



NEWSLETTER No. 9

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Introduction

Once again it's Children in Need and thanks to pupils in Years 1 and 2, we not only enjoyed munching a large variety of colourful and tasty cakes, but we also raised £320 for the cause. Apparently, the first ever BBC appeal for children was a five minute radio broadcast in 1927! However, in 1307 William Tell shared his skill at shooting an apple squarely placed on his son's head – he could so easily have been a child in need!

Parents from Years 3-6 attended a most informative "Marvels of Maths!" workshop run by our Head of Maths, Mrs Anne Watson. There were several very helpful handouts, copies of which are available on request from the office. If you have any issues on which you would like a workshop, please let me know.

Congratulations to Mrs Baxter and her husband on the birth of their son, Samuel Frederick. As you will see from the photographs in the newsletter, mother and son are looking remarkably well despite Samuel arriving three weeks early.

Finally, you may be interested to know that people feel less pain after a good laugh, because it may cause the body to release chemicals that act as a natural painkiller, research has suggested. The research at the University of Oxford also think the ability to belly laugh was unique to early humans. This, they believe, enabled our ancestors to form much larger tribal groupings than the ape-like species that lived alongside them.

Don't forget it takes far fewer muscles to smile than to frown, so keep on smiling!

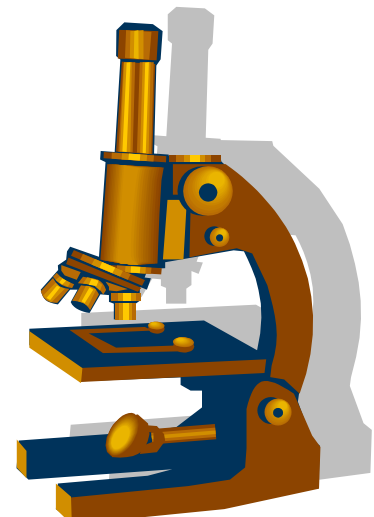
Best wishes

Kaye Lovejoy



Scientist of the Week

Year 1 Allen	Olivia Garwood
Year 1 Daly	Jacob Waldman
Year 1 Davis	Joe Evans
Year 2 Bragg	Lily Walker Borthwick
Year 2 Leeks	Pia Gabrielli
Year 3 Watson	Ethan Martin
Year 4 Wheeler	Kirsty Geoghegan
Year 5 Lane	Joe Penman
Year 6 Watson	Sophie O'Keeffe



Well done to these children.



Update from FOCHS

Christmas Party - A big thank you to everyone that stuck with us and decided to attend this event despite the change of format for the evening. Hopefully you'll agree that the changes are for the better - especially the all inclusive drinks part! Thankfully Woolston Manor has informed us that they have sold enough tickets to ensure we don't lose our deposit. A HUGE thank you to Julie Winterburn for all her help and patience in resolving this situation.

FOCHS Committee Meeting -The minutes from the meeting held on 9th November are now available on the PA noticeboard and in the FOCHS drawer in the office. Please do take a look and see what we have planned this term and next.

Easyfundraising -Please don't forget to use <<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fochs>> to do your Christmas shopping. We have raised £38.27 so far but only have 27 supporters and only 36 shopping days until Christmas ! Please log on and start using it for your Christmas shopping - it is YOUR children that will benefit!

Request for Volunteers - As you know, we are expecting a very important visitor on 8th December and are holding the popular Mummy and Daddy shop for the children the following day. We will therefore need volunteers to help set up the room on the 7th and 8th and to help run the Mummy and Daddy shop on the 9th. You will have received a volunteer form today in your child's bag. Many hands make light work so please, please, spare some time to help on one of these days.

FOCHS Dates For The Diary - 6 December - Junior Pantomime at Harlow Playhouse (2pm); 8 December - Kindergarten (10.30am) and Infants Pantomime (9.15am); 8 December - Visit from Santa 9 December - Mummy & Daddy shop.



Website Woes

Apologies for sending home hard copies of this newsletter on Friday. This is due to the fact that the school website is being modified at the present time and we are unable to upload the newsletter for e mail purposes until early next week. All should be back to normal for the next edition though. Thank you.



