



# Summer Term 2010



*Walton Priory Middle School*



## TENNER APPEAL AT WALTON PRIORY

The "Tenner Appeal" in partnership with **Enterprise UK**, a national campaign giving people in the UK the confidence, skills and ambition to be enterprising, was launched at the start of March 2010.

We are very proud of all of our children who took the opportunity to be part of our "Pay It Forward Campaign". Twenty nine pupils in total made in excess of £450.00 profit in less than four weeks. We are particularly impressed with Rae Bridge's hard work and commitment. She is a real inspiration. This campaign brings to the fore how special and talented our young people really are.

Those children involved were .....

Cora Berrisford	5A
Rae Bridges	5C
Jamie Weddell	5P
Nicholas Ellerton	5C
Lewis Hill	6T
Ryan Williams	6W
Clare Sanders	6W
Kate Hudson	6C
Kirsten Spilsbury	6C
Zoe McCarthy	6C
Lily Greenhill	6C
Rebecca Williamson	6T
Alan Cliff	6T
Izaak Jordan	6T

Sophie Bird	7C
Holly Homer	7A
Emma Crookshank	7C
Phoebe Turner	7A
Saskia Moore	8H
Emily Tunstall	8H
Emma Cureton	8H
Sarah Norbury	8R
Jessica Whitfield	8R
Amelia Denning	8R
Kane Barber	8C
Reece Grimshaw	8C
Colin Paterson	8C
Jake Round	8C
Georgia Brain	8R

# Maths Challenge

## MATHS CHALLENGE AT WALTON PRIORY

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April, eighty three pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8 at Walton Priory Middle School took part in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge. More than 3800 schools were set a series of puzzle questions designed to encourage pupils to use logical thinking to work out the answers.

Eight Walton Priory children received gold certificates (top 6% in the country), nineteen received silver (top 19% in the country) and nineteen pupils received bronze (top 40% in the country).

Mr Andy Chandler, Head of Maths said "We are extremely proud of all the children who took part and of their achievements."

Photograph shows

Top row L to R Ben Leaback, Lewis Banks, Cameron Beatie and Chloe Ellerton

Bottom Row L to R Sam Handley, Declan Wardell and Tom Williams



Four children in Year 8 qualified for the final of Maths Team Challenge. Chloe Ellerton, Declan Wardell, Sam Handley and Jonathan Chambers travelled to London on Monday 21st June to take part in this competition against eighty other schools. They had a great day and finished 51st out of 80. Considering this competition was open to older pupils as well our pupils performed fantastically.

Well done !!!

## Cooking at Walton Priory

Working together with a local chef Paul Wood (Owner Chef of the Greyhound at Yarlet) and his team, pupils, parents and grandparents have been learning some cookery skills recently at Walton Priory Middle School.

Mrs Nikki Gilman (Deputy Head) said “This is the fourth time we have run this club and every time it has proved to be a big success. Feedback from adults and children has been very positive and each time the group has developed as a team over the six week period”.



## Reporting Children's progress to parents

All parents will receive their child's Annual End of Year Report on Friday 16th July.

There will be an opportunity for parents to discuss any matters arising from the report with staff on Wednesday 21st July.

Please note that individual appointment times will not be issued to parents. Staff will however be available between 4.00 p.m and 6.00 p.m.

## News from the P.S.A.

The Spring Fair which was held on Sunday 23rd May proved to be a great success - despite the VERY warm weather! There were a variety of stalls organised and run by parents and children. Thanks need to be extended to local businesses who kindly supported the event by donating prizes for the raffle.

The P.S.A. committee were also able to organize a disco for the children which took place on Thursday 10th June. Since this was the eve of the World Cup this was taken as the theme for the disco. Needless to say the children who came along very much appreciated this event which was also supported by several parents who gave up their evening to help. Thank you.

These two events raised almost £1,000 which will go towards the purchase of a high quality sound and vision unit for the school hall and will therefore benefit all our children in the school.

**The P.S.A. committee would like to extend their very grateful thanks to all parents and children who were able to support not only these two events but all those which have taken place during 2009/2010**

