

## FOULDS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### SCIENCE WEEK

Last week was science week as we were celebrating the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. As you can see below the children were treated to a week of science activities and the whole curriculum was based around science for the week. The children used their literacy, numeracy, art, scientific and creative skills to learn about and produce some superb work. On Friday the children shared their work with the whole school in assembly and it was great to see how much they had learnt and the standard of their work. Thank you and well done to all the staff for making the week so exciting and different for the children and to Mrs Davé for organising the week.

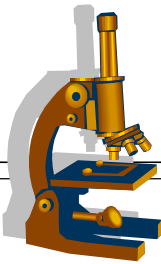


#### The 3 / 4 classes became Darwinesque for the whole week.

They began the week with a Thinking walk in Ravenscroft Park where children examined and collected plants from a range of habitats. In numeracy they sorted these plants using Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams. Some of the children created keys to discover the names of the plants. Later in the week, the plants were pressed and the classes made their own herbariums (a plant library)

In literacy they went on Darwin like voyages, discovering new lands, plants and animals. The classrooms crackled with the sense of adventure!

In art the children created their own species of extinct animals, they were very creative and gave great reasons of why their animal had become extinct. It took Darwin 5 years to complete his trip on the HM Beagle... 3/4 managed it in 5 days!



**KS1** learnt about Darwin, plants and animals through a week of exciting science activities. The children enjoyed being plant hunters and going to Barnet park to find out which different plants grow in shady or sunny habitats. The children also had a great time using magnifying glasses to hunt for different creatures that are living in the school grounds! We found a very big frog in the pond!



**Reception** enjoyed science week, the children found out some information about Darwin. They found Darwin on the £10 note. Maya from Birch class came to tell the children about her visit to Darwin House and shared her photo album. The children also took home 'The Big Bean Challenge' pack to grow their own bean plant. Reception learnt about how to take care of plants and looked after the plants in their outside classroom. Let's see how tall their bean plants grow over the summer!

# REMEMBER OPEN AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 3.30-6.00PM

### TRIP TO LORDS

Last Friday evening 31 KS2 children went to Lords to watch a Twenty 20 cricket match between Middlesex and Essex. The threatened thunderstorms never materialised and they all had a great time watching an exciting game and taking part in numerous Mexican waves! Thank you to Mr Browett for organising the trip and Mrs Browett and Mrs Wilkinson for accompanying the children.

### RECEPTION MARBLE PARTY

A fun packed afternoon was had by all Reception children last week when they celebrated their hard work. They changed into their pyjamas, made themselves comfortable on the carpet with their soft toys and cushions and watched part of 'High School Musical' DVD. They shared a snack of popcorn and crisps and later danced to their hearts content to 'Party music'. Well done Apple and Pear children! What a super Pyjama party!

## AUTHOR VISIT KEY STGE 1

On Thursday KS1 had a visit from Jan Burgett & Sara Vogler, the authors of the 'Dinosaur Cove' series. The children had a wonderful time creating a class poem about a dinosaur hiding in the classroom, where the children used interesting adjectives to describe the imagined dinosaur. KS1 should also feel very proud of the fantastic questions they asked Jan and Sara, such as 'Where do you get your story ideas from?' Well done KS1! Thank you to Ms Eyres and Miss Switzer for arranging the visit.

## RE DAY KEY STAGE 1

On Monday KS1 learnt about Sikhism, Judaism and Christianity during an action packed religious education day. The children were visited by a Rabbi who told them about his religion and beliefs, after which all children made their own replica Torah scrolls and practised Hebrew writing. A Priest also visited the children and talked about her job, and read a Bible story. The children all made a stained glass window of their favourite Bible story. The children also had great fun learning about Sikhism through dressing up and role play.

