. and ex-Fitz. friends of Emma's to commemorate her huge contribution to Fitzmaurice. If you would like to join us in the hall initially, then outside where Richard, Tom and Patrick will finish planting a eucalyptus tree and installing a bench and planter and then finally inside for hot chocolate, you are most welcome. A big thank you to Cally Smart and Louise Weissel for doing all the hard work to enable this to happen, and to everyone else who came up with suggestions for the memorial.

Shiel R. Taylor

International Week

Next week we will be celebrating our 'International Week' at school. The children will be learning about different countries and cultures through a variety of activities. Each class (or pair of classes) will focus on a different country:

Wren: **Kenya**

Chaffinch: **Spain**

Nightingale: **Scotland**

Kestrel: **Australia**

Kingfisher & Starling: **China**

Wagtail & Robin: **Thailand**

We look forward to helping the children gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the world beyond our borders.

Mr Colin MacLeod

School Dinner Menu Change

On Thursday 11th February there will be a special menu for 'International Week':
Chicken Korma and Rice or Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry and Rice
All served with sweetcorn and naan bread
Apple pie and vanilla ice-cream

Parent Consultations

You should by now have received your invitation for parent consultations next week and I hope that you have all been able to make an appointment. If you haven't, please contact your child's teacher who will do his/her best to fit you in.



Year 4 Residential Visit to Braeside

Thank you to all the parents who came to the meeting on Monday. Just to remind you that the £25.00 deposit for this visit needs to be paid by 26th February (cheques payable to 'Fitzmaurice Primary School' please).

Netball

The Bradford Cluster tournament was held at St Laurence on Tuesday this week. The tournament was split into two pools, and both our 'A' and 'B' teams won their separate competitions. The 'A' team will now progress to the West Wilts. finals at Matravers School. Well done everyone for fantastic team performances. Long may it continue in the finals!

Please note that Netball Club on Fridays has now finished for this year.

Cross Country

Children from Y5 and 6 took part in the West Wiltshire Cross Country championships on 29th January. The course was really testing because of the snow, rain and mud, and congratulations to all who took part on not losing any of their footwear! On a serious note there is plenty to smile about: Sophie M., Ellie K., Ellie D., Tom H., and Dean G. all finished in the top ten out of 200 children in each race and the girls' team are now West Wilts. champions. Thank you to all who took part and those parents who helped with transport.

Babs Blake

Football

A week last Monday, 25th January, our football team, ably captained by Jack Stacey, played in the cluster football tournament at Christ Church School and came first! They then went on to play in the West Wiltshire finals at Kingdown School in Warminster on Monday this week. The whole team showed great fighting spirit and resilience and narrowly missed getting to the quarter finals. On Tuesday 26th January the team played in the FA Schools Predator Competition held at Stanley Park in Chippenham. The team came 8th in the competition, which really means they came 8th out of all the schools in Wiltshire! We are very grateful to all the parents who helped with transport and came to support our team.



Marie Dobbin

Children with Asthma

Please ensure that your child has a reliever inhaler in school at all times if they may need to use it during the day. We are particularly concerned that children have an inhaler with them when they go on school trips or take part in sporting events.

Roll up! Roll up! to Happy Carrot.

We've got nutritious treats for all ages, including: dried apricots, raisins and sultanas, orange juice, forest fruits juice, apple juice and tropical juice. Happy Carrot is open at Thursday break for Key Stage 2 and at Friday morning break for Key Stage 1. Thank you from the Happy Carrot workers: Ellie K., Chloe F., and Skye M.



Pop Quiz, Friday 5th February, 7.30pm

This is proving as popular as ever! Only a few spaces left so get your money in by Friday morning at the very latest.

A few bits of info. about the night:

- ◆ If you haven't had a phone call then assume you're in (no tickets will be issued)
- ◆ Entrance will be through one of the main school gates (please slide shut after you to discourage passers-by into the school grounds), then use side entrance into the hall by Kingfisher class.
- ◆ Get there in plenty of time to get your drinks in and get your lyric round under way while you wait!
- ◆ Don't forget to bring snacks/nibbles for your table.
- ◆ Bar will be provided all at very reasonable prices.
- ◆ There will be a 'Lotto' style draw on the night too for a cash prize to add to all the excitement!!

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Julia Savage (FSA)

School Disco

A big 'thank you' to all the parents who helped out at the school disco two weeks ago, especially those who stayed to clear up at the end, including mopping the floor! It was a great success and all the children had a fantastic time. A big 'thank you' too to Ed Savage, resident DJ.



Triple P Positive Parenting Group

We are going to be offering free Positive Parenting sessions which will promote your child's self-esteem and avoid behaviour difficulties in the future. To find out further details and to see the materials and DVD come along to our informal drop-in session on Wednesday 24th February at 3.00pm in the Hall. If you would like more information, please call us on 01225 309531. Your child should bring an invitation home this week. We look forward to seeing you.

Jemma Clark & Melanie Otto (Parent Support Advisors)
Shella Robinson (Community School Nurse)

If you, or someone you know, has difficulty reading this newsletter, please contact the office to discuss how we may help you.

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BBC Radio Wiltshire (103.5, 104.3 or 104.9) or check their website (bbc.co.uk/Wiltshire)



Cake Sale Dates

12th February - Kingfishers

12th March - Chaffinches

23rd April - Starlings

21st May - Kestrels

9th July - Wrens

Swimming

Please note that there will be no swimming for Years 3 and 4 on Friday 12th February. Swimming will be back to normal from Friday 26th February.

'Everyman's Land'

Moira Townsend Williams, a Fitzmaurice parent, is putting on a brand new play at **The Arc Theatre** and several of our Y5 & 6 children are taking part. The show promises to be an exciting night out and is on for 3 nights **29/30/31 March at 7.30pm**. Tickets priced £7/£5, £20 family. **Priority** booking forms available from the office. Or call Arc box office 0845 299 0476 after Feb 11th.

Age guide 8+

Dates for your diary

Week beginning Monday 8th February - 'International Week'

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February - Parent Consultations

Friday 12th February - last day of term 3

Monday 22nd February - start of term 4

Friday 19th March - swimming gala

Thursday 1st April - egg-rolling competition

Thursday 1st April - last day of term 4

Monday 19th April - **Training Day**

Tuesday 20th April - start of term 5

Wednesday 5th May to Friday 7th May - Year 4 to Braeside

Monday 10th May - SATs week, year 6

Thursday 27th May - last day of term 5

Friday 28th May - **Training Day**

Saturday 29th May - FSA bag-packing fundraiser at Sainsbury's

Monday 7th June - start of term 6

Saturday 19th June - 'Strawberry Fair'

Friday 2nd to Monday 5th July 2010 - Year 6 to Osmington Bay

Friday 23rd July - last day of term 6

First Aid

Free First Aid courses for parents of children aged 0 to 5 at Bradford on Avon Children's Centre. Call 01225 867184 for more details.

SEN Forum

There will be local SEN Forum in Trowbridge on 3rd March, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Contact 08457 585072

Bath Camerata

Songs of Praise and Romance for Valentine's Day, on Friday 12th February at Bath Abbey. Box office 01225 463362.

Please see the noticeboard in the entrance for more details of these events