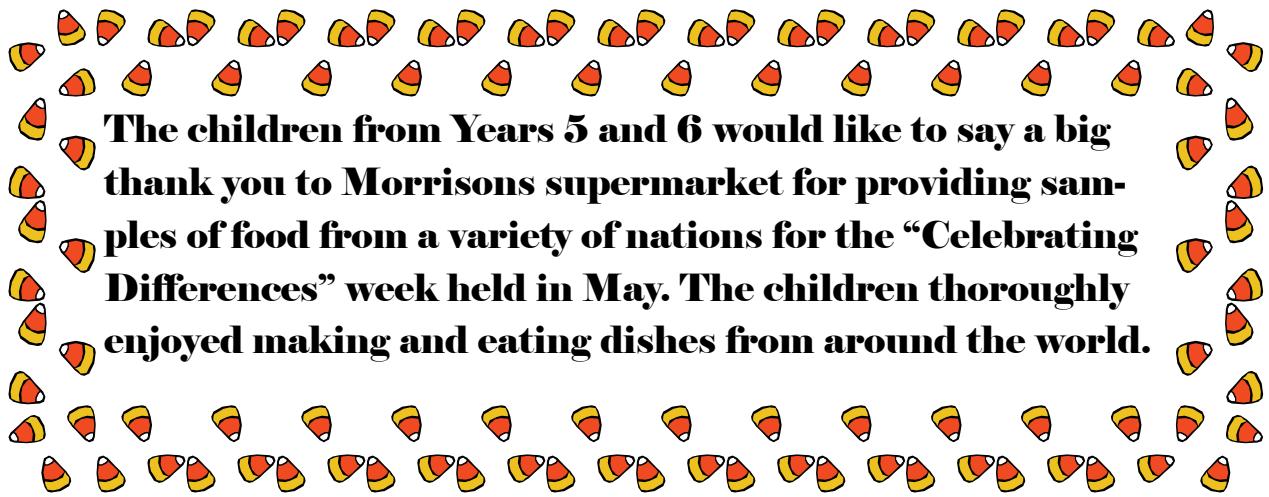
Parents are always welcome to come along to P.S.A. meetings which are held on a regular basis in school. We appreciate that parents are often very busy and cannot make a regular commitment. However if you can make just one of our meetings you will be made very welcome.

**Early next term there will be a Social Evening on Tuesday 21st September starting at 7.00 p.m. where you will be able to find out more. We hope to see you there!**

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**As parents of children who attend Walton Priory you will be aware that all pupils are encouraged to wear the uniform which is detailed within our School Information Booklet.**

**As the year draws to a close and the weather becomes warmer some of the children are choosing to wear items of uniform which are not always appropriate for school and for some practical lessons such as Technology and Science. Staff in school will quite rightly question such choices but support from yourselves as parents is of course necessary in maintaining standards and dress code which we expect and are proud of.**



## **VISITORS FROM BELARUS**

For the 17<sup>th</sup> Year in succession, the Ashbourne & Uttoxeter Chernobyl Children Lifeline Charity Link have invited twelve children from radiation- ridden Belarus to spend one month in our local area. This 'Holiday of a life time' gives a huge boost to their immune systems and has significant long lasting affects on their ability to cope with the levels of radiation that they face each and every day back home. During their stay with local families they visit places such as JCB, Alton Towers, cycling events, BBQ's and plenty of laughter at various parties provided by local groups.

"I have worked with this organisation for a number of years and I am very proud that our community at Walton Priory Middle School had the opportunity to welcome them again. During the day our children worked and played alongside our visitors. Language barriers are sometimes a problem for adults but children always seem to overcome them far more quickly."

Nikki Gilman, Deputy Head

Dear Parent/ Carer

The Right stuff boxing project now holds all female boxing sessions at its Stafford branch based at the Emerald club. The sessions are for females aged eleven upwards and are held at the following times:

Wednesday 6.30pm-8.00pm

Saturday 10.30am-12.00pm

All levels of skills and ability are catered for, and whilst we do have registered female boxers that compete in Amateur contests no one is forced into participating into contact boxing, unless it is something they really wish to undertake and where age appropriate with parental consent.

The sessions whilst teaching the technique and skills of amateur boxing also contain high levels of general fitness sessions with skipping and circuit training being regular features. It is intended that the sessions are fun, informative, and interactive and are as much about building self esteem and confidence as developing competitive female boxers.

The cost of the sessions are £2.00 a time. However, if your child receives free school meals or is in local authority care please speak to me as alternative means of funding the sessions may be available and all matters will be treated in strictest confidence.

In keeping with the Right Stuff ethos of being community clubs and promoting young people positively all kit and equipment needed to participate in the sport can be earned by the participants by taking part in local projects that put something back into the community. This maybe a litter pick, gardening for the elderly or a community boxing display to promote the club. Such items as club T-shirts and tracksuits can only be received this way and cannot be purchased separately therefore making them a symbol of achievement and commitment to the club and community.

We actively try to work with young people through the sport that have issues around anger control, bullying, self esteem, alcohol or substance issues and we have extensive close links with other professional bodies that specialise in these areas.

We feel that we offer a safe and encouraging environment that develops character and confidence as well as individual health and fitness.

Yours faithfully

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