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THE SQUIRREL

"You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win"
Zig Ziglar, American author and motivational speaker 1926-2012

I am sure that you have heard about our great result at Global Rock last Thursday. The children had a super day and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. They supported all the other schools and enjoyed watching their performances, often being amazed at the quality. We were awarded many certificates, but two in particular that I would like to mention as these were voted for by the other schools were Best Performance and Spirit of Global Rock, the latter being the one that celebrates our children's support for all the other schools, their involvement in the competition and being what the challenge is all about. We were also awarded first place, which takes us in to the regional finals on 22nd June in Portsmouth. My sincere congratulations and huge thanks to all who supported our Global Rock performance. It is a big event and it requires many people both on the frontline and behind the scenes. I'd also like to mention that our Chloe was awarded the Sir John Hoddinott Award for Excellence (Sir John was the founder of Global Rock in the UK.) Global Rock Challenge is a huge competition and just one of the many competitions we as a school take part in. I wanted to clarify our competitive involvement as a couple of families have mentioned our 'non-competitive policy', which is not a policy here at school at all. In fact, we enter many, many competitions to try and encourage children to take part and to be winners! I really want the children to be winners and competing in Global Rock year after year, to improve and improve, shows our commitment to success. Also, just this year we have entered dinosaur competitions, Tim Peake competitions, story writing competitions, poetry writing competitions, last week we competed in a Maths competition and this week we are taking part in a Speech and Drama competition. This is without mentioning all the different sports competitions that we are involved in. We take part in the island's competitions for all sports. We have organised competitions between cluster schools and have one of our LSAs running clubs after school to try and increase our success in sporting events. This week our club list goes out and we are running twenty-four clubs after school for children across the school. Twelve of these clubs are sport-based. As a school I want us to be the best, from the best attendance to the best results to the best sports to the best arts, and I want the children to experience this. However there also has to be a balance between being competitive and experiencing working together with a group outcome rather than an individual outcome. Our sports week this year is based on the Olympics and will be a whole week of competitive sports. In the past we have held non-competitive sports days, football tournaments, traditional sports days and four years ago we held our first 'Olympic Week'. This is to ensure that we have a good balance and variety across the school. Perhaps I have not been clear enough on all the events we take part in and I hope that this now quells any concerns parents may have had (even I was amazed when I wrote it all out and saw just how much we do!)

Talking about how much we do, last week I talked about upcoming events and I just want to give some further detail to these events. Next Friday, 11th March is our 'Pirates! An Adventure with Science' day and we have booked a company called 'Hands on Science' to come in and deliver ten Science workshops across the school. The whole day will be given over to Science as a curriculum focus day. Children and staff can come dressed either as pirates or mad scientists, or a combination of both if you fancy it! This supports National Science Week taking place around the country. The following week is Sport Relief on 18th March and we are asking children to come in sporty clothes and pay a donation to take part in sporting activities throughout the day. On Monday 21st March we have our end of topic Celebration Day. This day is going to be slightly different as we are asking the children to organise their own Leap Year party, which is a tradition in the city of Anthony in New Mexico who have nominated themselves the Leap Year capital of the world, and hold a four day celebration. Parents will be invited to join their children in the afternoon for the party and look at the work we have covered this half-term, which then leads us into Easter and the end of term. We have also booked the Hampshire advisor for literacy to come in next week to look at our children's writing. We have a Speech & Drama competition in Ryde, as previously mentioned, and Year 6 have a carousel of sports at Cowes Enterprise College, sitting volleyball at Medina on Friday and a study skills workshop at Newchurch as part of our Remarkable Pupil programme. Another busy week here at Lanesend Primary!

I am meeting with Mary Bowdery, our fabulous choreographer, on Wednesday regarding our Global Rock regional final in June and also to arrange a Celebration Assembly here in school. I will send a letter out as soon as we have a plan of action together.

It is Mothering Sunday on 6th March so may I wish all our Mums a very lovely day. I hope you get thoroughly looked after and enjoy a special moment of being pampered for being an outstanding Mummy!

DATES

SPRING TERM 2016
Term Topic: 'A Leap in Time'