## RECEPTION VISIT LEGOLAND

Last Friday all the Reception children went to Legoland. They had a really fun day enjoying the numerous rides especially the Fairy Tale Brook, boat ride. They saw all the familiar characters from fairy stories. They were especially delighted at being sprayed on the Orient Expedition train ride. It certainly cooled them down! Some of the children also enjoyed watching the puppet show 'Cinderella' whilst having lunch. The children behaved beautifully and should be proud of themselves. Well done Reception children and a big 'Thank you' to all the parents and carers who accompanied them on the trip and of course Miss Janjua and Mrs Dave for organising the trip.

## FRONTER

Advice about the current situation with regard to Swine Flu and possible school closures changes almost daily. As a school we have had to consider how we could help children continue their education even if we had to close, for example, if we had a large number of teaching and support staff off sick and could not fully open. We have made plans for Foulds children to access learning from home or from a PC in Barnet Library using Fronter, which is our online Managed Learning Environment. Work would be uploaded to class pages and children would be required to complete activities online and hand in work online (with support from an adult, if needed). Staff have made every effort recently to ensure that every child knows their username and password and knows how to log on to Fronter at [www.fronter.com/barnet](http://www.fronter.com/barnet). There is a hyperlink to Fronter on the home page of the Foulds website. Of course the eventuality of closure may not arise this term or even next term or at all. However we will be making more use of Fronter throughout next year so your children will need to know how to log on from home in any event. Should the school have to close then the Foulds website banner would remind parents of how to help their child to log on to Fronter, and who to contact if you cannot find/remember the Fronter log-in details. In the meantime, keep those log-ins safe!

## CHESTNUT MARBLE TREAT

Chestnut class have reached 50 marbles! For their treat the children have decided to go to Byng Road playing fields for the afternoon in their own clothes. They are allowed to bring a small snack (no nuts) and a drink. Please ensure that if your child requires sunscreen you have applied it in the morning.

## **PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND**

The afternoon started in glorious sunshine but sadly ended with torrential rain, but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of everyone who came to the Party in the Playground on Saturday. It was a great event and there was something for everyone. The children were entertained with sporting events—a big thank you to Miss Shardlow who came back to help and Miss Janjua on the skipping as well as the parents/carers who helped. There were face painting and art activities as well as balloons being made into every animal! The local police brought their car down for the children to look around, thank you to them and we were treated to a fantastic flamenco dance. There was a great atmosphere. Everyone enjoyed a delicious bar b q—thank you to the many helpers who helped cook and prepare the food and a special thank you to Mrs Hayhoe for her organisation. Then even though we had to hold the pledges and promises auction inside a superb amount of money was raised, thank you to Lyndy and Boyanna for organising the auction it was great fun. Thank you to all those that supported the event, pledged and bought auction items, and helped in any way.

Without you, giving up your own time to support the school this event could not have taken place. An enormous well done and thank you must go the whole PTA and in particular Di and Juliette. Your hard work really is appreciated and the children will benefit greatly from all the wonderful things that this event will enable us to purchase for them. Thank you.

## **GOODBYE TO MRS DENNIS**

Last Friday we said good bye to one of our Mealtime Supervisors who had been with us for many years, Rosemary Dennis, she is going to be spending more time with her family. We wish her well and thank her for all her hard work and dedication for Foulds.

## **SWINE FLU UPDATE FROM THE LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET**

As you may well have heard, swine flu has been spreading quickly through Barnet along with other parts of London. There have been several confirmed cases in Barnet schools. The advice that we have had from NHS Barnet is that the virus is pretty mild at this time, milder than 'seasonal flu' so there is no cause for alarm.

While the NHS and the Health Protection Agency explored closing schools early in the spread of the virus, the NHS in London has now moved away from this, as swine flu is in the community and therefore, we have been advised that there is nothing to be gained from keeping healthy children away from school; they are as likely to catch swine flu outside of school as within.

