

## Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you enjoyed the recent snow over the weekend – I know the children did!

During the weekend I watched a repeat of a wonderful programme called Frozen Planet which really reveals the awe and wonder of nature. I would highly recommend it, and the children would also enjoy Happy Feet and March of the Penguins – two fantastic animations which feature some very popular animals. **BJ**

## THANK YOU

To all the parents who attended my recent coffee morning. One of the subjects that we discussed was Cyber Bullying which has also been in the news recently. This is an extract from an article I found in Waitrose Weekend 19<sup>th</sup> January 2012. "Ensure your children are using the internet safely."

- Make sure that your children understand you need to limit their time online and that they ask you before talking to anyone online.
- Be actively involved with their online activities.
- Make sure the computer can always be seen.
- Talk about protecting private information (name, phone number, etc.) and never to share passwords with anyone, even friends.
- Talk to your child about what they are doing on the internet and explain your family rules.
- What are your friends doing online?
- What are the newest websites?
- Can you show me your favourite sites?
- Have you heard of 'Cyberbullying' and have you ever experienced it?
- Has anything online ever made you feel sad, scared or uncomfortable?

Last term Ian Wingfield held assemblies for KS1 and KS2 and a Parent Session about using the internet safely. It is very important that we continue to protect our children at home and school.

## AMAZING TALENT AT JOHN PERRY

We had a very enjoyable afternoon on Friday 27 January. Each House chose children who could represent them in our first Talent Show of the year. There were children from both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with a variety of acts ranging from singing, tap dancing, recitations, piano playing, drumming, karate, magic tricks and singing and dancing.

I was so proud of the children because they were a superb audience and strongly supported every child's effort. I was joined by two other judges who were Anne-Marie Smith, the manager of The Hungry Caterpillar Nursery (on our school site) and Pascal Sunset, the Business Development Manager of Fit for Sport.

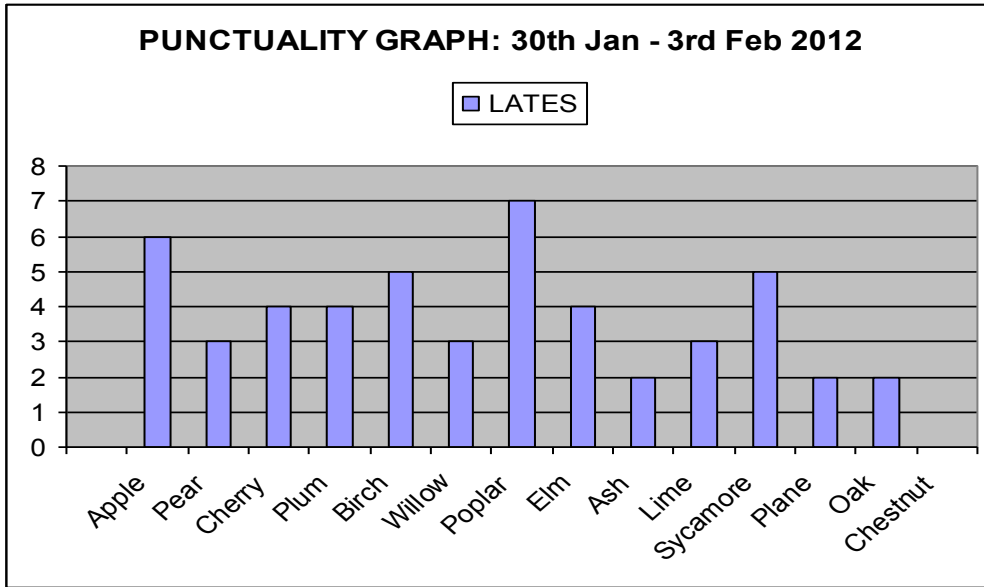
They were very impressed with the children's abilities and I think they will always remember the surprise on Mrs Grigorian's face when a coin was 'taken from her ear' by our talented young magician from Plane class. The winners were:

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Dushan (playing the piano – KS2) from Mother Teresa House.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:** Luke and Rayan (Singing and Dancing) from Anderson House.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** "Roxy" a group of singers – Demi-Lou, Aisha, Roxanne, Azka (KS1) from Mandela House.

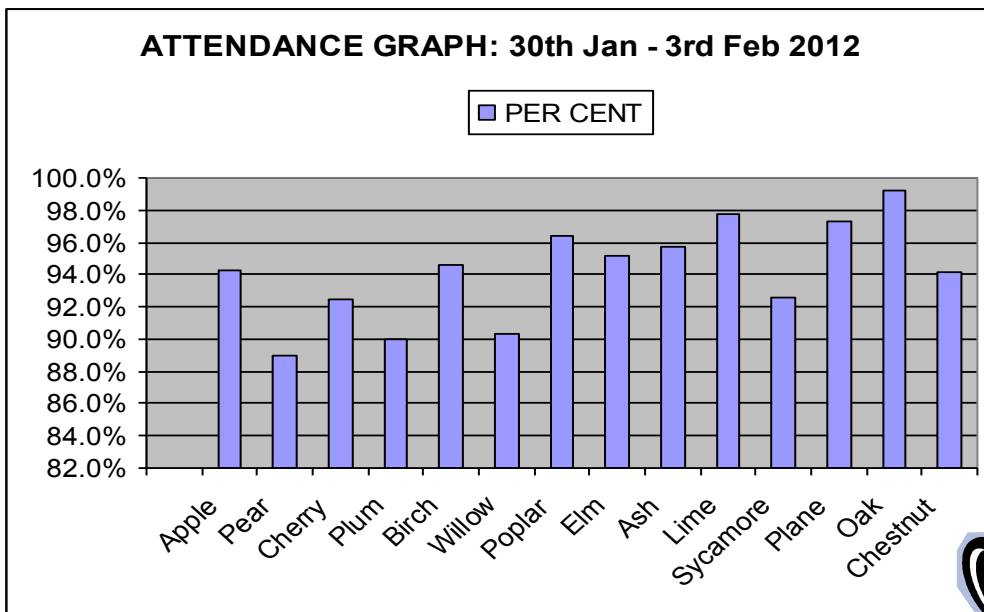
*Thank you to 'Fit for Sport' for providing many of the prizes, and Thank you to all the children who entertained us.*

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**PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE GRAPHS**



**Congratulations CHESTNUT Class – NO LATES!**



**Congratulations OAK Class – ATTENDANCE 99.2%!**



**HOUSE POINTS**

| House Points         |             |             |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Week                 | Anderson    | Brunel      | Teresa      | Mandela     |
| w/ending: 27th Jan   | 522         | 526         | 430         | 343         |
| 3rd Feb              | 755         | 742         | 739         | 657         |
| <b>Total so far:</b> | <b>1277</b> | <b>1268</b> | <b>1169</b> | <b>1000</b> |

**1st: Anderson    2nd: Brunel    3rd: Teresa    4th: Mandela**

### **HEALTHY LUNCHES**

REMEMBER: Fruit, vegetables, sandwiches, rolls, raisins, etc. are allowed.

Please do not send in any sweets, crisps, chocolates or fizzy drinks.



### **SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND**

As you know the children chose Save the Children as one of the charities they wanted to support for this year. On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 Helen O'Donnell from the charity, came to speak to the children about the work carried out by Save the Children around the world, and to thank us for the money we have raised so far.



### **AND FINALLY...**

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable half term.

**Reminder:** School is closed Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

**SCHOOL WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**