Minchinhampton CofE Academy

Newsletter

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Wednesday 10th May 2017

INFORMATION

NEWS:

Enrichment Afternoon

Last Wednesday the whole school was allowed to go outside on the field and into the hall. There were loads of different activities, for example line dancing, rounders, ballet, yoga, tag rugby and many more...that we were allowed to go and take part in. Either that or we were allowed to make up our own games. I personally really enjoyed all the activities. The reason Mr Moss allowed us to do this was because of all our hard work.

By Annabelle Y6.

Our Debating Team

We took part in the County Debating Final and we came 3rd. We were debating which sport should be left out of the next Olympics and we chose Modern Pentathlon. It was highly pressurised and we had to be able to think on our feet. Although we were beaten into third place, the judges complemented us on the strength of our arguments and our animated delivery.

Apologies you were not

informed sooner and most of you will now already know:

Caterlink have increased the price of school meals.

They have been increased from £2.20 to £2.28.

Apologies also for the limited menu Monday- this was through no fault of the cook's and was due to a fault with the fridge.

COMMUNICATION

Please check the school calendar for upcoming events and put them in your diaries. Please note Sports Day has been moved from the 20th to the 27th June.

Nursery

The admissions process is currently underway for children wishing to join the School Nursery during the academic year 2017/18. From September the Nursery will open 5 full days per week (Mon-Fri) from 9.00 am – 3 pm. All parents are entitled to 15 hours free Nursery education from the term after their child's 3rd birthday but from September, the Government are introducing 30 hours free funding for working parents. More information (and eligibility) can be found by visiting www.gov.uk or www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

Application forms for Nursery can be obtained either from the School Office or from the Nursery. If you would like any further information, please contact Mrs Therese Watt, Nursery Manager on 01453 883273 ext 3 or by email: t.watt@minchschool.net

TEXTS:

'l achieved something today. I assumed I wouldn't be able to do it. I could.'

(The children and I can be purposefully obtuse with texts which then means they have to explain it more fully when they get home).

LEARNING	SCHOOL PRACTICE	POETS CORNER
On the recent INSET day, the school staff had further training in something called 'Philosophy for Children.' The head teachers in DGAT (The Diocese of Gloucester Academy Trust) have chosen P4C as one distinct area of teaching and learning practice they would like to maintain a long term commitment to.	We want to encourage children to describe their learning using open ended questions: How did you do that?' What will you do next?' What can you tell me about?' Tell me more	The dreamcatcher found- The dreamcatcher found- The sound of a giggling baby being tickled by its siblings, The taste of honey trickling over a baby's tongue, The touch of a fingertip, kissing you goodnight, The scent of a campsite full of wild flowers, And the glimpse of a squirrel racing up a tree.
REQUESTS Please remember previous:::::: fruit & veg for snacks:::no nuts ::: homework:::PE kit PE kit Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. In most circumstances and for the sake of convenience, the kits can be left in school over a half term. School Uniform Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct school uniform. Sometimes over the summer months uniform can slip. When we discussed it in assembly the children and I felt the most important thing about uniform is its unifying aspect—the 'we're all in this together' principle. We did also accept that we're all individuals and that it would be nice to find a way to express this. We talked about relaxing our policy on tights and socks- to allow children to wear their own colourful alternative to greys and whites. While we haven't made an official change, if you see a little more colour, then this will be why.		The dreamcatcher created- A map of pages leading you through a story, A map of lilac foxgloves like a church bell waking you, A map of bluebirds with wings of the softest azure silk, A map of thoughts echoing through the silent, settled, shadowy streets.
Spare socks and pants Please if you have any spare PE kit, socks or pants, we would be very grateful for donations to the office. As a school we will always have this need.		