With so many cases being reported, the NHS is no longer necessarily testing people for confirmation of swine flu. For many people swine flu will come and go with no formal confirmation. Up until now Barnet Council has published details of schools with confirmed cases of flu but this will now change as we are collecting reports of cases. It is quite possible that a majority of schools in Barnet will report cases within the next two weeks.

All schools in Barnet are also being advised to behave as they would with any similar illness. Schools will remain open unless we cannot guarantee that there will be enough adults to ensure safe supervision of children.

Parents are advised to treat a case as they would with any other illness their child may have. If the child is ill with flu like symptoms they should be kept away from school to avoid infecting other children and staff. Siblings of children who have either been diagnosed with swine flu or who have flu-like symptoms should attend school as normal as long as they remain symptom-free.

If parents are concerned that their child is unwell and is displaying some of the symptoms described above, they should call NHS Direct on 0845 46 47 or their GP practice for more information.

For general information on swine flu, please call the national swine flu information line 0800 1 513 513. Information can also be found at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) and [www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu).



# STAR PUPILS



<b>Rowan</b>	Dominic Hammond	<b>Ash</b>	Alistair Badger	<b>Chest-nut</b>	Cyrus Hutchinson
<b>Birch</b>	Oliver Golding	<b>Beech</b>	Woody Castang	<b>Elm</b>	Jerome Michael
<b>Maple</b>	Thomas Pearce	<b>Willow</b>	Michael Seddon	<b>Oak</b>	Frankie Stanley
<b>Apple</b>	(no star pupil as children at Legoland)	<b>Pear</b>	(no star pupil as children at Legoland)		

Dear Fellow Parents, Carers and Staff,

The Governing Body met on 11 June for the formal summer term meeting. The meeting was Jasenka Horvat's last as a parent governor after many years on the Governing Body and we took the opportunity to thank her for all her hard work. There will be an election for a new parent governor in due course. If anyone is interested in standing for election, I am happy to have an informal chat about it. We have a new Local Authority governor and welcomed Joseph Massey at the meeting. As usual the meeting received a comprehensive report from the Headteacher on the school's activities since the last meeting, covering notable school achievements and events. The governors were particularly impressed by the success of the school in the Rock Challenge back in April, and the recent visit of poet John Hegley with the associated national press coverage. Both these events again showed off a really positive image of Foulds School with pupils involved in some really exciting activities. We also thanked Ms Switzer for all her hard work in making the recent maths evening such a success. The governors have started a series of visits into the school to work with subject leaders in gaining a greater understanding of teaching in the school. Each governor has been assigned a subject and the first of these visits took place during Science week, when I received a few lessons in Charles Darwin, plant identification and drugs education. It was great to actually get into school and see at first hand the pupils really enjoying the learning experience - it made a pleasant change from meetings! Governors will also be working with Mrs Browett on the School Travel Plan to improve the health and safety of children when walking and travelling to school. This will involve working with Barnet Council to improve road safety and cleanliness of footpaths around the school. The governors also thanked the PTA for their fantastic fundraising efforts. As usual, it's been a busy term for staff, pupils and governors, but also a really rewarding one and still with several exciting events still to come.

Mark Bennister

Chair - Foulds Governing Body

## FRIDAY CAFE - THIS WEEK - OUTSIDE IF IT'S SUNNY COME EARLY TO AVOID THE RUSH!

Just a reminder that there is a Friday Cafe this week - Apple and Pear classes. This will be the last one of this term, so please come along and help raise a bumper amount for the PTA fund.

All offers of help, ESPECIALLY SERVING, would be gratefully received - please call the numbers below.

Leave all your made, baked or bought items in the Resources Room NO LATER THAN 2.45 pm please. The cafe will be open from 3.15 if you want to come early to avoid the rush and will be outside if it's sunny.

Remember to bring in your used but in good condition (and recent) magazines and leave them in the box in the Resources Room in advance.

