

# NEWSLETTER

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"CITIZENSHIP"

Events at Hanslope for the last two weeks have shared a common theme focussing on community cohesion and citizenship. As parents and carers you have contributed by supporting your children in engaging with the activities that have taken place in and out of school. Below is a summary of what we did and what we achieved.

## DENIM FOR DIABETES - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Children's awareness and understanding of this condition was enhanced by the school taking part in this national event. The school hall was a sea of denim and your donations for the privilege of wearing denim clothing resulted in the school raising approximately £100 to support research into diabetes and to support those who suffer from it. Thank you to Ms Schofield in particular for leading a fact-filled assembly on the subject.

## ANTI-BULLYING w/c 16<sup>th</sup> November

This national event afforded us another opportunity to reinforce the school community's views on bullying. PSHE lessons and Miss Britnell's cyber-bullying assembly highlighted the impact bullying can have, but also reminded children about to whom they can turn should they feel they are the victims of bullying. I was pleased to learn that behaviour in and out of the classroom last week was particularly good.

## CHILDREN IN NEED - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

The school was inundated with bears (and a range of other soft toys) in support of Children In Need. The large outline of Pudsey Bear was totally filled with coins by lunchtime and the school was a much quieter place due to a number of Year 6 children undertaking a sponsored silence. Particular thanks to the following children:

- ❖ The Year 6 sponsored silence team; Joe Mercer, Elliott Nicholson, Kaylee Moore, Georgia Allen, Emma Cheong, Abigail Maxwell
- ❖ Rebecca Perry for her wonderful home-made ginger biscuits which were purchased and devoured by staff, raising £14.76
- ❖ Willow Horner for organising the days events (supported by Megan) and making sure everything went to plan
- ❖ Megan Dee for supporting Willow in the organisation of the day, for sporting a characteristic home-made C.I.N. t-shirt and for single-handedly undertaking a sponsored run around the school grounds.

In total, you raised approximately £250.00 for this very worthy cause. Thanks to everyone for your contributions. Our first inter-house 'bear' competition was won by **Deer** House. Well done to you all.

### CROSS COUNTRY HEATS - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November

What a great morning! The team arrived in good spirits and were eager to demonstrate their skills. The representation from parents and family members (and Mrs Cowper and baby Thomas) was fantastic and, as such, the team felt all the more supported. Special thanks to Mr King who volunteered to be Hanslope's marshal and to Mr Howells, David and Philip who came solely to support the school. We are pleased to announce that the whole team qualified for the finals on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

**Saturday's team:** Joseph Geraghty, Ryan Belton, Christopher Scott, Christian Broadbent, Eric Watkins, Rebecca and Jack Herring, Rebecca Common, Merin Black, Ellie Ward, Joseph King, Patrick Forster, Nick Sumner, Jess Lalor, Millie Collins, Millie Rae-Morley, Georgia Ponsonby, Dominic Santos-Bravo, Robyn Davies, Roisin Crowsley-Ward, Arthur Britnell, Lima Philips, Emma Cheong, Shannon Float, Kia Robinson.

### FOOTBALL - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November

The football team played their second round of matches at Tattenhoe. Coached by Mrs Cowper, the team won the first match 4-0 and lost the second 0-4. The team, listed below, played extremely well and we look forward to their next match.

Eric Watkins, Liam McNeela, Liam Philips, Jake McKenzie, Luke Holes, Christian Broadbent, Jacob Davison, Jack Herring, Nick Sumner.

And special thanks is also given to Mr McNeela and Mr and Mrs Watkins for their expertise and support.

#### **And there's more.....**

Hanslope School makes the papers - if you haven't yet recycled newspapers (MK News and Citizen) from the week before last, look out for the photograph of Miss Britnell, Eva Burton, Willow Horner (my goodness you've been busy), Mille Bowman and Rebecca Herring as they publicly celebrate being 'Sun Smart' competition winners. It is from this competition that the Shade Sails were installed. The posters, along with Charley Harvey's, are displayed in reception.

Debbie Doherty  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2009

p.s. House points to all children named in this newsletter!

**And finally** ..... The School's Food policy has been drawn up and is now out for consultation with parents. Please refer to the website for details. A revised Safeguarding and Child Protection policy is also available. Hard copies are available from the office on request.