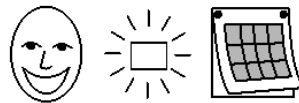




CORBETS TEY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

9th January 2009



Happy New Year

SPEAKOUT

Preparations for 'Speakout', the English Touring Opera Theatre Project, are underway. A filmmaker will be visiting the school on **28th January** to record the life of the school. On the **4th February** she will be interviewing children and staff.

Workshop sessions will begin in February and will continue throughout the coming months. During these sessions children will begin to develop a storyline for the theatre performance in June.



PFA VACANCY

The PFA are sad to announce the resignation of Julie Lamb as Chair of the PFA. The PFA are extremely grateful to Julie for her focus and dedication to strengthening the position of the PFA over the last two years while also serving as a school governor.

The PFA committee are therefore seeking nominations for a new Chairperson. The role would include leading approximately eight officers meetings and one Annual General Meeting per year. The new Chairperson would be given every help and assistance from the existing committee officers. There is no need to have experience of a PFA and new parents to the school are encouraged to apply. Enthusiasm, team-working and common sense will be essential qualities.

If you would be interested in this role, please contact Julie Colgrove on 01708 521263 or email: julie.colgrove@yahoo.co.uk for a nomination form. Completed nominations should be returned by Friday 23rd January.

MULTI CULTURAL WEEK

The school will be holding a multicultural event in February. Each separate class will focus on one country.

The five days of this event will be spread over a two week period on days chosen by individual classes. There will be 2 multicultural days chosen within the week commencing 2nd February and two days within the week commencing 9th February. The Round Robin day will be on **Thursday 12th February** and there will be **no swimming** on this day.

If any parents can spare a few hours to help move children from class to class on Thursday 12th February, this would be most appreciated. Please advise the office if you are available to help.



JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to all recent Jack Petchey Award winners who were: **Josie Foreland** in October, **Lauren English** in November and **Daniel Fisher** in December.

Well done to these three pupils.

A letter from a parent...

We had to visit the Queen's Hospital in Romford for our son to have a blood test. Just wanted to let other parents know, if ever you need to attend blood tests for your child at the Queen's, the staff were absolutely excellent and fully understanding of our child's needs. They made the whole experience for our son very calm, safe and stress free. As we know, we did our best, but we could not fully explain to our son what he was going there for, as best we tried he did not fully understand. My husband visited the hospital in advance explaining at the reception desk in the blood department that our son had special needs. She said to go and collect our son as he would be seen as soon as they returned, just to let her know they were back. True to her word there was no queuing, no stressful waiting at all. The lady who done our son's blood was both calm and again fully understanding of our son's needs. Taking time out to talk to our son and explain to him as best she could and to show him what she was doing. The whole atmosphere was very calm and safe. Our son was fine and came out happy and smiling as always clutching his certificate for doing so brilliantly. If you ever need to go to this hospital, talk to them, it really can make such a big difference.



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