



Whitehorse Manor Junior School

Newsletter Tuesday 15th February 2013



Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm pleased to say that we have kicked off the spring term in style, renewing our Basic Skills Quality Mark for the 10th year in succession. The Basic Skills Quality Mark assesses how well English and maths are taught in the school and our assessor was very impressed that we have managed to maintain the quality mark for a whole decade. I'd like to say a very big thank you to the member of the school council who spoke to our assessor so eloquently and to staff members who agreed to be interviewed and observed as part of the assessment process.



Basic Skills

Quality Mark

10 Year Award

Pegasus baseball hat: The black 'Pegasus' baseball hat is now available from 'Wovina' via the link at the bottom of our website home page. Please remember that this is now the only baseball cap that children should wear to school.

Parental questionnaire: A big thank you to all the parents who have taken the time to complete the parental questionnaire. It provides us with important feedback on how to improve the school further. We are aiming for 100 responses before we close the survey after this weekend — currently we have just over 80 responses. If you haven't yet completed the survey it can be found on the website at www.pegasusacademytrust.org

Charity and fundraising: Well done to 5C who raised £262 for the two school children whom we sponsor in India via the 'World Vision' charity, with an amazing spring bazaar in the gym. We are also helping Miss Holt raise sponsorship to run in the London Marathon on Sunday 21st April 2013 with all proceeds going to the charity 'Children With Cancer UK'.

Events: There will be lots of fun activities in the infant and junior school during the week following half term, with World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. More details will follow after the half term break.

Hot dinners and packed lunches: Our hot lunches have commenced and, following a few early problems with quantities and food transportation, are going down a storm. We do support a 'healthy eating' policy, so please make sure that packed lunches are healthy. For advice and suggestions on what makes a good packed lunch, at an affordable price, check the menus at www.schoolfoodtrust.org.uk/advice/1packed-lunches/packed-lunch-menus-and-recipes.

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Other events in the coming weeks

Monday 25th February: Children return from half term
Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day
Thursday 28th March: Children break for Easter

Don't forget to check the website on
www.pegasusacademytrust.org