



Newsletter

Dear parents,

The last two weeks feel like they have been incredibly busy! Our Year 5 children really enjoyed their three-day residential at Shortenills: exploring the nearby woods, visiting a farm and taking part in a number of outdoor activities.

Last week, a representative from each year group attended the West Area Partnership 'Spelling Bee' competition. This was a nerve-racking experience where the top spellers from each school's year groups were competing against each other. Amaan Rasul, Inaaya Ahmed, Musab Ahmed and Aleezeh Usman all did incredibly well, with Yousuf Ahmed and Abdullah Hanook getting Silver medals.

We are currently working with the creative arts group 'Artis' who have been working with every year group on an area of their learning. So far, they have worked with Year 2 on learning their times tables, Year 3 on telling the time, Year 5 on fractions and Year 6 on 'Natural Disasters', all through the creative arts.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'e-safety' workshop last week – I hope this has enabled you to become more aware of ways to ensure your child is safe on the internet. Years 3-6 also had an e-safety assembly by the facilitators and learnt how to keep safe on the internet and how to report anything they are not happy with.

This weekend, I am away with 35 children at Osmington Bay – taking part in some outdoor activities. I hope the weather is kind to us!

As a reminder, there is no school on Monday, as it is a Teacher Training day.

K.Hooker

Important dates:

19th March – Teacher Training day – SCHOOL CLOSED

21st March – Parents' evening 3:45pm - 6:00pm

23rd March – Year 5 Easter assembly

27th March – Parents' evening 5:30pm - 7:30pm

28th March – Hamilton School Linking trip

29th March – Last day of term

16th April – Children return to school

Value of the Month

for March is

Responsibility

House Points

	9/3/18	16/3/18
Donaldson	816	802
Rowling	672	830
Dahl	715	764
Morpurgo	668	736

Headteacher and Teacher Commendations

Umar ABDELWARTH	Muqadus FATIMA	Keya MODI
Aieza AHMED	Mia GRACHILA	Yahya MUDASSAR
Hafsah AHMED	Ameera HUSSAIN	Faris MUHAMMAD
Zaynab AHMED	Hamza HUSSAIN	Muskaan MUSKAAN
Araf AKTER	Fatima IQBAL	Rayyan NASIR
Harris ALI	Noor Ul Nisa IQBAL	Humza REHMAN
Luqman ALI	Idris ISLAM	Aminah SAFA
Safiyah ALI	Sadia JANNATH	Sabeedah SAJID
Ayan AMMER	Mohammad Hasnain JAVED	Abdul SAMAD
Saarah ATIF	Miriam KHAN	Muskaan SHAFIQ
Amirah BAIG	Zain KHAN	Zoya SHAH
Adam BIN ABDULQAYUM	Qudsiya KHAN	Janusiga SOORIYAKUMAR
Kayra BROWN	Armaan KHAN	Ruqayyah SYED
Aminah CHOUDHUREY	Safah KHAN	Kaleem TAHIR
Maleekah CHOUDHUREY	Jannah KOUROUGHLI	Alvin THOMAS
Nabhan Karim CHOWDHURY	Dylan MADHAKE	Halimah WAQAS
Oskar CICHOCKI	Adyan MALIK	Sehar WATIF
Stephen CURRANT	Mohammad MALIK	Zohaib YASIR
Adeeba FAROOQ	Haris MASOOD	Laiba ZAMAN



Year 6 Netball

On Thursday 8th March, our Year 6 Netball team played against St Matthews at home. The girls were excited and nervous as it was their first match this year.

Both teams started off well but during the second quarter St Matthews started to pull away. We went 6-1 down. The girls started to get frustrated but, with a team talk at half time, we started to play well. The girls pulled the score back to 6-4. With a few more minutes we would have been able to secure a draw but unfortunately we lost this game.

Well done to all of the girls who played. You didn't give up, showing determination and great teamwork. You should be very proud!

On Tuesday 13th March, we played against Denbigh at home. During the first quarter, Denbigh pulled away and scored 3 goals very quickly. After a good team talk at half time, Downside started to play really well. We were breaking fast and attacking well. We were solid in defence and listened to all of the rules and decisions. I am over the moon to say that the girls won 12-3. Brilliant shooting from Downside!

An excellent game. It was great to see Downside playing so well. Our next game is on Tuesday 20th March against Bramingham. Good luck girls!

Miss Crosby

Year 5/6 Girls' Football Tournament

On Wednesday the 14th March we entered two teams into the Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament held at Playfootball. The tournament begins with an initial round of group games before teams progress to a knockout phase of the tournament. The day was an extremely successful one with both teams doing incredibly well to reach the knockout stage.

Group games

Downside Purples

- Game 1: v Wauluds 6-0 win
(Laura x4, Malaika x2)
- Game 2: v Farley 3-0 win
(Laura x2, Malaika x1)
- Game 3: v St Matthews 3-0 win
(Laura x3)
- Game 4: v Hillborough 5-0 win
(Laura x3, Malaika x1, Helena x1)
- Game 5: v St. Josephs 4-0 win
(Laura x2, Malaika x1, Hajarrah x 1)

A great set of results saw the Purple team win the group easily and without conceding a goal.

Downside Reds

- Game 1: v Beechwood 2-0 loss
- Game 2: v Bramingham 2-0 win
(Maryam x1, Innaya x1)
- Game 3: v Foxdell 2-1 win
(Ayesha x1, Innaya x1)
- Game 4: v Surrey Street 3-0 loss
- Game 5: v Beech Hill 1-0 win
(Maryam x1)
- Game 6: v St Matthews 1-0 win
(Saara x1)

A mixed set of results but some superb performances saw Downside Reds also qualify for the knockout phase of the tournament.

Knockout games

Quarter Final: Downside Purples v Foxdell 1-0 win (Laura x 1)

Quarter Final: Downside Reds v Ferrars 2-0 loss

Unfortunately the Reds were knocked out at the quarter final stage to last year's winners, Ferrars. Great performances all round from the Downside Reds, well done!

Semi Final: Downside Purples v Ferrars 3-1 win (Laura x1, Helena x1, Malaika x 1)

After initially going 1-0 down, a superb Downside comeback saw us beat last year's winners 3-1 and progress to the final.

Final: Downside Purples v Chantry 1-0 win (Laura x1)



A superb team performance all day from the Downside Purples saw them successfully win the whole tournament and be crowned Town champions, conceding only 1 goal in the process.

A special mention must go to Laura who scored 17 goals in the 8 games!

We now look forward to the County tournament being held in May. Well done girls!