

New Close News

Friday 27th January, 2017

Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown
Deputy Head - Mrs Sharon White



Sports for Champions

I am delighted to be able to say that this event finally took place last Friday. Beverley Jones, a Paralympian discus thrower, came to New Close to inspire children to complete their circuit training. Following this she met with all of the children and talked to them about her career, sharing film clips of herself in action. Beverley allowed the children to hold the discus, showed them the medal she had won and presented each child with a sticker.

It was definitely a worthwhile event and the children were certainly inspired by Beverley.

Charity Day



This coming Friday (3rd February), Ruby House has organised a charity day for the school. The charities that they are supporting are Jacks Place and Naomi House, hospices for children and young adults.

To raise money, they are asking the children to come to school in odd socks and to bring a donation. I'm sure that there will be some wonderful ideas around this and thank you in advance for your support.



Advanced Notice

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The children will be participating in a range of book-related activities and will be invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Hopefully this early notice will give you plenty of time to sort out a costume if your child would like to wear one.

Senior Prefect Elections



Our Prefects at New Close are doing a wonderful job of monitoring the corridors, helping other children and contributing in different ways to life within the school.

As usual at this time of the year, they have been invited to apply for the positions of Head and Deputy Head Prefects. The applicants attended an interview and following this they each gave a presentation to the rest of the school to explain why they would be the best person for the job. Finally, every person within the school took part in a vote and these votes were carefully counted and verified.

I was honoured to be a part of the process and Mrs Walker and myself were extremely impressed by each of the applicants. It was evident that they had thought very carefully about their interview answers and the standard of each presentation was very high.

Unfortunately there were only two positions available yet there were five candidates. The result of the vote was very close but was carefully checked and I am pleased to announce that our Head Prefect is Billy and our Deputy Head Prefect is Jessica-Rose. Many congratulations to our new Head and Deputy Head Prefects and again, well done to all candidates!!

From Kingdown School - for the attention of parents of Year 5 students who will be submitting their applications for secondary school places in October 2017.

Talk & Tour

Tuesday, 7th February 2017 9.00am to 11.00am

**OPEN DAY- Tuesday 4th July 2017
9.00am to 11.00am and 5pm to 6.30pm**



We are looking forward to welcoming students and their parents to Kingdown School.

<http://www.kingdown.wilts.sch.uk>

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Ava in Meerkat class who has passed her Level 1 in swimming.

Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost.

For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school Office.

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OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**