

SCHOOL NEWS

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A fantastic amount!!

I was delighted to learn that the total raised at the end of school on Friday was a magnificent £725.81. We still have a couple more fundraising activities to take place next week, so I will keep you informed of the final total.

A day to remember!

The Cash for Kids appeal, which is run in conjunction with Key 103, was first brought to my attention by one of our TAs, Mrs Gunn. On this occasion, the appeal was raising money towards an 'Audio Visual Pod' for Francis House. This would enable the children and young people to use music and sound to enhance their lives, express their emotions and record their memories. This cause certainly struck a chord with our school council who worked magnificently with Mrs Gale to put on a fund-raising extravaganza which won't be forgotten in a long time!

We would like to thank the school community for your tremendous effort in providing and making costumes for the day. There were some fantastic efforts which just went to prove you don't need to spend a lot of money on dressing up - just imagination and ingenuity. I was delighted to see how many children had made elements of their costumes themselves. The cake sale was also an enormous success, the after school sale alone raised over £70 and there's more to come!

Of course, the day was made hugely memorable by the extremely exciting visit by Kian from Westlife, with Chelsea and Mike Toolan from Key103. I can honestly say, in all my years of teaching, I have never heard such a noise in a school hall before! However, despite the excitement, the children were really well behaved and watched and listened whilst Kian judged the best superhero costumes and the head boy and girl, Noor and Ibrahim, asked the celebrities some burning questions put forward by the pupils.

Who would have thought that our field would be used as a heli-pad? With lots of health and safety planning by Mrs Newport and Mrs Gale, communication with the airport and the Local Authority, we were able to make this happen. We evacuated the school on the pretence of a fire drill, but of course the secret was soon out and the children watched with wonder as the helicopter landed - I wasn't sure who was more excited - children or staff!!!



Win a signed school sweatshirt, cap or Man City signed football!

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During their visit, Kian, Mike and Chelsea all signed a school sweatshirt and cap. We will be holding a raffle next week to give everyone the opportunity to win one these items, as well as a much coveted (!!) signed Man City football!! Tickets will be sold by the school council at playtimes next week at 20p a ticket/ £1 a strip. The draw will be made at 1.30pm next Friday and we will announce the winners in next weeks 'School News'.



Cake Sale

Thank you for your very generous donations of cakes for the cake stall. We were unable to sell them all on Friday and so have kept back the produce with longer expiry dates to sell on Tuesday. Cakes will be sold at playtime and if there are any left, after school.



Communication

I would like to inform all parents that we have a new email address which can be used to contact the school office directly. This will reduce the need to come through the head teacher's email, but of course, if you want to contact me directly, please use this address also. The addresses you need are:

admin@etchells.stockport.sch.uk for general enquiries to the office

headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk to contact me directly

I'm pleased to say that we now have 75 Twitter followers and that this form of communication is growing in its popularity as more of you are tweeting your photos and comments. Please note, as with any social networks connected with school, I am using Twitter with the upmost safety and privacy precautions. Therefore, please do not attempt to contact me directly with questions - instead, use the above email, phone or make an appointment to see me.



For more photos of our exciting day on Friday, follow us on @etchellsPS

Football report

This week, some of our footballers participated in the Stockport Schools Cup. This involved playing 5 matches in order to reach the play offs for the title. I am told our team played really well, winning 4 out of their 5 matches, narrowly missing out on the opportunity to progress in the competition. Well done to the team for excellent spirit and sportsmanship.



Playtime Snacks

It has come to our attention that playtime snacks are becoming increasingly unhealthy. Chocolate, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks are being consumed during the morning break. Foundation Stage and KS1 children continue to eat the fruit provided and so the problem largely lies with KS2. Not only does the consumption of sugar and processed foods effect the concentration and performance of the children in their morning lessons, we are also finding that there is a significant problem with litter in the school grounds. The photo to the right shows the amount of litter picked up in the playground last week.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

ALL SNACKS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY TO THURSDAY MUST BE HEALTHY.

We are not specifying what the snack should be, but request that they are NOT chocolate, crisps, sweet biscuits or fizzy drinks.

FRIDAY IS TREAT DAY!!!

We all enjoy a treat and a little of everything makes a healthy diet. Children can bring a snack of their choice on Fridays but I would still request that sweets or fizzy drinks are not brought to school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.



Polling Day

You will be aware that local elections are being held on Thursday 22nd May. As usual, our school will be used as a polling station. We are in the fortunate position of being able to isolate our staff room so the public can gain access from outside without compromising the safety of our children. Therefore, will remain open to pupils on this day.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we'll see everyone back in school on Tuesday.

Kind regards,

Cathy Beddows

and the Etchells staff

