

FROM THE STUDY

Friday 21st May 2010

There seems to be an unrelenting pace about the summer term that inevitably leads to days that are overflowing with activities, both in and out of the classroom. It is quite scary that we have just one more week before half term and next Friday sees the annual F.O.W.L. Summer Fayre. This year we are supporting two worthwhile charities, The Smile Train and The Yo Yo project. I hope you are all able to support this worthwhile event.

HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children, Thomas Eagles (1P/BS) for English, Olivia Khattar (1P/BS) for Singing, Elliot Tiney (2K) for English, Max Bawtree, Oliver Gravett & Maisie Pearson (4G) for English, Luke Degun (4G) for RE, Emma Baker (5H) for English and finally Alice Aldridge, Taylor Sage and Madelaine Simpson (6T) for English. Well done everyone!

POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP

The winner of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup this week is Phoebe Wickham. Congratulations Phoebe.

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

1st X1 cricket v Felsted. Wednesday 19th May.

A super all round game of cricket, witnessed by an appreciative crowd. Winning the toss, Widford captain Matt Morley-Jacob elected to bat first in a 20 overs per side match. Against some steady bowling Widford relied upon the classy batting of Will Buttleman (39 runs) and the powerful hitting of Matt Gilham (23) to score the bulk of the runs. Although, having limited time at the crease, both Christian Hall and Cameron Sheppard kept the momentum going, taking quick singles where they could. A total of 87 for 6 off 20 overs was achieved with a good all round batting performance.

Widford bowled a good line and length against the Felsted batsmen who found runs hard to come by. An early wicket from Christian and tight bowling by Will Buttleman and Matthew Gilham meant that Felsted were behind the required run rate for much of their innings. However, a loose 19th over meant that Felsted grabbed the win!

A really pleasing performance on the whole, but with some work to do on our fielding.

Special mention to Nancy Hebron who bowled really well and becomes the second ever girl to play for the 1st X1.

Colours : Christian Hall, Matthew Gillham, William Hibberd and William Buttleman

Un9 Cricket v Elm Green

In this version of 'Kwik Cricket' each team starts with 200 runs and loses 5 runs every time a wicket falls, with batsmen batting in pairs and everyone having to bowl at least one over. Elm Green batted first and scored 258 runs.

In reply, Widford made 222, resulting in a loss by 36 runs. A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with the match played in great spirit by both teams,

Widford vs. New Hall 13th May 2010

In the fresh, spring sunshine, the Under 9 travelled to New Hall, taking along an optimistic attitude as well as a debutant to Widford cricket.

After, for the second time in two days, losing the toss, Widford Lodge were asked to bat. The team got stuck in immediately, with the opening pair of William Kiely and Elliot Snooks looking for quick early runs. Sadly, the first ball saw Elliot take one pace too many down the track, looking for a sneaky single and a quick thinking New Hall fielder nipped the ball back to the bowler for an easy run out. Unperturbed, the boys went on to make 10 solid runs. Luke Degun and Harvey Tyler were next to bat and a quick fire 17 runs was the result after their two overs. Highlight of the innings was a cracking four by Luke, played with timing and strength. Jack Durrance joined captain Nancy Hebron for the third partnership, one that was to see Widford assert their authority on the game and three boundaries and some quick scampering between the creases produced an exciting and entertaining 17 runs.

Joe Penny and Teddy Mortlock kept the match rolling in Widford's favour with some sharp running and good placement of the ball off the bat to make 7 more in their allotment, leaving Nick Gardner and Noah Chilvers making up the tail pair. They put on a 12 runs leaving this coach utterly delighted with the huge run chase in store for New Hall as 68 runs had been belted off of just 10 overs and only one wicket given away; way back on the first ball!

Rather than going into detail of the rest of the match I would prefer to comment on the way in which Widford went about this cruising victory. The fielding, marshalled by captain Nancy Hebron was brisk, intelligent, sensible and extremely enthusiastic. Some glorious catches were taken; William Kiely (2), Luke Degun and Jack Durrance all featuring, whilst Teddy Mortlock took two of his own, including a slick caught and bowled dismissal. Nick Gardner bowled well and was also able to take a caught and bowled from a looping drive.

Nancy Hebron bowled with fearsome accuracy and clattered the stumps with an unplayable delivery. Poor old Jack Durrance was given charge of keeping wicket during her spell, so well done Jack for staying up to the stumps bravely! The pick of the bowling, however, came from the aforementioned new boy to Widford, William Kiely. A majestic wicket maiden in the opening over of the New Hall innings set the tone for an overwhelming afternoon barrage from our bowlers.

The entire team bowled with effort, Widford pride and great technique. With New Hall reeling, it was good to see the encouragement of some of our players circling round the square. There will be tougher tests this season but with the same positive mentality and technical skill, Widford U9's should reap further success.

The final score saw Widford ease to a 48 run victory, thank you to all the parents who came out, enjoyed the weather and supported with such animation!

Player of the Match – William Kiely

Widford Lodge vs. New Hall U10's

In breezy and changeable conditions Widford Lodge played New Hall for the second time in a week. This time it was the turn of the U10's to pit their skills against a keen and competitive outfit.

