

# FROM THE STUDY

FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010

The sun is shining, the flags are out and an army of mums are busily preparing for the Summer Fayre. Another hectic day lies ahead at the end of a week overflowing with activities and challenges, before we can contemplate the peace and quiet of half term.

The annual Form 6 Activity Week is just about over and as usual, they have thrown themselves with their customary exuberance into their work and play. The idea behind Activity Week is to provide our senior pupils with reward for all their hard work and achievements, to expose them to new environments and tasks and encourage a greater appreciation of their impact on the community.

This week has seen them visit and promote the benefits of Hainault Forest, have adventure at Thriftwood Scout Camp, learn First Aid with Mrs Benson and tackle Mr Blundell's DT Challenge and learn about the History of the Tower of London. The week ended with a morning spent at Thriftwood special school. This is the third year of our link with Thriftwood and I never cease to enjoy these occasions, which I believe are so important to the development of our children into rounded youngsters who have an awareness of others and the lives they lead.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to today's event, and we will let you know how successful it has been on our return from half-term. I hope you all have a great break!

## HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children, Darcey Hicks & Rory Hopkins (KGE), Maxwell Sharp (KGM), Daisy Byford & Sophie Main (1E), Thomas Eagles (1P/BS), and Joshua Dolton (2K) all for French, Emily Dobbie, Kit Morley-Jacob & Rosie Parrish (1E) for English, Joseph Dunn & Tommy O'Connor (1E) for History, Antonia Swainston (2K) for Spellings, Teddy Mortlock (4P) for English and finally Alex Barlow (4P) for Maths. Well done to you all.

## POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP

This week's winner of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup is Noah Chilvers (4P). Congratulations Noah.

## STOMP

Last Thursday we had two performers come to Widford Lodge School from the West End show 'Stomp'. Most of us thought that they would use real instruments but instead we used our bodies, dustbins and rubber tubes. First of all they told us a bit about themselves then we got into a circle and they showed us a rhythm to copy. After we had got the hang of it we started adding our own rhythm between the pauses.

They then produced this large blue bin and two smaller silver bins. A man called Dave started doing a rhythm of eight beats and the other man, called Nass, started drumming a different rhythm, but he was still keeping in time. We all got a turn to do this and it was a lot of fun.

The final thing that we did was keeping in time with the beat, and to do this we got different sizes of rubber tubes. Eight of us were selected to whack a tube on the floor to make a sound, we were all going crazy, unfortunately for the crazy ones, who were having the time of their lives, we had to behave sensibly!

Afterwards when it was over we all thanked them and said that we had had a fantastic time.

By Ayra Vindlacheruvu.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **CRICKET**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> X1 v Elm Green**

The 1<sup>st</sup> X1 won their last match before half-term, defeating Elm Green by 64 runs. Batting first Widford scored an impressive 103 for 5 from their 16 overs with captain 'MJ' scoring an impressive 48 with good support from Will Hibberd, who scored 19.

In reply Elm Green struggled against an impressive fielding and bowling display. The pick of the bowlers were Matt Gilham with 2 for 5 and 'MJ' with 2 for 1.

Well done boys, a great performance!

Man of the Match. Matthew Morley Jacob (MJ)

#### **Widford vs. Elm Green 2<sup>nd</sup> XI**

In hot and breezy conditions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI entertained Elm Green, under the leadership of Taylor Sage. The opposition elected to bat and set a good early pace, making 25 of the first 4 overs.

4 overs later and Elm Green's total had over doubled to 63 as Taylor, Teddy Mortlock, Ralph Stevens and Nathaniel Patten struggled to contain the batting. Extras continue to plague some of Widford's bowling and it was felt that the Elm Green batting had not felt the pressure that tight accurate bowling can apply.

Enter Tavy Hayden and William Kiely who, between them, stopped the run avalanche and brought the game back into contention. Both bowlers took super wickets of their own and prevented the opposition from scoring at such an alarming rate.

