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Newsletter #04 – Spring Term



Peter Pan

Thanks to everyone who came and watched Peter Pan on Tuesday evening. I am sure you will all agree the pupils were amazing! Thanks again to all the staff for putting in so much hard work to put on such a special performance. Thank you also to our PTA volunteers for serving refreshments and organising the raffle. Over £300 was raised on the night!

Tree Planting

Class Four had a brilliant Friday morning braving the elements tree planting. The children worked with The Wildlife Trust and volunteers from the New Hutton Parish to plant over 200 trees!



Times Table Rockstars

As part of our drive to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we have launched Times Table Rockstars in Class Three and Four.

The online platform is used to help pupils with their multiplication and division fluency. The pupils have answered over 60,000 questions correct already this week!

On Friday 4th February, Times Table Rockstars are partnering with NSPCC to run NSPCC rocks. NSPCC rocks is a friendly competition between schools across the country. To mark this special day, pupils can come into school in non-uniform. It would be amazing if any of the pupils want to come dressed as rockstars!

PLEASE NOTE: A voluntary amount of UP TO £5 will be applied to your ParentPay account as some parents have asked to donate more than £1 in the past and this is the easiest way to do it. You can pay any amount between £1-£5. We will pass this amount on IN FULL to the NSPCC charity. Please do not send cash in as we will not be accepting money in school. Any cash sent in will come straight home again.

Daily Mile

Just a reminder that all our pupils now have the opportunity to run a mile every day before school. If you would like your child to take part, please drop them at school at 8.30am.

Sports for Champions

We are excited to announce that on Wednesday 23rd March we will be welcoming Gold Medal winning Paralympic athlete Ayaz Bhuta to school. Ayaz was part of the Great British wheelchair rugby team in Tokyo 2020. During his visit to Old Hutton, Ayaz will be leading workshops with the pupils as well as talking to the school about his journey to become a gold medal winning athlete.

This amazing opportunity has been arranged through the charity Sports for Champions. Sports for Champions provide financial support to up and coming athletes. They also arrange workshops for schools across the country to help inspire the champions of tomorrow.

As part of this amazing event, every child in school has been asked to raise money to take part in a fitness circuit. This money will be split between Sports of Champions and school. Please see below for a link to the crowd funding page. This website also provides further information about the charity and about Ayaz's visit.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/oldhutton>

Miss Brown will be leading an assembly next week to provide further details to our pupils.

Free School Meal Vouchers

This month's universal infant free school meal vouchers have been sent to all families in Reception, Year One and Year Two. The vouchers have also been sent to families of children in Class Three and Four who receive free school meals.

Thanks for your continued support

Nick

News from the Old Hutton PTA

Upcoming Events this half term

Friday 4th February: **CAKE SALE!**

- Please bring cake donations in on the morning of Friday 4th
- Please bring cash to school for the sale at 3.20pm it will be 50p per cake



Donations for **Mother's Day** Gift Sale: ongoing and daily donations are welcome!

- Next half term on the 24th March the PTA will run a stall where children can buy a small gift for Mother's Day. The gift will also be wrapped up.
- Traditionally we have been donated gifts for this sale by the parent community. We would really appreciate your support! Any small gifts are welcome please drop them off in the 'Mother's Day Donations' box that will be placed on the steps of the story stage each morning. Thank you in advance!

Autumn Term/Early Spring Term report

- **Members:** The PTA committee membership has changed a lot over the last two years and newer members are working hard to learn the ropes! It's a friendly team and we are enjoying the work and grateful for the huge support we are getting from longer served committee members, teachers and the whole school community.
- **Fund Raisers:** Since September we have run 2 movie nights, 1 bake sale with uniform sales, a Christmas raffle, sales of cards, mugs and coffee at Christmas and supported the school play with refreshments and helping Miss Harrison with her raffle.
- **Money Raised:** Through these events we have made a grand total of £2,150 so far this year!
- **PTA Events:** We were delighted to be able to offer our traditional Christmas treat to the children of a Christmas lunch in the village hall, a selection box present for each child in a visit from Santa. It was a really fun day and the team who got involved in offering the event had a load of fun.
- **PTA meetings:** We are meeting to confirm further planned events plus generate new ideas on Thursday 3rd February at 7.30pm at school. Anyone is welcome to attend and or offer us any feedback or ideas to put into the meeting.

Spring Term Plans

At present we are planning to offer a bake sale, a movie night and our Mother's Day stall. As mentioned above we are also discussing further ideas.

To contact the PTA

Please feel free to be in touch with us on: oldhuttonpta@gmail.com

Thanks for the great support that we are receiving in all our events it is warmly appreciated.

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