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CASSIOBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER No 2

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Families,

Messages from Miss Sherry..

Secondary School Meeting

Thank you to those who managed to come to the meeting this morning. A copy of the slides will be available on the school website. Please remember that these are some 'hints and tips' and for dates and key information, you should always refer to the Herts Council Website for school applications.

Several parents asked for the 'grades' that were required for schools last year. I will try and get these for you.

Badger News

A small celebration for the fact that we have been able to clear the Year 5/6 block of badgers and they are now using an alternative sett in the grounds. Hopefully we will now be able to start some repair works. You may see some additional fencing going up over the next few weeks as contractors start works.

Jeans for Genes Day – Monday 16th Sept 2024

NEXT Monday 16th September 2024 we have our Jeans for Genes Day. **We ask the children to wear their school uniform top alongside a denim item**, i.e. denim jeans, dungarees, pinafore dress, jacket, etc for a suggested donation of £1 either payable on the School Gateway or in the buckets provided on the school gate. The children can wear trainers for the day. If your child does not have a denim item, they can wear leggings or tracksuit bottoms with their school uniform top.

Parent Reps open meeting – Friday 20th Sept 2024 – 9am – School Hall

Last year we started monthly Parent Rep meetings and I found the feedback and dialogue really helpful over the year. If you are interested then please feel free to join us at 9am on Friday 20th September for a friendly meeting. We would really encourage you to try it. I don't expect you to do lots of jobs just pass on some information and gather feedback from other parents in your child's class.

Year 6 Residential (general information) Meeting – Friday 27th Sept 2024 – School Hall

We will be holding a Year 6 Residential (general information) Meeting on Friday 27th September 2024 at 9am in the School Hall. As this is a general residential meeting, we also welcome Year 5 parents and carers to attend if you would like to.

Lost Property

PLEASE can you ensure that your child's items are named. We are already collecting various items of clothing that are not named and are homeless in our lost property boxes. Thank you!

Dangerous Driving in Bellmount Wood Avenue

We have noticed that Bellmount Wood Avenue is becoming extremely busy during the school drop off and pick up times. Many cars are stopping in the middle of the road and **children are getting out in the road**, which is very dangerous. We have had a few near misses this week already where cyclists are nearly being knocked off their bikes or injured by car doors being flung open!

To avoid congestion in the road and any accidents, park further away from the school and walk your children to the gate or their class.

Thank you!



Do you follow up on X (Twitter)? We give regular updates informing you of events happening in school and also some photographs of the children busy with their work! Please visit @CassioburyJM

CSA NEED YOU!

The CSA is recruiting!

We are looking for new committee members and volunteers for the Parent/Teacher association known as the CSA.

The CSA puts on events and raises valuable funds throughout the year with proceeds from all events going directly back to the schools to benefit the children. Last year we donated £9000 to each school (infants & juniors) and would love to have a successful fundraising year again.

But, we cannot do it alone. We need more help so please do come along and find out how you can help. Wednesday, 18th September 2024 @ 8pm in the Infant School Hall. Please sign up here: [CSA Meeting](#)

Daisy's Arc

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Please see an email from Daisy's parents. Daisy attended Cassiobury Junior School.

Daisy, our only daughter, was taken by this rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma aged 13. Prior to the diagnosis she was an active and fit child with 100% attendance at Cassiobury primary and Rickmansworth secondary school.

To honour Daisy's memory we ask for help and support to raise awareness and funds to find a cure for the children diagnosed in the future.

I have attached two posters (see below) we have created for this campaign. Daisy's Arc exists to fund research into Rhabdomyosarcoma, it is part of a charity called Alice's Arc together with other families (the Arcs) impacted by this cruel disease.

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc:

<https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/daisy-birikorang/>

Direct Link to Daisy's Arc Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Birikorang>

*Special Mentions

3 Alder – **Matthew B** - for fantastic engagement across all lessons this week and sharing his knowledge and thoughts during discussion time and **Chloe M** - for creating a brilliant paragraph written independently in English this week.

3 Apple – **Sebastiao B** - for trying really hard with his learning and for always having a smile on his face and making others smile! **Adhira N** - for being an excellent role model for her peers and for taking pride in the presentation of her work.

3 Ash – **Farong L** - for continually trying her best and taking pride in her work.

4 Hawthorn – **Hossein R K** - for singing so well in the music lesson and **Sahin Y** - for independent focused work. .

4 Hazel – **Kalina S** - for excellent use of different writing features in her narrative and **Vedansh K** - for consistent use of correct speech punctuation in his writing.

