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Weekly Newsletter – Edition 8

What a busy, busy week it has been in school, and after all of today's work, I have some very exciting news indeed for you. The current total that we have raised has now reached the very handsome sum of £3,456!! This truly is an amazing effort, but what made today special was the fun and enjoyment the children had taking responsibility for their tables, and selling all of the wonderful cakes, and other items that had been made at home. The whole day just seemed to work really, really well. Thank you, also, to the many parents who have asked about my Weedle Collection. I can now exclusively reveal that it has been sold, with the children buying each card for the tidy sum of 50p! This managed to raise £29.50, plus an additional 50p that one of the children kindly donated. I will also add this to the £100 that my daughter and I contributed, and know that this extra funding will really help. Special thanks to all of the parents in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 for everything they have done.

Cake Sale

Our very own Mrs. Debar and Mrs. Manjra have also been working hard and now have further information to share about the cake sale, which will be taking place on the Key Stage 1 playground on **Wednesday 15th November 2023**. The sale will begin at **2.45 pm**, allowing all parents to come into school early, and stock up on cakes before the children even arrive. If any of you are interested in providing cakes, please feel free to do so. We remain a **Nut-Free School**, and all ingredients must be listed. So we can manage stock-levels, if you would like to do this, could you email me first, just so we will know what has to be provided on the day. Some of the items left over from the table-top sale will also be utilised for this purpose, as well. Please note this will be the last piece of fundraising we do. I again remind you that this is not what we normally do at Mayflower, preferring a social-justice led response. Equally, we know that charity can bring immediate humanitarian relief to those in need, hence the exception we have made on this occasion.

Highfields Food Bank

Despite raising almost £1,500 this afternoon, there were still a number of tasty items left at the end of the afternoon. We gave the children a choice as to whether or not they would like to take them home, or donate to the Highfields Food Bank. Knowing our children as I do, I was not in the least bit surprised when almost all of them elected to donate. This again shows social-justice in action, confirming that our children recognise the high level of need locally, as well as internationally. How lucky are we to have such kind and compassionate children at Mayflower Primary School.

Nottingham University Visit – Year 3

Just a quick reminder to the parents in Year 3 that they will be visiting Nottingham University next week. If you have not done so already, please can you complete the form that gives consent.

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Allotment News

As you will see from the pictures on page 3, Mrs. Barnes has been very busy with the children in Year 2 up at the allotment. This week, they have been harvesting potatoes, and special thanks to Mrs. Patel for making them into the most wonderful Bombay Sandwiches! I have to say that the children absolutely loved them, and I was also honoured because one appeared on my desk on Tuesday afternoon. Isn't it amazing how much better food you have grown yourself tastes than what we buy in the local supermarket. There are some real lessons in life, here, and Year 2 were very quick indeed to learn them.

Eco-Schools Conference

On Thursday of this week, we were very honoured to be able to take our Young Consultants to the Eco-Schools Conference. As luck would have it, the conference was being held at Judgemeanow, so not too far for our children to walk. As an Eco-School, we always enjoy this opportunity to learn about what is happening locally, and how we can encourage everyone to care for the beautiful natural environment that we have been gifted. This year, cycling to school engaged our children, and they were very pleased indeed to hear that our current cycle shelter will be transferred to the new school site on the Ethel Road Playing Fields. They also found out about some revolutionary beans (is this even a thing) that are full of fibre and incredibly good for you. What's even more exciting is the fact they are only being grown in Leicester. What an amazing city we all live in, for sure!!

World War II Experience in Year 5

On Tuesday this week, all of the children in Year 5 really, really enjoyed their World War II experience day, which included role-playing an evacuee for the day. There were so many interesting things for them to learn about, including rationing, the critical role of the Anderson Shelter, and also some of the things that children used to do to keep themselves entertained. Next week, they will have an opportunity to meet a real person who lived in London at the time of the Blitz. This person is very special indeed, and I know that the children will enjoy preparing questions, and finding out what life must have really been like at such a momentous moment in our country's history. This is such an important unit of work, and will really help all of the children to become empathic and compassionate citizens of the future. Well done children, and the staff!!

Attendance

Due to an issue that was beyond my control, I am not able to publish the attendance figures for this week. In next week's newsletter, I'll make sure that they are shared, so worry not!!

Week Beginning Monday 6 th November 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Wow Moments in School

Here is a small selection of some of the amazing things that have been happening in school this week:

			
Chocolate Sparklers – Y1	Instructions – Y1	Science – Y1	Yummy!! – Y1
			
Chopping & Grating – Y2	Allotment – Y2	Allotment – Y2	Fruit Salad – Y2
			
Forest School – Y5	Forest School – Y5	Thesaurus – Y3	Fundraising – Y4

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