Widford batted first and the openers, William Buttleman and Mackenzie Maberly immediately found their feet with some intelligent straight bats to some accurate bowling.

After the first two overs, Widford began to open up the scoring freely and it was not long before the two boys started to carve their shots through the attacking outfield positions. In fact, they were to put on an opening partnership of well over 100!

William retired at 50 leaving Joe Burton and Mackenzie to finish the innings off on style. Widford made 165 off 20 overs without loss, leaving New Hall a massive job.

It was clear that Widford Lodge were eager to finish the game quickly with some straight and testing bowling. As the New Hall innings progressed, Charlie Torr and George Berryman continued bowling with improving accuracy whilst Tom Basely was unlucky not to pick up a couple of wickets for his endeavours. Benji Mitchell bowled well without the success of last week and Ben Read supported the bowling, backing up the stumps with excellent technique. He was alive to respond to some uncharacteristically wayward bowling by Nancy Hebron and despite taking a ball in the grill, was positive and alert to every delivery.

The final over saw New Hall pressing for their century, with their chances of winning over but Ted Stroud had other ideas. A magnificent over, containing three wickets and no runs was a fitting end for the team's performance and especially Ted's. The fielding was very quick and tight, whilst the manner, yet again, the boys handled themselves is a testament to the way they regard their school and respond to captain Will Buttleman's demands.

Player of the match – Ted Stroud

Widford Lodge v. Elm Green Monday 17th May 2010

In bright and warm conditions, the U9's took the field in their first encounter of the season against Elm Green.

Yet again, Widford lost the coin flip and were invited to bat first, in a pairs format. The innings consisted of some excellent striking, notably from William Dobbie, Felix May and Edward Matthews. Elm Green bowled with accuracy and some success, the boys will definitely be practicing their defensive strokes with a straight bat in upcoming games lessons!

Defending 254 runs, Widford Lodge organised themselves in the field. William Dobbie opened the bowling and with good line and length, managed to tie up the Elm Green openers. Further bowling by Felix May and Jack Varley showed excellent technique and growing confidence. However, many extras were given away, in the way of no balls and wides by a lot of the Widford bowling. They did, nonetheless, maintain a traditional overarm approach in the main, which showed a solid commitment to improving their action.

The extra runs, consequently, did add to Elm Green's runs off the bat and

meant that the last over saw Widford just three runs ahead. Jack Varley bowled well but by the last ball Elm Green had opened a three run advantage. Yet, all was not lost and some confusion between the wickets lead to a terrific run out by Widford and after a five run deduction Widford found themselves celebrating a two run victory, in what was an enjoyable and eventful match. The support of the parents was an undoubted advantage for the players and was very much appreciated, thank you all!
Player of the match – Felix May

ROUNDERS

Un 8 v Elm Green

On Monday 17th May, the Yr 3 girls travelled to Elm Green for our first rounder's match against Elm Green. We were on the batting side first, everyone batted well. After we had batted the score was 5 ½ to us. Then we went into field, we fielded very well. We managed to catch some of the Elm Green girls out. We had two innings. At the end of the match the score was 8 ½ to us and 9 ½ to Elm Green. Well done girls.
By Rebecca Strong

Un 9 v Elm Green

On Monday 17th May, Year 4 Widford Lodge rounders team travelled to Danbury to play old rivals, Elm Green. As we approached the school the skies opened and rain poured down, but luckily 4 minutes later the sun suddenly came out and we had glorious weather for the whole match. We won the toss and chose to field. Olivia bowled extremely well, which stopped Elm Green getting easy rounders through no-balls. Three brilliant catches by Jessica, Anna and myself helped to get out three Elm Green players. Good Fielding by Maisie, Rosie and Megan saw a couple of exciting run-outs. Some excellent batting by the team, especially Izzy and Sophie G, gave us a total of 12 rounders. Unfortunately Elm Green just had the edge and narrowly beat us 13 1/2 – 12. Well done girls, I'm sure we'll beat them next time.
By Arya Vindlacheruvu.

TENNIS

Un 11 Boys Tennis v Brentwood, Friday 14th May

On a sunny afternoon 6 boys from Form 6 travelled to Brentwood to play tennis. A fine afternoon's tennis saw Widford go down by 7 – 2. As always, Brentwood had a smattering of County players within their squad but this didn't intimidate the Widford boys who fought for every point with many games going to several deuces. Well done to all the boys, especially Ralph Stevens who won both his singles and doubles and Captain of Tennis Matt Morley-Jacob, who made the Brentwood Number 1, work hard for every point.

Un 11 Boys Tennis v Dame Bradbury's, Tuesday 18th May

A long journey to Saffron Walden, made even longer by several road works, meant the Widford team of 8 boys had to start playing almost immediately on arrival. Once again all matches were fiercely competed with Dame B's edging the final result 6-3. Well done to all the boys for playing so well, especially

Cameron and William H for winning their doubles, Christian for winning his singles and Cameron again for winning his singles.

