



Maney Hill Newsletter

30th January 2015

Dates for your diary

February

w/b 2nd Governor Visits Week
w/b 9th Parents' Evening
10th – Y5 Inspire Workshop
12th – Y2 Class Assembly
13th – break up for half term
23rd – School re-opens

March

4th – Reception Inspire Workshop
21st – Race Night
w/b 23rd – Easter Bonnets
24th – Y2 Inspire Workshop
27th – last day of term

April

13th – School re-opens
16th – Y1 Inspire Workshop
29th – Reception Class Assembly
30th – Y4 Inspire Workshop
w/b 20th Parents' Evening
w/b 20th – Governor Visits Week
24th – Ladies Night

May

5th – Y3 Inspire Workshop
7th – Class Assembly
11th – 14th Year 6 SATs
11th – 15th Year 5 Residential
17th – PTA Fun Run
22nd – break up for half term

June

1st – Staff Training Day
2nd – School re-opens
10th Whole School Photo to
celebrate 50 years of Maney Hill
10th Sports Day
17th – Area Sports Day
19th – PTA Quiz Night
w/b 22nd – Y5 Bike-ability
w/b 22nd Y6 Transition Day to
Sutton Park

July

1st Y6 Transition Day
1st – Buddies Afternoon
4th – PTA Summer Fayre
w/b 6th Reports to parents
8th – PTA Discos

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Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another great week in school. Parents joined us for the Year 1 Maths Inspire workshop on Thursday - we hope you all enjoyed it and found it helpful. The Reading Challenge for Years 5 and 6 is under way and many children have entered the challenge to read ten carefully selected books. We have attached our new school dinner menus. Your feedback is very much appreciated and will help us to continue to improve our school dinners – both nutritional quality and the range of foods. Year 4 had a very enjoyable visit to a Hindu Temple, full report next week.

Mrs Whitehead

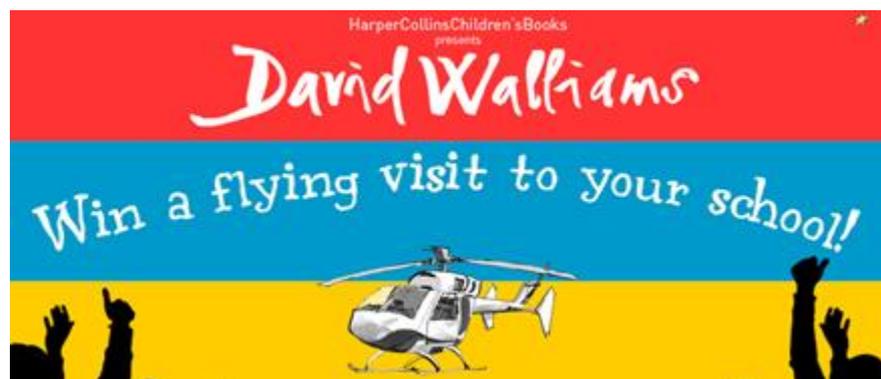
The Maney Hill Reading Challenge.

This week at school, the Maney Hill Reading Challenge has undergone a re-launch! The challenge, which is **open to all Year 5 and 6 pupils**, **involves reading ten new books** and completing fun activities based on them. Children must read a book by each of the **carefully chosen children's authors**, and when they have completed the challenge, they are awarded with **a certificate and book voucher to celebrate their achievement**. Plenty of children have already begun the challenge, or signed up to start reading their first book, but there's still room for more children to join!

For more information, see Miss Higgins or Mrs Samson.

David Walliams' Whirlwind Tour

As many of you may have seen in the news, comedian and children's author David Walliams has announced that he will be visiting primary schools around the country as part of this year's World Book Day. Miss Higgins will be entering Maney Hill Primary School into the competition, in the hope that David will pay our school a visit in his helicopter. The winning schools will be notified on February 16th so let's all keep our fingers crossed!



The Animal Man (and all his amazing animals!) visited Reception

On Friday 23rd January, the Animal Man came to visit Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. He told us some amazing facts about the animals and we had the opportunity to hold each of them. He showed us a tarantula, a python, lizards, a tree bear, a skunk and an owl. The tree bear took a particular liking to a display in Reception and tried to eat some of it! We had a great time and produced some fantastic work as a result. Ramy from Reception said "It was the best day ever!". Aimee from Reception said "The Owl was my favourite because it was so fluffy!"



School Dinners

Many parents have given us feedback about school dinners - including what they like and improvements that could be made. In addition, the new Food Standards introduced by the Department for Education are mandatory from January 2015. In response we are going to trial some new arrangements.

- The menus will change with a greater emphasis on a range of healthy meals including more vegetables incorporated into meals.
- We will no longer sell flavoured drinks at lunchtime.
- Toast for Key Stage 2 will continue to be available at break time.
- There will be more variety and we believe the range of foods over a day and a week will be more attractive to children.
- We will display the weekly menus. Please see the three week menu attached to this newsletter.
- *Pizza Friday* will be on two out of three Fridays.

We really want your feedback so please do let us know your views on the changes made and how we could further improve school dinners.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to **Year 3** who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.

Barney's Sponsored Run

Good luck to Barney in Year 3 who on Sunday 1st February is running one mile in New Hall Country Park in aid of Ebola victims.

You can sponsor him at

<http://www.justgiving.com/BarneyColeman>



Reception	Gracie Mae Holmes Khalid Mehrzad
Year 1	Isabel Jarrett Ruby Jefferson
Year 2	Kate Hardy Gracie Blunt
Year 3	Emily Surgeoner Harry Moors
Year 4	Amy Carey Amy Jones
Year 5	Isabel Jones Ethan Johnson
Year 6	Anton Spencer Emma Beizsley