



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term and what a bonus it is to return in such good weather. It makes a huge difference to everyone to have a little sunshine.

Obviously it wasn't a straight forward return. Snow in January, ash in April! Fortunately all teaching staff were back on the Island - although it was a close call for one or two - but a couple of support staff and pupils were delayed. These are unprecedented happenings and we can only sympathise with people who will be out of pocket from what would have been an enjoyable break.

The first of our Bikeability sessions started on Tuesday. A big thank you to Mr Wells for his organisation. We are also involving the Pupil Forum, again with Mr Wells taking the lead, in a Litter Pick initiative. More on that next week.

We have a hectic series of events coming up commencing with the Yr5/6 residential visit to Little Canada this weekend, followed by our Global Rock performance on Wednesday and then the Yr7/8 residential to Malvern Field Centre next week.

We wish our Global Rockers all the very best. It is a unique opportunity for children to perform at Portsmouth Guildhall and to have a real way of getting involved in performance. They will be exhausted but exhilarated. A huge thank you to Mrs Feist and the team for their involvement. A full report next week.

Have a good weekend.

Gary Booth

New Pabulum Lunch Menu

Monday 19th April was the start of the new Spring/Summer menu from Pabulum. Come along and try some yummy new creations by your Cook like sweet potato bake and gingerbread upside down pudding. Friday is always fish day and a roast with lots of healthy veggies and delicious roast potatoes is on every Wednesday. A selection of sandwiches and baguettes or a jacket potato is on offer daily if you don't fancy the main meal option.

Don't forget too that you may be entitled to have school lunches FREE if your parents are receiving certain benefits. To find out if you are eligible, contact the Isle of Wight Council on 01983 823455 and ask for 'free school meals', e-mail schooladmissions@iow.gov.uk or go to www.eduwight.co.uk. You can get an application form from the school or County Hall in Newport.

LAKE BROWNIES GIRLGUIDING IS FUN!

To find out more please contact Brown Owl Mrs Horton on 402017. Brownies must be between 7-10yrs.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday - Sunday - Little Canada Yr5/6

Tuesday - Primary Baylink Olympics - Sandham pupils as sporting Ambassadors.

Wednesday - Global Rock - Portsmouth Guildhall.

Thursday - Governing Body meet - 5:30pm.

GIFTED AND TALENTED WORKSHOPS

On Saturday 14th March 8 children from key stage 2 attended 2 Gifted and Talented Workshops. One of the workshops was run by the writer of the TV series Walking With Dinosaurs.

Claire Santos

Writing with Science Fiction

First of all we checked in and split into the two groups. We met our teacher (can't remember his name) he was an author from the mainland. He taught us about what kind of books science fiction was. Most including the word space. Later on he showed us books that you had for choices and you had to pick the right choices or you'd die and start again. Hannah and Connor got the first riddle right unlike the rest of us. They both died at some point. At the end we had to write a chapter of a science fiction story.

Niamh Moran

Writing with Dinosaurs

First of all we got checked in. Then we went to a classroom and talked about writing books. After that we had a brain storm on what we knew about dinosaurs. We read a book about dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals. Then it was time to write. We had A3 pieces of paper, I drew a Velociraptors outline in the middle of the sheet then wrote about it. Our work will be put on the schools website. It was fun to do.