



THE HOOKE COURT SCHOOL & WREN'S NURSERY MESSENGER



Summer 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMISTRESS

As Summer approaches I always love to reflect on what we have achieved in the School and Nursery so far this year – and what a lot has been done!

We always try to make school as fun, engaging and interesting as possible for the children. As you can see from the articles in this newsletter we have re-lived history, learnt about our local town on the ground, experienced wider cultures and explored beaches and a castle in Wales.

Our topic week this term focussed on Science and deserves a special mention. We enjoyed a great trip to @ Bristol , a Parents Lunch, a Sports and Activities morning, an IT afternoon, an Art Day and Comic Relief activities! It was excellent fun and many thanks to all who helped make the week such a success.

As you all know Hooke Court also does it fair share for Charity. We continue to support Bishnu, the orphan who lives in a remote village in Nepal. This term our main fund raising effort was Hooke Stock which was a huge success. An enormous thank you to Mr Cleaver for brining his band and to Mrs Cleaver for her delicious curry.

I look forward to many more exciting and fun activities next term.

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR

This year we celebrated Chinese New Year at the Dorchester Gurkha Restaurant with an 'Oriental' meal!! The children enjoyed a real spread of Far Eastern culinary delights and were hosted with traditional Nepalese hospitality. All the children loved the food and the atmosphere.



To make the most of the day in Dorchester Class One and the Nursery visited The Dinosaur Museum where they were thrilled and amazed at the Dinosaurs and fossils. Meanwhile Class Two took part in a Geography survey of the Town. They studied the shops on the High Street and analysed their purpose and type. They also completed a housing study within the town and the surrounding area looking at the age, styles, and building materials used.

The day was a great success and one that the children always enjoy each year!

Living History - Evacuees Day

In line with the Spring Terms WW2 history topic, the children from Class One and Two had a 'day as an evacuee' at Hooke Court. They all dressed up in 1940s dress, were processed as evacuees and even experienced the joys of rationing. They really got a feel of life as a child in 1941 – which they thoroughly enjoyed!!

Class One Go Mad in Wales!

Class One enjoyed a really special residential trip to the stunning Carmarthenshire Coast. They stayed in a new Hooke Court Field Studies Centre in Llansteffan, Carmathenshire, overlooking the stunning Carmarthen estuary and Llansteffan Castle. They spent their time pond dipping and collecting scientific data from the beach and then they 'stormed' the castle. This trip was a roaring success with both Children and teachers falling in love with the beautiful coastal village of Llansteffan.

EXCELLENT NFER!

NFER are Numeracy and Literacy diagnostic tests we undertake with the children at the beginning of every year. From their raw scores we gain a percentile ranking which tells us where they sit compared to their peers nationally. Class 1: half of the children are working within the top 10% of children of their age in Literacy and two thirds in Numeracy. Class 2: 2/3 of the children are working within the top 25% of children of their age in Literacy and half in numeracy within the same band.