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Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

February

- 3 - Y6 Parents' Safer Internet Workshop
- 4 - Understanding your child's behavior Course
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 10 - Maths Enrichment Week
- 11 - Understanding your child's behavior Course
- 13 - Disco
- 17 - Half Term
- 26 - Safer Internet Day

March

- 5 - Ash Wednesday
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 11 - Y5 York
- 12 - Holi
- 19 - Purim
- 27 - Parents' Evening
- 31 - Y5 Bikeability Training (31st March - 4th April)
- 31 - Y4 Production

April

- 1 - Y4 Production
- 2 - Yugadi
- 4 - Coffee Morning
- 9 - Easter
- 14 - Easter break
- 28 - INSET - Curriculum / Vision
- 30 - Passover

May

- 2 - Coffee Morning
- 2 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 2 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed
- 7 - Cinco de Mayo
- 8 - Parents' Forum
- 12 - SATS Week
- 15 - Ascension
- 15 - Disco
- 19 - Enrichment Week
- 26 - Half Term

What a week we have had! Everyone in school has been working extremely hard, ensuring that their minds are set on learning new things and making steps forward in their path to achieve the goals they have set themselves this term.

This week, Year 5 have been extremely busy, working with Create-Build-Learn to create Lego animations of the story Beowulf. Using the iPads, the children have used stop animation techniques to tell this famous story, embellishing it with their hand made backdrops and taking starring voiceover roles. Year 5 will be using their fantastic work to inspire them with their creative writing later on in the term.

We had the great pleasure of welcoming six families to our celebration assembly today so they could receive their prizes for winning the Year 4 and Year 6 family projects. Many congratulations to Adam Hobbs (4GC), Harry Hemming (4VW) and Beatrice Greaves (4CH) for their tremendous work creating imaginary settings as a basis for their story writing. Further congratulations go to Luke Friend (6GS), Luke Waldron (6KW) and Omar Reza (6LT) for their fabulous projects about the Victorians. Each family received a £10 Touchwood voucher for their hard work.

As we all know, Sharmans Cross is filled with many talented pupils! This week we have been made aware of a number of successful dancers. Congratulations to those pupils in the Monday evening dance class who passed their examinations last Saturday with the British Theatre Dance Association! Also, congratulations go to Lucie Hazzard (4VW) for winning a fabulous dancing trophy last weekend too!

Mrs Williams and about 30 of our Year 6 children have been busy preparing to represent Sharmans Cross at next week's Indoor Athletics Championships. Following a visit from Specialising in Sport, our very own athletes have been training hard; taking part in trials and preparing themselves to take part in this exciting event next Wednesday at Solihull College. They have no doubt set their own personal goals to strive towards and we all wish them every success as they compete next week.

On a final note, in light of a young girl being approached by a stranger in Dorridge last week, staff have talked to their classes about stranger danger. It was encouraging to know that all of our pupils knew what they should do if they were to ever find themselves in such a situation. As ever, if you have any concerns to do with the safety of a child in our school, please tell us straight away.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Jefferies

PTA Events coming up soon

Children's Disco All Year Groups Thursday 13 February 6.30 - 8.00 pm £3.00

Quiz Night Adults Only Friday 7 March Doors open 7.30 pm £7.00
8.00 pm start per
head

Ticket includes fish/veg and chips supper - Bring your own drink

500 Words Competition

Can you write an amazing story using no more than 500 words? You could win Chris Evans' height in books, plus 500 books for your school! Enter now at bbc.co.uk/500words, closing date Wednesday 26th February.

Miss Boon

Love Solihull Poster Competition

I would like to invite all Sharmans Cross children to take part in an art competition.

The competition aims to help promote an early awareness of the local environment, which can be spoilt by litter, vandalism and general degradation.

If you are interested, complete a poster encouraging people to bin their litter and clean up the environment. Please complete on A4 paper/ card using any medium, ie. Paint, crayon, pen, ink and pencils. You need to write your full name, age, class and school on the back of the poster and give it to Mrs Green in 5AG. I will have a tray for entries ready. **Deadline is Friday 14th February 2014**

The competition is being run by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

The winner will receive a family ticket for cineworld and the class will receive an educational activity lead by a Neighbourhood Ranger!

After School LEGO Club for Years 3 & 4

If you love LEGO and would like to play and create fantastic masterpieces don't forget to **hand your form into school by Thursday 13 February**. The club will run from Monday 24 February until half term. All you need to take is your imagination.

The Royal British Legion & Birmingham Bach Choir

The Military Community Choir

Is on the march!

BUT we need more **tenors & basses** to sing with our lovely ladies. Open to all serving personnel, reservists, cadets, veterans and their (adult) families. No previous experience needed.

.Next workshop: **Saturday 8th February 2.30 - 5.00pm**

Thereafter, Saturday 8th March and meeting on (most) alternate Thursday evenings

Venue: **Queen Alexandra College, Court Oak Road Harborne B17 9TG**

For more details please contact kate.crocker@hotmail.com or westmidlands@britishlegion.org.uk