



Horniman News

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This week has been National Anti-Bullying Week. Children have been taking part in activities from our SEAL curriculum (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning). YR5 and YR6 have particularly focused on Cyber-Bullying - A leaflet for parents of children in KS2 relating to these issues has been sent home today. Thank you to Mr Pickering for organising the workshop. Work from the week will be displayed in the entrance area.

PARENT AND PUPIL SURVEYS

At the end of the summer term we carried out our life in schools survey. We received 60 responses. The results of the survey are on the reverse of this newsletter. This week we carried out a pupil survey in KS2 and YR2 to find out how secure, happy and engaged children feel in their learning. Members of school council will be talking to children in YR1 and reception next week to find out their views. We have also been focusing on the work of our peer mediators. Each day we have three YR6 children on duty at lunchtimes to support children and help them resolve situations. Peer mediators will be attending key stage and class assemblies next week so that the younger children in the school will have the opportunity to meet them and ask them questions about their role.

BEHAVIOUR, ANTI-BULLYING & RACIST POLICIES

We have recently updated the school's Behaviour and Anti-Bullying & Anti-Racist Policies. These policies will be reviewed by governors next week and will then be uploaded to the school website for your information and comments. If you would like a paper copy of the policies; they will be available from the school office from Wednesday 25th November.

MATHS PASSPORTS

Next week we will be introducing our new maths passports to the children. These have been developed in partnership with our collaborative schools to support children with developing their mental and oral skills in mathematics.

WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY

Yesterday was World Philosophy Day. At Horniman we have a philosophy teacher (Peter Worley) on Monday mornings. During the year he will be teaching philosophy to YR2 and all the KS2 classes. This term he has been teaching YR5 and 6. Next term he will be teaching YR3 and 4. Peter has been interviewed on the Today Programme about teaching philosophy to primary school children. If you would like to find out more you can listen to the programme on his website which is as follows:
www.thephilosophyshop.co.uk

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to India, Tyra and YR5 for organising the cake sale and for all the donations and biscuits. Please can all Pudsey pictures be in school by Monday 23rd November.

GETTING TO SCHOOL ON TIME

The best class at getting to school on time this week was YR3 with only 1 late. Well done YR3!

STAFF NEWS

Classes requiring cover next week are as follows:

Wed YR2 Mia Vorster to cover

CLUB BILLS

Statements for clubs and dinner money will be sent home today and early next week. Please remember that the statements show balances up to the date that they are printed. If you would like information on half termly and termly amounts for clubs or dinners; please click on the 'latest news' section of the school website. All amounts need to be paid by Wednesday 9th December.

PTA NEWS

Parents/Carers Coffee Mornings

Please note Weekly Coffee Mornings are changing to Monthly Coffee Mornings! They will now be held on the first Friday of each month starting **Friday 4th December** 9.30-10.30am in the Community Room.

PTO

**Horniman Primary School PTA
Winter Wonderland Ticket Order - Friday 11th December**

Name: _____ Child's Class (if applicable): _____
Contact phone number: _____
Number of Tickets: _____ Price: _____ Payment (cheque / cash): _____
Please enclose a cheque for the correct amount made payable to 'Horniman Primary School PTA'.

**Horniman Primary School PTA
Christmas Tree Order**

Name: _____ Child's Class (if applicable): _____
Contact phone number: _____
Tree size: _____ Price: _____ Payment (cheque / cash): _____
Please enclose a cheque for the correct amount made payable to 'Horniman Primary School PTA'.

Trees to be collected from the school on Saturday 12th December 2009



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Christmas Tree Orders

Buy your real **Christmas Tree** from Horniman Primary School and help raise money for the school. This year the school is offering Nordman Fir Christmas Trees for sale. This is a popular, high quality tree. Often described as non-drop, this is not strictly true but the Nordman Fir does retain its needles better than many varieties and has a very pleasant soft, deep green foliage, smooth grey bark and a good triangular shape. The trees will be available to collect from Horniman Primary School, Horniman Drive, SE23 3BP on 12th December 2009. To order a tree please fill out the order form overleaf and return it with a cheque made payable to Horniman Primary School PTA to the school office by Friday 28th November. If you have any queries please contact Tom Dunn on 07932 354 476. Trees can be ordered in the following sizes / prices: 5ft - £35, 6/7ft - £40, 7/8ft - £45.

School Community Choir – sponsored by the PTA

Many of you did come along last Monday to the first practice and it was a great success. Further practices will be held at school on Mondays at 8pm on the follow-

ing dates - 30th November and 7th December. The choir will be learning some carols and our signature song from ABBA. Please come and join in. There will be a special extra practice THIS WEEK at Stella's house. Please sign up at reception to receive further instructions.

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards are due back to the school on 4th December.

PTA meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 30th November at 7pm – 8pm to allow people attending the PTA meeting to also go to choir practice.

Winter Wonderland Ball – Friday 11th December 2009, 6 – 9pm

Plans for this event are going really well. Entry prices are being kept very low to encourage the whole school community to attend - £2.50 adults and £1.50 children (pre-school children donations only). Fill in the slip overleaf to order your tickets. This event is a ticket only event. Tickets will be issued during the week beginning 7th December.

LIFE IN SCHOOL SURVEY, - RESULTS

<u>During this week my child has...</u>	No	Once	More than once
Been happy to come to school	3	1	56
Been called names by another child	46	5	9
Felt left out of a game or felt lonely	43	7	10
Reported something positive about friends or playtime	18	12	30
Felt unfairly treated by another child	35	19	6
Felt unfairly treated by an adult	48	9	3
Been hurt by another child	50	10	0
Informed you he/she missed playtime	56	4	0
Talked excitedly about their work	8	15	37
Received a certificate or reported being praised	25	20	15
Felt pressured by friends to do something wrong	53	5	2
Been teased about his/her appearance	54	3	3
Fallen out with a friend	45	11	4
Informed you of something kind someone has done to them	39	17	6
Had an item stolen or broken	55	4	1