Hope to see you there ~ Clare / Jo / Ena ~ 020 8440 0172 / 020 8364 9750


## OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Children's Art Day 6-12 July & Rhythm of London Festival 10-11 July ~ the Mayor of London is delighted to launch Children's Art Day 2009 which takes place in Shine Week—a national schools festival celebrating talent in all young people. In addition to young artists, the Mayor is also championing music education for all young Londoners through his initiative Rhythm of London. There will be a wide diversity of visual arts and music opportunities across the capital during these campaigns. You will find an Events Programme in the pockets outside the school office for your perusal.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Monday 6th July ~ School reports coming home.
- Tuesday 7th July ~ Year 5 to the Bull in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 8th July ~ Open Afternoon 3.30-6.00pm.
- Wednesday 8th July— 7pm Year 5 parents/carers meeting re Secondary Transfer.
- Friday 10th July—INSET DAY ~ school closed.
- Monday 13th July—Year 5 Bikeability Week
- Tuesday 14th July—Pathway Assembly
- Wednesday 15th July—Year 6 Leavers' Concert in the evening.
- Friday 17th July—Year 6 Leavers' Fete in the afternoon
- Monday 20th July—Year 6 Bowling Trip
- Tuesday 21st July—School finishes at 3.00pm.

## REMINDERS

- In hot weather can the children be reminded to wear hats and have water bottles in school please (remember to name all belongings). Any sun cream should be applied before school. 
- Instrumental tuition—continuing next Autumn term—please return slips and payment by Friday 3rd July.
- School Meals must be paid for in **advance**. If you are yet to pay for this half term, please do so by this Friday, 3rd July.
- Would parents/carers please remember to park considerately; not on the zig-zags outside the school nor over our neighbours' drives, thank you.

## NOTES

Homework Club ~ 2nd July will be the last one for this term, Mrs Bradburn.

## SWIMMING FOR OAK

Swimming is cancelled for Oak for this Friday and the following Friday (the 3rd and 10th of July). The next, and last, swim will be on Friday 17th of July.



## Y5 TO THE BULL THEATRE

Next Tuesday Y5 children will be walking to the Bull Theatre to watch a live theatre performance put on by young adults in the community. They will leave after lunch and should return by 3.30pm. Please bear with us if they are a few minutes late.

# PTA NEWS 2nd JULY

The PTA would like to thank all of you who braved the elements and joined us in our Party in the Playground on Saturday. The feedback has been fantastic and it seems great fun was had by all! We are busy tallying up the takings and will let you know the final figure in next week's newsletter.

We'd also like to thank our helpers who did a sterling job and without whom events like this could not take place. We rely upon your assistance and are very grateful for you giving up your time to help!

The Promises Auction did very well, considering the downpour, and we raised £1700. We really appreciate all the kind donations and would like to thank those who so enthusiastically bid! (Please don't forget to put your cheques in the red box outside the office if you haven't already paid for your Promise).

Finally, we'd like to express our gratitude to Bob Lloyd, Francesca and Charlotte's Grandfather, who owns a local printers and generously donated the self-adhesive paper from which the new gecko, dolphin, star and batman design tattoo stencils were cut!

The PTA will be running a competition later in the year where the best stencil design will be cut into a stencil for one of the future events. We'll keep you posted!

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## CAR BOOT SALE

Have you had a spring clear-out? Have you got unwanted stuff that you could turn into handy cash? Then bring it to the car boot sale on 18th July. Pitches are only £5, or £10 if you would like to use a (large) school table.

There will be hot and cold food on sale, and fun activities for the kids.

Sellers can set up from 9 a.m., and the sale is from 10 till 1.

Even if you do not want to sell, please put the date in your diary and come along to support the sellers and enjoy another fun Foulds family day.

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### Car Boot Sale 18th July

I would like to reserve a pitch at the car boot sale with/without\* table. (\*Please delete as necessary.)

I enclose £ .....

Name .....

Eldest child ..... Class .....

Please make cheques payable to Foulds School PTA, thank you.

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