



Orchards Community Middle School Newsletter 2- October 2011



No sooner are we welcoming in a new group of pupils then we are getting ready for a half term break – amazing! It has been a full and exciting half term showing that we have hit the ground running. Our first visit of the year was for Year 5 to Goodwood Farm which was enjoyed by all. This was quickly followed by our four Parent Consultation Sports Events which were very successful and a big thanks to Mr Christie and the PE team for making it such a triumph. We added a new event this year, the Coffee Morning for Macmillan Charity which was very popular. The Year 6 Health & Fitness Week was great fun and enjoyed by all – young and old.



We were absolutely delighted to have been nominated again for the Worthing Herald School of the Year and Mrs Alford as Teacher of the Year! As current holders we would love to win both titles again so get your votes in to the Herald!

I am delighted with the commitment of both the staff and children to our after school activities – we are so lucky to have staff who will give up their time but also to have children who show such enthusiasm for the activities.

Congratulations to Mr Hall and the Year 5 footballers who won the Worthing District 6-a-side tournament giving Mr Hall his first medal since being Croydon Young Librarian of the Year in 1984. Our netballers have also done really well with both year 5 and Year 6 being runners up in their tournaments. All children who have represented school teams so far this year – well over a hundred – have been a credit to The Orchards, thank you.

Our congratulations also go to our children who received their 100% attendance certificates for the year presented by Mrs McCarthy at Durrington High School last week.

The half term finishes this week with PURE DANCE 2 featuring over 200 children, a Year 6 Gifted & Talented Historians' visit to Osborne House on the Isle of Wight, a Year 5 visit to the Cinema, Mufti day on Thursday and our In-Service Training event focused on exciting curriculum developments! Phew!

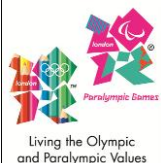
Best wishes *Dr Jones*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 21st October – School Closed for Inset
- 24th to 28th October – HALF TERM
- 9th November – Year 4 Egyptian Day
- 16th November – Masterchef!
- 19th November – Cross Country Championship at Findon
- 30th November – Year 5 Visit to Anglo-Saxon Farm at Butser
- 1st December – Prospective New Parents Evening 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd December – Xmas Disco
- 5th / 6th December – Year 7 Space Exploration
- 8th December – Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Evening
- 9th December – Year 6 Open Morning
- 13th December – Christmas Production
- 15th December – Year 5 Open Afternoon and Staff Panto
- 16th December – Last Day of term



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