

HTL0018

Friday 5th February 2010

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see our school busier than ever on Wednesday with open morning. This was an opportunity for you to come in to school and freely wander around sampling the different classes and lessons in progress. Many of you came in on Wednesday and I'm sure, went home with a better understanding of what is going on here. Thank you for your feedback following this morning. As ever, we are always keen to hear your comments and open and honest communication is always encouraged.

Next week you will have an opportunity to be in school again as we hold our key stage sports days. Your support (where possible) is always appreciated.

Breakfast Club

Our new Breakfast Club will be starting shortly. This will be available daily from 7.15am-7.45am for those children that need to be dropped off early due to work commitments. Once we have 10 children signed up, it will start. This start date will be made public; so please don't start sending in your children just yet!

If you are interested, please see Teacher Emma or Nicci. Please note that all children that arrive at school unaccompanied before 7.45am will be asked to join Breakfast Club and invoiced accordingly.

Student Council Event

Our wonderful student council, have already started to make plans for a special school event. Student Movie Night will be held on Friday 26th February 3.15pm – 5.00pm. Two movies will be on offer for those children that are keen to join us; children may select the movie that they would like to enjoy. Tickets will be on sale from the student council in the week beginning Monday 22nd February at 2,000ugx which includes a soda/soft drink and a bag of popcorn.

Student council competition - 'What would you like the secret garden to be.....?'

The student council have launched a competition open to all children in the school. There is a small area of grass behind the primary block that we are keen to use, but what could we do with it? We invite you to go and look at the area (behind Teacher Steffen's room) and then draw a plan/picture showing its use. We can not change anything structurally and only have a smallish budget for the renovation, but I'm sure you can come up with inspiring ideas.

Your competition entries must be on A3 paper showing the design and labels. Please hand these in to the class teacher by **Thursday 11th February**. At this time, student council members will review them and choose the garden that they think is most suitable. The plans will then be used to transform the area. The winning entry will receive a prize – but this will not be disclosed in advance!

Voluntary Eye test

Dr. Anguyo Dralege, an optician from Med- Optics LTD will be visiting our school for voluntary eye tests during the week of 22nd- 26th February 2010. This is his third annual visit to Ambrosoli. There is a charge \$5 or UGX 10,000 per person to cover his costs. If you have not returned the slip but would like your child to have an eye test, please do so ASAP. Thank you.

Ambrosoli School Choir – open to children in year 3,4,5 and 6

The annual Choir Festival is coming up at ISU in March and we are looking for children that have a big interest in singing. The choir is an extracurricular activity and requires commitment. Lyrics will be sent home to be learnt by heart as homework. The children will practise the songs during singing time but there will also be an extra rehearsal every Friday at 2.15pm for children that are coming to the festival. We must finalise our choir by Monday 8th February so please complete your slip if you have not already.

Parent volunteers

Not a week goes past that we do not have volunteers in school; we are very fortunate. We are presently looking for parents that can help out in the library and help our numeracy coordinator Teacher Fiona, make maths resources. Now we have another big request! What are you doing next Friday 12th? Do you have an hour or so to come into school and help us make pancakes? With Pancake Day being recognised on February 16th we would like to cook and serve pancake to all children at break time, instead of our regular Tooty Fruitie Veggie Friday.

If you are able to help us, please let us know before hand so that we can organise the event smoothly. In addition, if you have a frying pan and a small camping stove, we would be very grateful. Please note that no amazing cooking skills are required just a sense of fun and a little time! Thank you.

Communication workshop for parents - Friday 12th February (9.00am - 10.00am)

In this 1 hour workshop/taster session, we will be reflecting on our communication, the thoughts we have and the words we choose to use. To help create a better understanding a practical tool will be introduced. The examples used will be on parent-child communication; however the concept is applicable for all your relations at home, at work, in your community. So come along and who knows, you might be surprised! Dionne

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 9th February Early Years Sports Day 9.00am start

Wednesday 10th February Key Stage 1 Sports Day (year 1 and 2) 8.30am start

Thursday 11th February Key stage 2 Sports Day (year 3, 4, 5 and 6) 8.30am start

Thursday 11th February – closing date for the Student Council garden competition

Friday 12th February 9.00am-10.00am Parent workshop/taster session on communication run by Dionne

Friday 12th February 9.30am – 11.00am (times to be confirmed) Ambrosoli recognises Pancake Day – volunteers required

Friday 12th February Swimming Gala at Rainbow International School Uganda (RISU)

The team will travel by bus to RISU leaving school at 11.30am and returning by 5.00pm. Further details have been sent home separately.

Half term dates Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – No School. Children return on Monday 22nd February.

Friday 26th February – Student Council Movie Night 3.15pm – 5.00pm (for children in Reception – year 6).

Good luck to our footballers as they compete at ISU tomorrow morning.

Have an enjoyable weekend,

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