29th Feb	Year 5 parents invited to lunch all week – please book with the office!
29th Feb	Royal Observatory trip Years 5 & 6
1st Mar	Mums coffee morning – all Mums welcome!
1st Mar	Speech & Drama Competition Day 1
1st Mar	Scouts Assembly 8.45am
2nd Mar	Year R visit to Cowes Lifeboat Station
2nd Mar	Speech & Drama Competition Day 2
2nd Mar	Origami Club
3rd Mar	FIRE DRILL
3rd Mar	Year 6 sports carousel @ Cowes Enterprise College 3.15pm-5.30pm
4th Mar	Celebration assembly for Yrs 1, 3 & 5 @ 8.45am
4th Mar	Study Skills workshop
4th Mar	Swimming Yr 3 week 7 Hamlet 1pm-2pm Tempest 2pm-3pm
4th Mar	Sitting Volleyball competition @ Medina
7th Mar	Year 6 parents invited to lunch all week – please book with the office!
7th Mar	KS1 Tea Dance for the over 60s, 1.15pm
8th Mar	Mums coffee morning – all Mums welcome!
8th Mar	Yr 5/6 netball @ CEC
9th Mar	Yr 5/6 rugby @ Gurnard
11th Mar	Pirates! An Adventure with Science Day Children may come to school dressed as pirates - or mad scientists!
11th Mar	Celebration Assembly for Yrs 2, 4 & 6 @ 8.45am
11th Mar	Swimming Yr 3 week 8 Hamlet 1pm-2pm Tempest 2pm-3pm
11th Mar	Cross Country @ Northwood

Whole School Attendance
From 1st Sept 2015
98.1%
Let's get this back up!
We can do it!
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Caroline Sice

FOR YOU

Remember!

Development Days 2015-16:
Thursday 24th March 2016
Friday 29th April 2016

SEPTEMBER 2016
ALL CHILDREN WILL RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2016.
This is NOT a Development Day.

CLUBS

Sign up sheets will be available from tomorrow (Tuesday 1st March)
Details of our new after school clubs for this term have been emailed to families.

Star Awards Year 2 Miss McQueen

Star Work	Gabriela Melninkaite
Citizenship	Amelia Groves
Build-ability	Finlay Munt
Pride-ability	Keeton Thurlby

Star Awards Year 2 Ms Coppen

Teach-ability	Alisha Khassall
Citizenship	Lyla Hunter
Build-ability	Lewis Howard
Pride-ability	Jaime Whittall
Stick-ability	Joshua Blow

Star Awards Year 4 Miss Barton

Citizenship	Toby Flux
Handwriting	Damien Turner
Change-ability	Declan Reilly

Star Awards Year 4 Miss Haynes

Homework	Rowan Cornwell
Teach-ability	Lorelai Walker
Explore-ability	Oskar Vincent

Star Awards Year 6 Mr Cooper

Maths	Ryan Buggs
Teach-ability	Charlie Isham
Build-ability	Erin Cantillon
More giraffe	Aiden Tillbrook

Star Awards Year 6 Mr Evans

Bounce-ability	Ben White
Presentation	Joshua Mawer
More pony	Tyler-Rayne Clark

NEW! NEW!

Drop In Youth Cafe

Every Wednesday
4pm – 6pm Age 11-Year 8
6.15pm-8.15pm Year 9 – Year 11
50p
Parkside Pavillion, Vectis Rd, Cowes
For more info contact:
youthoffer@spectrumhousing.co.uk
or call: 07814 901 839

Spectrum housing group

Cowes Library World Book Day Fest!

Huxley's Magic Club
10.30am-12.30pm
£2.50 ages 7+

Games Club
10.30am-12.00pm

Children's Book Sale
DVD Sale

Cowes Junior Sea Cadets

Mondays and Thursdays
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Arctic Road, Cowes
Ages 10-12
http://www.sea-cadets.org/cowes
www.facebook.com/seacadetsuk

Maths Challenge Ryde School Congratulations to:

Darcy McBride
Georgia Morey
Kashmira Woodford
Oskar Vincent
Harvey Kemp
Connor Harris

Scooter / Bike Racks

We have bought some lovely new scooter and bike racks for school – PLEASE USE THEM!

Thank you ☺

Thank You

Island Facility Services for your kind donation of £250 towards our Global Rock 2016 Challenge

Super Behaviour

Congratulations to Year 2. Your behaviour on the trip to the Royal Observatory last week was outstanding and did not go unnoticed. Well done everyone ☺

Attendance week ending 26th February 2016

Measure for Measure	97.1%
Macbeth	97.1%
Antony & Cleopatra	98.1%
A Midsummer Night's Dream	85.9%
Much Ado About Nothing	93.2%
As You Like It	99.0%
Hamlet	96.4%
The Tempest	96.3%
Winter's Tale	93.9%
Cymbeline	93.3%
Twelfth Night	98.3%
Romeo & Juliet	99.6%
Julius Caesar	97.9%
Othello	100%
Whole school	**96.1%**

Well done to:
Othello
100%

WE CAN DO BETTER

Tuck Shop!

Here at Lanesend we are opening our very own tuck shop for Key Stage 2!

This fantastic idea will be starting soon – for just 50p a day your child will be able to buy a piece of fruit, a healthy snack or a drink.

Watch this space!

Portsmouth High School

Open Day

OPEN DOORS

Portsmouth High School

Thursday 10th March

9.00am – 11.00am

Drop in on lessons and see the school in action on a normal teaching day. No booking required.

Find out more at www.portsmouthhigh.co.uk

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