4 Holly - **Boris C** - for working so hard in class and putting up his hand so many times in lessons and **Stanley S** - for being kind and helpful to students and staff all week.

5 Pear - **Sanaya R** and **Ashwin C** - for their enthusiasm and participation all lessons.

5 Poplar - **Abdul A** and **Libby R** - for having a great attitude for learning and for always following the presentation expectations.

5 Pine - **Ralph M** and **Freddie M-W** - for excellent behaviour for learning this week, participating in class discussions, asking questions following class expectations. Keep it up!

6 Beech – **Jazz A** - for always being kind, thoughtful and friendly and **Ayaan H** - for an excellent dramatic reading of a poem!

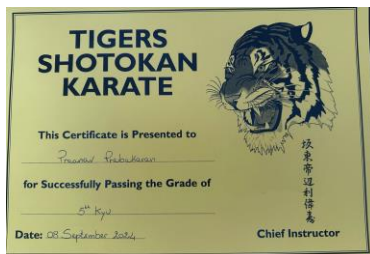
6 Maple – **George P** - for his participation and curiosity in our first History lesson on WWII and **Joseph E** - for his excellent work and focus in Maths lessons this week.

6 Oak – **Rayaan K** - beautiful presentation in PSHE and **Freddy McG** - great contributions in History.

Thank you to..

Eliza T & Zach A – **6 Maple** – for being excellent Office Monitors this week – thank you!

Well done to..



Praanav P - **5 Poplar** - has passed the Grade of 5th KYU in Karate and got his purple belt on 8th September 2024 – Well done!



Rufus J – **3 Apple** – passed his initial grade exam with a Merit – Well done!



Amelia and **Eloise R** – **3 Apple** - completed their Summer Reading Challenge – Well done!



Thieran Y – 3 Ash - participated in the Summer Reading Challenge and also took part in the “Win the Frog Jump” - 1st place - Gold Medal (participated in Young Boys C.C. at Southall on 08/09/2024) – Well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sherry and the School Office Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2024	
16 th	Jeans for Genes Day – uniform top and denim bottoms – see email
17 th	Cassiobury Junior School Orchestra restarts – 8am in School Hall
20 th	Parent Rep Meeting – introduction to being a Parent Rep – 9am in School Hall
25 th	10.30am to 11.45am – Year 3 & Year 5 Cross Country Competition @ Watford Boys Playing Fields (Fullerians)
27 th	Year 6 Residential (general information) Meeting (Year 5's also welcome to attend)
OCTOBER 2024	
10 th	Year 5 & 6 Explorer Dome @ School – more details to follow
Sunday 13 th	Year 5 & 6 Choir Concert with Hemel Hempstead Band & Strictly a Cappella – more details to follow
14 th & 15 th	Year 6 Height and Weight with School Nurse – see email for more details
16 th	Harvest Festival – more details to follow
21 st & 22 nd	Parent/Teacher Consultations – more details to follow
28 th – Fri 1 st November	Half Term
NOVEMBER 2024	
11 th	Remembrance Day
20 th	Flu Nasal Vaccination Day
25 th – 28 th	Science Week – more details to follow
28 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
29 th	Occasional Day – School Closed
DECEMBER 2024	
10 th	Year 3 Production to parents - TBC
11 th	Year 6 Pantomime – more details to follow
12 th	Year 5 Christmas Concert – more details to follow
13 th	Flu Vaccination (for those who did not have on 20 th November 2024)
13 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
18 th	Year 3, 4 and 5 Pantomime – more details to follow
20 th	Autumn Term 2024 ends at 1.30pm
JANUARY 2025	
6 th	Inset Day
7 th	Spring Term 2025 starts
FEBRUARY 2025	
6 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
10 th	Year 6 – Young Voices Concert – PM and Evening
10 th – 14 th	Art Week – more details to follow
17 th – 21 st	Half Term
MARCH 2025	
5 th – 7 th	Art Exhibition – more details to follow
13 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
APRIL 2025	

4 th	Mini Marathon Fun Run – more details to follow
4 th	Spring Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
Tues 22 nd	Summer Term 2025 starts
MAY 2025	
16 th	Peace Hospice Charity Walk – more details to follow
22 nd	Open Morning – more details to follow
26 th – 30 th	Half Term
JUNE 2025	
9 th – 13 th	Year 6 Residential Trip – more details to follow
20 th	NB CHANGE OF DATE - Sports Day & Summer Fair
26 th	Open Morning – more details to follow
JULY 2025	
4 th	Reserved Sports Day
10 th	Transition Day
18 th	Summer Term 2025 ends at 1.30pm
21 st	Inset Day
22 nd	Inset Day
23 rd	Inset Day



Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



- ✎ Cancer is the **number one** cause of death by disease for children under the age of 14 in the UK.
- ✎ There are **88 different types** of children's cancer.
- ✎ **1,838 new cases** in children each year, on average, in the UK*.
- ✎ **253 children** in the UK die from cancer each year. This is more than 4 children each week*.
- ✎ Only **4 new drugs** have been approved in the last 20 years to treat childhood cancers.
- ✎ **90% of long-term cancer survivors** will develop serious health issues as a result of current treatments.
- ✎ Among children in the UK, **cancer is highest in the under-fives***

DAISY WAS DIAGNOSED IN AUGUST 2022 WITH STAGE 4 ALVEOLAR RHABDOMYOSARCOMA, AGED 12. SHE UNDERWENT CHEMOTHERAPY AND RADIOTHERAPY FOR FRONTLINE TREATMENT. JUST BEFORE DAISY WAS DUE TO START MAINTENANCE CHEMOTHERAPY SHE RELAPSED. RELAPSE TREATMENT DIDN'T WORK, THE DISEASE PROGRESSED.

DAISY PASSED AWAY ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2023, AGED 13 YEARS OLD.

[HTTPS://WWW.ALICESARC.ORG/ARC/DAISY-BIRIKORANG/](https://www.alicesarc.org/arc/daisy-birikorang/)

TO HONOUR DAISY'S LIFE AND CONTINUE THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER WE HAVE JOINED ALICE'S ARC TOGETHER WITH OTHER FAMILIES IMPACTED BY RHABDOMYOSARCOMA TO FUND RESEARCH AND FIND A CURE.

RESEARCH MAKES THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

HELP US TO CHANGE THE STORY.

PLEASE SUPPORT CHILDREN DIAGNOSED IN THE FUTURE BY MAKING A DONATIONS AND/OR SHARING. SHARING OUR POST.



*SOURCE CRUK 2017-2019 AND CRUK 2016-2018



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Spot the Signs*

✦ Think Daisy's Arc ✦

✦ D ✦ DISCOMFORT: PERSISTENT PAIN (ANYWHERE IN THE BODY). A NEW LIMP OR SLOW RECOVERY AFTER INJURY.
✦ A ✦ APPEARANCE: YOUR CHILD LOOKS PALE OR HAS A SWOLLEN TUMMY.
✦ I ✦ IRRITABILITY OR CONSTANT EXHAUSTION.
✦ S ✦ SWELLING OR A LUMP THAT IS PERSISTENT.
✦ Y ✦ YOU ARE CONCERNED !!!

✦ S ✦ SICKNESS OR NAUSEA. LOSS OF WEIGHT.

✦ A ✦ A NEW RECURRENT HEADACHE. DISTURBANCE IN VISION.
✦ R ✦ RECURRENT HIGH TEMPERATURE OR NIGHT SWEATS. BLEEDING, EXCESSIVE BRUISING, BLOOD IN THE URINE.
✦ C ✦ COUGH. A PERSISTENT COUGH THAT DOESN'T GO AWAY AND MAKES IT HARD TO BREATHE.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOUR CHILD HAS SOME SYMPTOMS FROM THIS LIST, IT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY HAVE CANCER. THE LIKELIHOOD IS THAT THEY HAVE A NORMAL CHILDHOOD ILLNESS, BUT IF YOU ARE WORRIED SOMETHING IS JUST NOT RIGHT, PLEASE GET YOUR CHILD REVIEWED BY YOUR GP.

MOST OF THE TIME, THE CAUSE OF THESE SYMPTOMS WILL NOT BE CANCER. HOWEVER IF IT IS CANCER, AN EARLY DIAGNOSIS CAN HELP THE TREATMENT OF SOME CANCERS.



*SOURCES:
[HTTPS://WWW.CANCERRESEARCHUK.ORG/ABOUT-CANCER/CHILDRENS-CANCER/SYMPTOMS](https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/childrens-cancer/symptoms)

[HTTPS://WWW.GKCC.ORG/INFORMATION-AND-SUPPORT/ABOUT-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/THE-SIGNS-AND-SYMPTOMS-OF-CHILDHOOD-CANCER/KNOWTHESIGNS/](https://www.gkcc.org/information-and-support/about-childhood-cancer/the-signs-and-symptoms-of-childhood-cancer/knownthesigns/)

