



25th March 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Election fever has swept through the school this week! As your children may have told you this week we are having our own mock election across the school - and I must say I have been incredibly impressed with the mature and thoughtful way the children have involved themselves. Children in Years 5 & 6 have been setting up the election as a special project this week, whilst some of their friends are away in Kilvrough. They have organised themselves into six parties, each with a leader and party members, and they have been busy devising policies, posters, leaflets and campaign broadcasts! After making presentations to the rest of the school today the election will be held tomorrow - overseen by election officers from Year 5.

The winner will be announced tomorrow afternoon by Lady Brighthouse, one of our school governors, so good luck to **Sarah, Bethany, Dollie-Mae, Jamie, Jason and Sannie**, the party leaders. The winning party will have the chance to meet with the School Leadership Team to discuss their ideas for improving our school. This project has been a great opportunity for the children to learn about democracy in action, responsibility, and to think about those things that they think are most important in school. Well done to everyone - including all of the adults who have helped the children with their organisation!

Tomorrow evening Parents of children on the Years 5 & 6 trip to Kilvrough will be collecting their children from the **school hall, from 8:30 pm**. Mrs McMahon, Miss Vincent and Mr Green have been staying in touch with the school throughout the week so we know that they have been having a brilliant (if rather wet and muddy!) time. You can read the teachers' blog on our school website to find out more about their adventures this week; here is yesterday's entry to give you a flavour...

Wednesday 24 March

Hello! Well, we all had a wonderful day due to the amount of sleep we got! All children asleep by 10.30pm and we had to wake some of them at 7.30am!

The rain continued through out the morning.

1 group had fun canoeing today - some got very wet-not only from the rain! Everyone smiling as they came back in the minibus. Another group went climbing in the same place as yesterday's groups. They enjoyed abseiling and climbing, and playing on the beach afterwards. The walk back up the hill to the bus was tough for a few of them!! The third group went caving, which was a new experience for most. River was very high so was touch and go whether we'd be allowed in but fortunately we were. After a tough climb down to the entrance of the cave, the group were thrown in at the deep end (not the river) and had to lay flat on their stomachs and use feet and elbows to crawl through a hole which went on for about 15 feet! All achieved this (with a few screams) which was great ...

See our school website for more!

Do remember that next Wednesday there will be a special **Family Learning event in the school hall from 3:30- 4:30**: a chance to find out more about Extended Services in the Headington area and perhaps try something new. Do come along, and join us for a cup of tea!

Building update

Now that an area of the field has been fenced off work should begin soon on preparing the ground for the new temporary classroom block, ready for us to start using it from September.

Easter colouring competition entrance forms are on sale on the playground at the moment. Our Easter assembly takes place on the last day of term, Thursday 1st April from 1:30. **Please remember that term finishes next Thursday at 2:30**. Please do check the lost property collection, as unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of this term.

With best wishes

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.



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