

Garden Fields Newsletter

Happy, Caring, and Inspiring!

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Autumn Term No 4

An Amazing Find!

Garden Fields parent Mrs Shepherd came to see me last week with an amazing find from their attic! Becky and daughter Chloe showed me architectural drawings for Garden Fields School - both of the original school in Catherine Street and also plans of the current site which was originally home to Townsend School and the Hertfordshire Music School.



Becky is checking as to who has the rights to the drawings and is hoping that she will receive permission to be able to give the drawings to the school.

These would be a fantastic addition to our archives and a useful resource for our children to look at.

Many thanks to Becky and to Chloe for coming to show them to me!



Christmas Fair 2019

The PTA are hard at work in preparation for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December from 12pm until 5 pm.

This year's event will even have special wintertime rides on our playgrounds in what will be a longer than usual fair.

We need as many volunteers as possible so please sign up at

PTA Social:

<https://school.plansocial.app/register/garden-fields-herts>

Suzuki Violins

Clara Willmott-Basset, one of our Suzuki Violin teachers came to our Key Stage One assembly last week to showcase the talents of some of our older violinists.

We also sent out a letter advertising tuition for anyone who wishes to learn the instrument.

Reception children would be very welcome to join too!



Children in Need



Last Friday we supported Children in Need day and our children, quite rightly, were the stars of the day.

Many 'jazzed up' their uniforms with spotty or red items - or both!

We also had some entrepreneurial ideas.

Lyla and Holly from Year 5, with help from younger brothers Sam and Samuel held a bake sale on Friday outside the upper school. It was a great success and they sold out within minutes!

They raised an amazing £168.53 and would like to extend their thanks to all who supported them!

They also want to say that they are really sorry if they sold out before you got one; they sold too quickly! They say that they will make more next time!

And thank you as well to Sara in Kestrel class who made a whole tray of Pudsey Bear cakes for her class.

I hear they were delicious!

In addition to cake sales we raised a further £257.87.

Thank you very much!



Remembrance



On Monday 11th November, we gathered outside by our poppies, created by last year's Y6 and Y5 pupils, to pay our respects to those who lost their lives in wartime.

Socks!

Last week was anti-bullying week. As part of this, Year 4 came to school wearing odd socks!

Alexandra, Astrid and Nathalie from Avon class explained to me that this was to show that we are all unique, but all deserve to be treated fairly and without being bullied.

The picture shows some of the children from Trent Class showing off their socks!



Our Library

I was in our library this week talking with a parent, Mrs Hill, who has led a fantastic team of volunteers to help run and look after our library,

including Mrs Ajaegbu, Mrs Lazok-Toth, Ms Damyanova and Toby in Y5's aunty Miss Cheung, as well as our Midday Supervisor Miss Cole.

This list is not exhaustive as other parents have helped with their **children's class library sessions.**

I would like to extend my great thanks to everybody who has helped.

The library is looking really good and very well organised.

In addition Miss Cheung has made individual book marks for every pupil in the school with their username and barcode for borrowing books written on! These will be distributed to children soon.

This must have taken hours!



Inter-House Cake Competition

Just a reminder that we have our 'winter-themed' cake competition on Friday 6th December.

Just bring your cakes to the Upper School Hall that morning at drop off time (no nuts, sesame or fresh cream please!)

Remember to label it with your **NAME, HOUSE**

AND CLASS in an envelope so that we can't see who has made it.

You can either collect your cake at the end of the day from our breakout area in the Upper School or donate your cake to the following day's Christmas Fair.

There are lots of housepoints up for grabs!

For full details go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/v2jg2gx>

STEAM Week

Next half term we will be having a special STEAM week: that is a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths week!

It will be held during the week before the February half term which is the week beginning: **Monday 10th February, 2020.**

If you have a background in, or work in any of these areas and would like to help us then please contact our school office and let us know.

Many thanks!

Have a great weekend!