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Hello everyone,

We've had a busy few weeks with lots of achievements to share with you since my last Newsletter. In particular, I'd like to say a big **WELL DONE** to our Year 6 children who were a pleasure to take away on the recent residential trip to Marchants Hill. They were all very well behaved and every individual followed **Article 29** (the right to become the best that you can be) and tried something new. They took part in abseiling, climbing, took to the track on a quad bike and flew through the air on a zip wire and a giant swing. A big thank you to the staff who gave up a peaceful weekend to spend it with fifty 10 and 11 year olds!

Well Done



- ☺ Maxwell (Year 6) for coming within the top 10 (out of over 150 runners) in the Croydon cross country race held last week at Lloyd Park. Well done to all of the children who took part in this race and the race last night for Years 3 and 4.
- ☺ Applegarth football team who played their first match against Wolsey Juniors a couple of weeks ago. They didn't quite manage to win the game but it was a close match with a final score of 3:2. This was a 'friendly' match; we have our League match against them coming up soon!
- ☺ To everyone for supporting Genes for Jeans Day. We managed to raise over £250 in support of this charity.
- ☺ Lily- Mae and Kamanie in Year 6 who are our Head Girl and Head Boy for 2013-14.
- ☺ Applegarth Academy for achieving recognition of our commitment to becoming a Rights Respecting School. To find out more about the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award please take a look on our website.

Attendance Champions!

Well done to 3J who are our attendance champions of this half term, winning the trophy on three occasions within the past 6 weeks.



Road Safety Week



Applegarth Academy will be raising awareness of road safety throughout our Road Safety Week which begins on Monday 4th November. Throughout the week the children will be taught about ways to ensure they keep safe whilst using the roads and children in Reception and Nursery will take part in a 'Beep Beep Day' on the Friday where they will learn about the Green Cross Code and other ways of keeping safe.

Friday 8th will also be our 'Wear Something Bright' day for the children who will be allowed to wear home clothes (the brighter the better) to promote the concept of keeping safe as the darker nights draw in.

PTA Update

Thank you to the parents who came along to our very first PTA meeting a few weeks ago. Our next PTA meeting is set for 6pm on Wednesday 6th November (in the old Infant ICT Suite). We need lots more members as we have plans for a Christmas Shopping Day for the children and we've got lots of ideas for the Spring and Summer terms.

A reminder that applications for Secondary School need to be submitted to the council by Thursday 31st October at the very latest. If your application arrives later than this date it will not be included in the first round of allocations and your child may miss out on getting a Secondary School place. Come and see Mrs Brierley or I if you need a hand with the application process.

National Anti - Bullying Week

.....takes place from Monday 18th November, finishing on Friday 22nd when we will have a 'Wear Something Spotty' day in support of Children in Need.

Staff News.....Staff News....Staff News..

We say 'see you soon' to Mrs Kilgour who starts her maternity leave after half term and 'farewell' to Mrs Burton and Miss John who are leaving to pursue new opportunities. We'll be welcoming Miss Todd to our school at the end of November, who'll be joining us as a Teaching Assistant.

Have a great half term. See you on the 4th November.

Our New Website

Our ICT team have been working incredibly hard to develop a new website for us which will be launched on November 4th. On it you will find lots of information about our school, including policies, letters and news items. It has links to Fronter, RM EasiMaths and other learning based resources and includes information on internet safety. There is some really helpful information on there about Xbox live, ipads and other devices and how you can keep your child safe when using these. The website address is:

www.applegarth-academy.croydon.sch.uk

Remember too, that you can follow us on Twitter (which also links to our website):

@Applegarth Ac



Our CALAT course for parents starts on Thursday 7th November from 1pm-3pm. There are still a few places left so if you are interested please let Ben (our Learning Mentor) know as soon as possible. Thanks to the generosity of some of our PTA parents, we have been able to offer a crèche during this time.

And finally.....please do pop in and see Mrs Brierley, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Brackenbury or myself if you have any queries or concerns, however small they may seem. We are always hear to listen to you.

Return this slip & your child will be entered into a prize draw!

October 24th 2013 Newsletter Comments:

Signed..... (parent of.....class.....)