Maths Challenge – Week 9

Congratulations to Harry Pigram who won last week's maths challenge. This week's maths challenge was suggested by Isabella Nelson in Year 4. If there are 234 children in the school and they all stay to lunch, how many lunches will Sharon make:

- a) In 1 day?
- b) In 1 week?



Name:

Class:

Answer:

Well done to Isabella for providing us with this puzzle and thank you for your contribution.



House Points

	Beech (Blue)	Chestnut (Red)	Oak (Green)	Willow (Yellow)
Weekly Total	52	36	65	47
Running Total	305	222	340	210
Current Position	2nd	3rd	1st	4th

Well done to Oak house who are in the lead at the moment.



Merit Badges

Trans Cambridge	Milla Vilke	Trans Goddard	Oliver Simpson
Trans M. Gash	Erin Marks	Year 1 Allen	Alexander Kelsey
Year 1 Daly	Arabella Duffy	Year 1 Davis	Freya Stanley
Year 2 Bragg	Charlotte Peach	Year 2 Leeks	Pia Gabrielli
Year 3 Watson	Mollie-Mae Fletcher	Year 4 Wheeler	Toby Crook
Year 5 Lane	Ellie Cooper	Year 6 Watson	Joshua Simmons

Well done to these children named above. Keep up the good work.



Lavender Garden at Queen's Hospital

We were delighted to receive a letter from Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals thanking everyone at Coopersale Hall for supporting their charity appeal for the Lavender Garden at Queen's Hospital. They have managed to transform a piece of barren land into a garden that will provide an area of relaxation for patients, staff and visitors.

The planting has started and weather pending they hope to have it completed within the next three weeks. The garden will open at the beginning of December. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile cause.

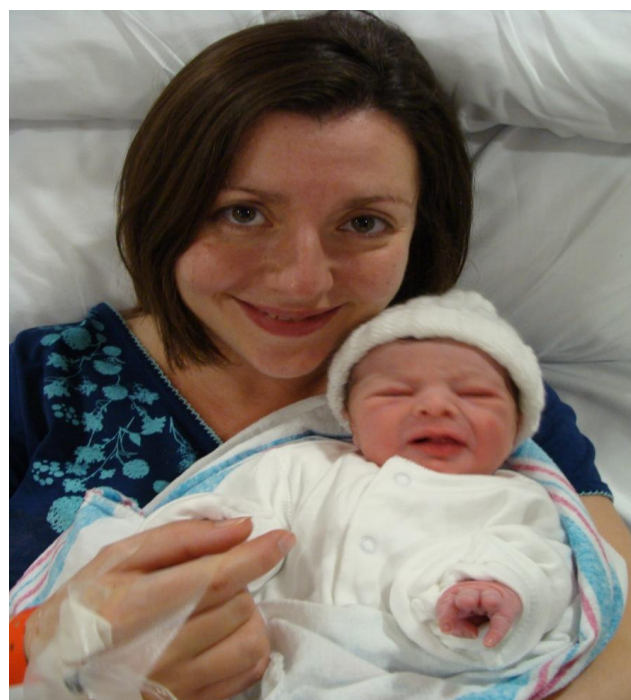


Baby Baxter!

Mrs Baxter our music teacher gave birth to son Samuel Frederick Baxter on Saturday 12 November. He weighed a healthy 6lb 7oz! Mum and baby are now at home and both doing well.

We send them both our very best wishes and are looking forward to a visit before the Christmas break.

In the meantime, our thanks to Gorden Pope and Penny Manser who are doing a wonderful job covering in her absence.





And Finally Children In Need

Thank you to everyone for your donations towards the Children In Need appeal and we hope your children enjoyed our non uniform day. There were many wonderful cakes supplied by our Key Stage One parents and we are very grateful for all their efforts in supplying such an array of home made delicacies. We raised a terrific amount from this event so again many thanks for your support.

Our children appeared in all sorts of wonderful spotty costumes and well done to everyone for making so much effort at short notice; especially admired were the hand made designs sported by some of our pupils. All in all, a very fun day was had by all and for a very fitting purpose.