REMINDERS

- **Too many children without caps and sun protection. We may have to consider stopping children from playing outside if they are not adequately protected from the sun!**
- **I seem to spend an age having to remind children to tuck their shirts in, both boys and girls. While we have a uniform it is our expectation that they wear it smartly and correctly. The same expectations are applicable to sports kit. I realise that this traditional stance is not 'fashionable'. However, I would appreciate parental support in this area, certainly in respect of making your children aware of the need to be smartly attired at the appropriate times.**
- **We are always 'nagging' the children to make sure they have time to do their homework, time to read and time to revise and prepare for exams. I would like to put in a special request on behalf of the Sports Department, once they have achieved the above can they find time to practice their catching and throwing (safely of course). These skills are so important in rounders and cricket. I fear the lure of the TV and electronic games means that these basic skills don't get the attention they require. So much fun can be had with a tennis ball and a wall!!**

GOLF DAY AT CRONDON PARK (JUNE 2ND)

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers the Widford Lodge Charity Golf Day on June 2nd has been cancelled. Understandably some of you were unable to participate because the day fell during Half Term. Mrs Grief is now trying to re-arrange this for a Sunday in September and we will advise you of the new date as soon as possible.

Travelling Tuesday

After the success of walking Wednesday and the raised awareness of many families eagerness to already car share as well as ride or walk to school, the School Council have decided to take the initiative further.

From next Tuesday, every fortnight will see a 'Travelling Tuesday' event. Whilst we encourage everyone to take an eco-friendly route to school every day, these Tuesdays have been designed to find really considerate methods of transport.

In return for amazing resourcefulness, School Council members will be out on the drive from 8am to witness and hear about your journey. You could follow the example of the Head Girl as she cycles in from Little Baddow, or the Head Boy who rides in from Galleywood. Efforts will be rewarded with stars for their house and other prizes from House Captains and Council members, not to mention the buzz a brisk, morning walk or bicycle ride offers.

Tuesday usually requires less kit and sports equipment for children so this will hopefully provide more opportunities for all of us!

Please make efforts to contact those who travel into school from your area and help develop an even stronger sense of family community this school already enjoys.

Thank you for all the efforts you already make and please continue to offer suggestions, through your children, on innovative and safe ways we could improve as a school with our use of transportation.

Summer Term Travelling Tuesday dates:

Tuesday May 25th , June 15th , June 29th and July 13th 2010.

FOWL Summer Fayre (2.30pm)

Friday 28th May

1 Week to Go....

Volunteers – Any more parents who can give ½ hour of their time please speak to Sam Varley (3D mum) on samvarley@blueyonder.co.uk

Donations – If you have any soft drinks or other suitable items for the Tombola please leave them in the Secretary's office.

Gunge the Teacher – Bring in your change and vote!

Laser Mayhem

A reminder to all prep school children and parents that Laser Mayhem (<http://www.laser-mayhem.co.uk/>) will again be attending the summer fayre, and if you would like to book a session please ensure the attached form is completed and money returned by Monday.(See the end of this Study Letter)

Thankyou!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

VIKINGS DUTY WEEK

FORM 6 ACTIVITY WEEK

KAY STAGE 1 SAT's FORM 2

Monday 24 th	Form 6 to Hainault Forest Kindergarten Induction Morning
Tuesday 25 th	Form 6 to Thriftwood Scout Camp
Wednesday 26 th	DT Challenge First Aid Form 6
Thursday 27 th	Form 6 to the Tower of London Form 5 to Ingatestone Hall
Friday 28 th	Form 6 to Thriftwood School Assembly Summer Fayre 2.30pm

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
MONDAY 24th to FRIDAY 28th MAY

MONDAY 24th	Homemade Quiche with New Potatoes & Salad Tuna or Cheese Salad Dessert Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts Cheese & Biscuits
TUESDAY 25th	Meat Pie with Mash and Vegetables Tuna or Cheese Salad Dessert Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts Cheese & Biscuits
WEDNESDAY 26th	Spaghetti Bolognese with Pasta & Vegetables Tuna or Cheese Salad Dessert Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts Cheese & Biscuits
THURSDAY 27th	All Day Breakfast Tuna or Cheese Salad Dessert Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts Cheese & Biscuits
FRIDAY 28th	Fish with Pasta & Vegetables Tuna or Cheese Salad Dessert Fresh Fruit & Yoghurts Cheese & Biscuits

Friends of Widford Lodge Summer Fayre
28th May 2010

Laser Mayhem

Laser Mayhem will once again be visiting the school charity summer fayre. Sessions will run for 30 minutes, and will cost £5 per session per child. If your child is interested please complete and return the slip below with payment by Monday 24th May to the school office. We will get back to you with your child's allotted time. Unfortunately due to the nature of the activity, sessions are restricted to prep school children only.

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Name Of Child:.....

Form:.....

Number of sessions (£5 per session):

Preferred time (please circle)

2pm 2.30pm 3.00pm 3.30pm no preference

Cheque or cash enclosed: amount £.....

(Please make cheques payable to Friends of Widford Lodge)

Must be handed in by Monday 24th May – thankyou!