



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

The wonderful thing about working at Prince of Wales is being part of this diverse community, which is represented by such varied sounds, sights and tastes. We all know that we are as one in this school and regardless of gender, cultural background, religion we all have an equal right to learn and be happy. In the Autumn Term we learn about the many festivals that are celebrated at this time of the year. The festival of Asure was one of them and now we look forward to the conclusion of this school term by celebrating Christmas. This year *all* children are being offered a free Christmas Dinner, which will be enjoyed together with all school staff. Do inform the office if you wish your child to participate.

The Olympic Value of *Equality* resonates through this preamble. Do ask your child how they have focused on this value at school this week.

Next Tuesday you will have the opportunity to sample the new Enfield schools menu that incorporates the many foods enjoyed in your homes, please come and have a taste before the information evening about Achievement and Standards.

Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Asure Celebration

On Monday all children attended an assembly about the festival of Asure as celebrated by our Alevi community. Miss Clarke welcomed Mr. Erbil and other visitors to our school. After that the children presented their work. Next, we watched a video on how to make asure (a sweet soup made with 12 ingredients). Asure symbolises sharing, caring, and peace and love to everyone. Finally children from other schools did a semah dance while a lady sang in Turkish.

By Melin 3D

Charities update

You will be aware that the red pot for collecting for Poppy day went round the school recently for a few days. It was collected by the British Legion representative the other day, who informed us, with thanks, that we had collected £105 for this cause. Also many of you contributed to the recent Children in Need appeal. We sent off, in the end, nearly £300, from the school and the Children's Centre combined. Well done and thank you to all who made contributions.

Children bringing personal items to school

During lesson observations I have noticed that many children are distracted by their pencil cases and other items they bring from home. I would like to remind parents to check children's bags to ensure **only** reading and homework books as well as PE kits are brought into school. We have school pencils, rubbers and sharpeners so these need not be supplied by you.

Also, toys, chewing gum and sweets must not be taken to school. These and other personal items will be taken from children and only returned to an adult.

Attendance w/c 26th November

KS1

1C 94.13% 2R 95.00%
1M 90.00% 2S **96.66%**
1N 87.66%

KS2

3D 94.33% 4A 92.60% 5F 90.00%
3F 94.66% 4K 91.07% 5G 93.92%
3W 91.42% 4U **99.00%** 6B 95.66%
6H 97.33%



Whole School Attendance: 93.60% An improvement of -1.66 %

School Target: 95%

Overall attendance since September: 94.92%

Well done to 2S & 4U for best attendance this week.

Collection of children after school

Parents will be aware that unfortunately a young girl was attacked in Edmonton on Friday last. Whilst we know that an arrest has been made, this incident has highlighted for me the need for us all to work together to promote our children's safety. Most of our children are collected from school at the end of the day, but if your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you wish them to walk home alone from school, please be sure to let us know and please talk to your child about ways they can keep themselves safe. All schools have received advice from the Police, with whom we work very closely, and they advise children to:

- Be vigilant
- Make their way home quickly at the end of the school day
- Walk with others where possible
- Avoid short cuts through poorly lit areas
- Keep to well-lit streets, with people about.



Please also remind your child that if they need assistance when they are out and about in the local community then they can use the Community Help Point Scheme (CHPS). Under the scheme, venues such as shops, GP surgeries and libraries where children and young people can ask for help can be identified by a blue H on a white disc displayed in their windows. Failing this, children should be advised to enter any shop to request help.

If for any reason you have to make alternative arrangements for collecting your child, please contact the school to let us know as early as possible in the day. We will not let your child be collected by anyone except you unless you have advised that this is with your permission and we have been able to identify that person, and we will not let older children leave the school alone unless you have confirmed that arrangement in advance. With younger children we will not let them leave the premises without an appropriate adult nominated by you.

Let's all work together to keep our children safe and help them to learn about personal safety!

What do your child's school levels mean?

It can be quite confusing to understand how well your child is doing at school.

What is age expected?

Is my child making enough progress in reading, writing and maths?

How can I help at home? I use different methods to those at school, is that ok when supporting my child?

Come on Tuesday 4th December to find out more. We will also explain the new style report cards that children will take home prior to Parents' Evening the following week on Tuesday 11th December when you get the opportunity for a one to one meeting with your child's teacher.

We hope to see you next week.

More FOOD for THOUGHT

Please ensure your child has had some breakfast before coming to school. A healthy breakfast sets your child up to do well in their learning. We notice children with sweets, crisps and sugary drinks before coming into school. These contain additives that can cause hyperactivity in children, resulting in behaviour incidents.

Parents will be asked to collect their child if they have *not* had breakfast.

Dates

- 04.12 Parents' Information Evening:
Children's levels and report cards explained;
Food Tasting - New school menu
- 07.12 Report Cards sent home
- 11.12 Parents evening for all classes
- 21.12 – 04.01.2013 Christmas Break
- 07.01 Staff training (School closed)
- 08.01 Start Spring Term
- 18.02 – 22.02 Half Term Break
- 29.03 – 12.04 Easter Break
- 06.05 May Bank Holiday
- 27.05 – 31.05 Half term Break
- 24.07 Staff training (start Summer Break)