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I am delighted to report that the Quiz Evening for Michael Ayres was a great success. Sue Ayres has asked me to include in this newsletter the following message:

“Michael and Sue would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to making the quiz night for Michael such a phenomenal success. The evening itself was great fun with the amazing result of raising more than £7,000. It has given us a big lift to receive such support from both friends and family. The stairlift has been ordered and will be fitted before Christmas! Thank you again from us both.”

SCHOOL NEWS

Children in Need appeal

Children and staff wore spots on the Children in Need day and we raised £557.43 - another great effort. Thank you for your support.

Staff

It is with regret that Mrs Anita Boekee will be leaving us at the end of term to move to a new school. We congratulate her on her new appointment and give her our best wishes for the future.

A new member of staff, Mr Simon Mullen will join us in January as Year 5 leader. We welcome him as he moves from a school in Dorset.

Attendance and Lates

With the cold weather bringing colds and bugs it is not always easy to keep attendance high. Thank you to all parents who have continued to support us in improving our attendance. However, may I remind you about the importance of arriving on time as it is so essential for the children to have a calm and organised start to the school day.

NOTICES

Parent Governor Election

I am pleased to announce the result of last week's election:

Nancy Abdelhady	95
Abdul Rahim Hussain	73
John Cunningham	57
Alan Duncan	52
Richard Kershaw	50
Saad Hassanuddin	48
Mark Ballard	41
Cecil Browne	37

Nancy Abdelhady, Abdul Rahim Hussain and John Cunningham are therefore duly elected and will take up post from 18 December.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank Cecil Browne and Chris Gregory for their contributions to the governance of the school over their term of office. Governors give their time and expertise voluntarily and are the largely unsung support of the school. We could not do without them and we appreciate their influence and time, and offer our thanks to them.

BME Parents Conference - (Black Minority Ethnic)

There is a conference this coming Saturday, 10 December, organised by the Muslim and African Caribbean Groups PRCACH (Parents Forum for Children of African and Caribbean Heritage) and MPA (Muslim Parents Association). The conference, which will run from 1-4pm, will be held in the Main Hall at Cressex Community School, Holmers Lane, High Wycombe, HP12 4QA, and will be covering the following topics:
Do you want your child to do well in school?
Do you want to learn more about how you can help them?
Do you want to know more information about schools?
Do you want to know more about Children's Centres?
Do you want to know about NEET?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions, please attend this conference and get your answers. For tickets please call 0845 688 4944 or email john@mpawycombe.co.uk. More information available from www.mpawycombe.co.uk.

Admission to schools

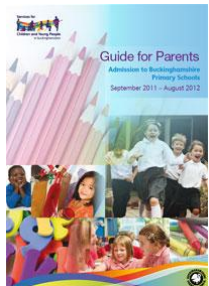
If you have a child born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008, you will need to apply for a school place to start school in September 2012.

There are pages on Buckinghamshire County Council website giving information for parents with a child about to start school for the first time. They will help you decide which school you want your child to attend and how to apply. <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/bcc/schools/admissions/primary.page?>

You can apply online now. The closing date for paper applications will be 5pm at County Hall on 13 January and for online applications will be midnight on 15 January 2012.

Chess Club

There are a few places available in Beginners Chess Club for children in Year 2 and onwards from next term. If your child is interested, please contact the Hampden Road office. The club runs at Hampden Road on Thursdays from 3.40-4.10pm.



TRAVEL PLAN NEWS

Parking

We have received complaints about parents being rude when residents have asked them to move their cars which have been parked across driveways. Our neighbours are important to us – please respect their right to access at all times to their driveways, and behave with the courtesy which we would expect our children to show to their friends and neighbours.

Walk To School Week

Well done to everyone who made a special effort to walk to school during Walk To School Week before the half term holiday. A total of 329 children received a certificate as they were recorded as walking to school for the whole of the week.

The winner of the Golden Shoe Award given to the class who have the highest percentage of children walking all week was 4T who had 83% of the class walking.

Name The Gritter Competition

In October, Transport for Buckinghamshire asked schools across the county to help them name their 25 gritting lorries. Suggestions were requested from the children, which were whittled down by the JRSOs, and a list of 10 names was put forward from Hamilton. We were lucky and one of those names, 'SALTY', was chosen so a certificate is on its way to the school.

There were a total of 5 winners within the school who chose a name which was picked to be attached to one of the gritting lorries:



Rumaysah Dar 2G (who suggested SNOWBUSTER)
Lily Ryan 2K (who suggested SALTY)
Lucy Oliver 4G (who suggested SALTY)
Aiman Mahmood 4T (who suggested SALTY)
Roberto Bonelli 5S (who suggested SALTY).
So well done to them - they have received a certificate and small prize.

FRIENDS OF HAMILTON

Buy a Present Day

Friends have reported that 440 presents were bought at the Buy a Present Day last weekend. The children enjoyed making their choices and having the presents gift-wrapped, while their parents relaxed and enjoyed drinks, cakes and mince pies. Thanks to all for your contributions and to the helpers for continuing a hugely successful annual event.

Shopping trolley tokens

Friends are selling trolley tokens, with Hamilton's logo in dark green and silver. The tokens are extremely useful for anyone who has to use a trolley for their supermarket shop – which is most of us! They make excellent gifts for family and friends. Order forms have been sent out, and are also available in the school offices.



Wishing you a happy and peaceful break over the Christmas holidays. Looking forward to seeing the children at the start of the Spring term on Wednesday 4 January.

Yours sincerely,



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