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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

Chinese New Year

This week the children have had the opportunity to learn about Chinese New Year and I have been made aware that this year celebrates the Year of the Tiger! I hope everyone partaking in the celebrations had a fabulous time.

'On Wednesday, Nursery learned all about Chinese New Year. We made cherry blossom paintings and Chinese style lanterns. A special thanks also to Hazel's parents for providing Butterflies with a traditional Chinese New Year pudding to try, made from sugar water and sticky rice flour. It was delicious!' - Mrs Thompson (Nur)

'My lantern looks like a campfire' - Sarjan (NB)

'It's the year of the Tiger' - Isabella (NL)

Outdoor Learning

This week we started our new Outdoor Learning Programme in Year 5. The children were taken out in small groups with Mrs Waring and Mr Colgan to complete Problem Solving exercises. I know how much the children and adults enjoyed the session and we are looking to continue the activities throughout the year. I'm also looking forward to joining in, especially with the den building and outdoor cooking.

'I enjoyed playing the hoop challenge. You had to get the hoop over your head and pass it onto the next person. First we did it with one hoop and then managed it with two.' - Jackson (5M)

'We did some amazing activities. In one activity, we were not allowed to talk, so we had to communicate a different way. We also had to hold hands and pass a hoop over us without breaking hands. I'm excited to go back!' - Carmen (5D)

'One of the activities we did, we had to use some pipes to transfer water from one side of the playground to a bucket on the other side. Then we had to do it with a tennis ball, it was fun!' - Gracie (5M)

'We had a task where we all had a different colour dot on your back. We then had to find the person with the same colour as us but without talking.' - Zakariya (5D)

'I really enjoyed the activity with the hoops, we managed to do it with two in the end. Also the game where you had to transfer the most water into the bucket.' - Callum (5M)

School Dinner Price Increase

We have been notified by Dolce that from 18th April 2022 the cost of a paid school dinner is to go up to £2.35. They have assured me that this is the last thing they wished to do, however due to increases in inflation and the National Living Wage they have no choice. I wanted parents to have as much notice as possible, so there were no surprises, and give you the opportunity to change to sandwiches if you wished. This price increase will not affect pupils that receive universal free school meals.

Glass Bottles

I want to remind parents that children must **never** bring glass containers or bottles into school. This week a very serious incident happened when a glass bottle dropped out of a child's bag and fell down the stairs. The glass broke and could have injured a child. Please make sure only plastic bottles are brought in from home or you can purchase a plastic school water bottle from the main office for £1.50 each.

World Book Day

I wanted to give parents early notice that this year's World Book Day will be on Thursday 3rd of March and the theme is favourite book character. If children wish to join in for the day they are encouraged to dress up and there will be various exciting activities going on throughout school. Children will also be given a £1 book voucher which can then be swapped for one of the special World Book Day books, or used as payment towards any children's book. We are all looking forward to the day!

Millennium Point Event

I wanted to let parents know about a free event at Millennium point, which is currently on display. You can access further information from the Millennium Point website below. The installation is called 'Luke Jerram's Gaia' and shows you how the earth appears from space, it is accompanied by a specially made surround sound musical composition. It would be a wonderful day out for our families to experience, and it's free!

"In Greek mythology, Gaia also spelled Gaea, is the personification of the Earth and one of the Greek primordial deities. Gaia is the ancestral mother of all life: the primal Mother Earth goddess."

<https://www.millenniumpoint.org.uk/gaia/>

CK Cake Sale

Miss Hillier asked me to thank parents and pupils for their support in raising funds for the club. The cake sale, which was very popular raised an amazing £207.50. Thank you to very one that made cakes and came to buy them last week. Well done Miss Hillier for organising the event too.

Safe Parking

A sincere thank you to all the parents who are parking in a sensible manner, which ensures the safety of our children. I'm aware that parking can be an issue, but obviously a child's life is worth far more than being a few minutes late. I have had to speak to some parents who are parking on the pavement and zebra crossing further

up Calshot Road which is very dangerous, a child could be hit and pedestrian visibility is greatly hindered. Please park responsibly!

School Fund

This week £10.30 was collected in School Fund this week! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)

