



An Lester Trumach - The Packet Ship

Dear Parents

Our open learning week sparked some fantastic ideas for ways to improve the grounds as well as raising the enthusiasm to begin work on improving playtimes through the summer term. The tyres are accessible again now that we have a chain to keep them from wandering at weekends. Please ensure children leave the playground games and activity equipment alone at collection times as we try to establish some clearing-up and storage responsibilities. Current improvements are, we all know, fairly temporary as the aim of the term's work is to plan and prepare the grounds for some much more long-lasting and sustainable changes.

Building on the parliament meetings, we hope this week to set up new working parties for the different areas of the school and to form an overall steering committee so that pupil representatives can work with staff and governors to decide on outline projects, agree priorities and plan a timetable of work. I think we're beginning to realise just what a big task we have ahead of us and the children will shortly be asking for some specific help in preparing ground-works, moving earth and large objects around and... inevitably ...fund-raising.

Thank you, and well done, to all those children and families who took part in the outdoor learning and play competition. Not only were some very imaginative suggestions submitted, but we also received some original ways of presenting the designs or bringing themes together. I certainly hope that a number of these ideas are taken into account when we put everything together. Because of the quality of ideas and the work contestants put into their entries, we have decided to give a prize to everyone who took part, but there has to be a winner and our main award of a day at Eden goes to Evie-May and the Ward family.

Sponsored Cycle Ride

The big fund-raising event for the year has to be a sponsored cycle ride. It's been a success in the past – both in achieving targets, but also as a great opportunity to bring the whole school family together. Please put **Sunday 3rd July** in your diary and we'll hope to get details to you next week.

Last Week				Total		
1 st	Chichester	28	7	1 st	Chichester	7
	Swiftsure	28	7		Swiftsure	7
3 rd	Freeling	26	5	3 rd	Freeling	5
4 th	Pelham	25	4	4 th	Pelham	4
5 th	Fox	24	3	5 th	Fox	3
6 th	Walsingham	21	2	6 th	Walsingham	2

Meetings For Parents

There are a number of different pressing issues and we'd like to invite parents to appropriate meetings over the next week or so:

Subject	Date	Time	Class Group
Class Matters	this Friday, 22/04/16	13:30	y0 (Reception class parents)
Watersports	Wednesday, 27/04/16	15:30	y3 parents
Watersports/Paris 2017	Wednesday, 27/04/16	15:00	y5 parents
Paris 2016	Thursday, 28/04/16	15:30	y6 parents

...class flyers with full details to follow.

eSchools

The office is sending a joint letter from Marlborough and eSchools as we aim to run out the membership section of our website for parents this term. As the letter explains, this should streamline our school-home communication and ease your access to a wider range of information, particularly if you download the free App.

We heard over Easter, and you may also have read of the death of **Brenda Young**, Marlborough's first headteacher (from 1964-75). She left no surviving relatives, but of course will be fondly remembered by the school's first generation of pupils.

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