Tom Baseley was clearly inspired by the forceful accuracy of these two and bowled his best spell of the season, delivering some great balls and counting himself unfortunate not to have picked up a wicket or two of his own. Charlie Torr and George Berryman improved as they got into their session of

**4 overs and Widford managed to hold Elm Green to 116 runs at the end of their 20 overs.**

**In reply, every partnership contributed superbly in chasing down the total:**

<b>Taylor and Teddy</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Ralph and Nathaniel</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Tavy and William K</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Tom and Ben</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Charlie and George</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30</b>

**So Widford cantered to a 20 run victory at close of play and all the players would not allow me the opportunity to even consider the most influential player of the day. Drafted in at the eleventh hour, due to an illness, William Kiely was recognised as the young man who stopped Elm Green in their tracks and stayed sprightly and intelligent in the field, defying the expectations of his older peers.**

**Player of the Match – William Kiely**

### **1st Team Rounders v Elm Green**

**We won the toss against Elm Green on a scorching hot day and decided to field first. We played amazingly as I took two catches from backstop and we stumped quite a few of their players out on the bases. We almost caught another two players out but unfortunately we dropped them, but even after the disappointment of not catching them we picked up and stopped them scoring anymore half rounders!**

**We then batted with Georgie, Alice C and myself scoring half a rounder each. Maddy did a great hit but unfortunately one of their strong players caught her out. We had another bat with Georgie scoring 1 rounder. Plus Emily and I scored half a rounder each. Alice c was unfortunately stumped out at 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Our last ball each was a great one, Gemma did one of the beat hits in the game and got to second along with another great hit from Alice A and I also got to second base. Georgie did a good hit but unfortunately was stumped a millisecond before she got to 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Elm Green batted again but in the first half of their balls they had hardly scored, Alice C did a great job on 4<sup>th</sup> and Emily bowled with hardly any no balls! Our deep fielders managed to receive the balls fast from the stronger hitters making it harder for them to score1 Alice A did a great job backing up 2<sup>nd</sup>. Maddy also did an amazing job on 3rd throughout the whole game.**

**We had already beaten Elm Green but it was our turn to bat again. We all had a first bat and Elm Green was fielding a lot better with only Alice C scoring and getting to 2<sup>nd</sup> base. Our second ball got better though as me and Maddy got half a rounder each but to top it up, Georgie and Hollie made it all the way round and scored a whole rounder each!!**

**The final score was 5 ½ to Elm Green and 10 to Widford. Great game girls. Colours awarded to: Maddy, Alice C and Gemma.**

**By Katie Gardner**

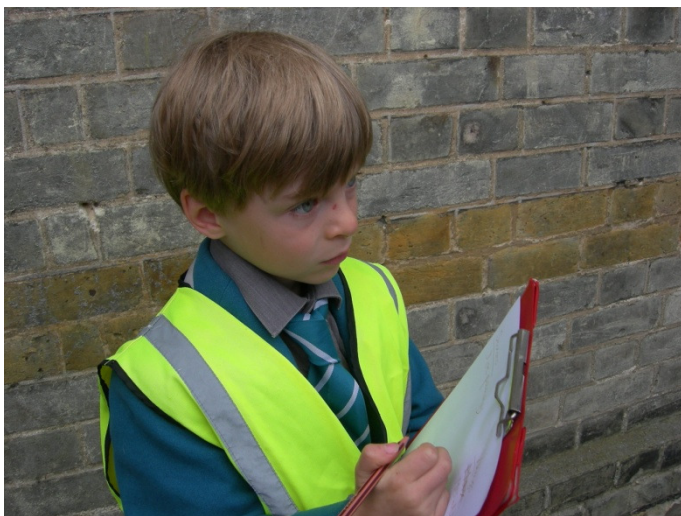
## **Travelling Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**The second in the series of Travelling Tuesdays was held this week.**

**The School Council were in their safety attire to welcome and reward willing walkers, safe cyclists and pals who pool cars.**

**Many parents seemed unaware of the initiative, mentioned in last week's edition. The School Council is determined to increase the profile and will, therefore, put up posters and signs clearly before the next day!**

**Thank you to all who were able to reduce the school's carbon footprint and contribute to the enjoyment and success of the day.**



**FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**NORMANS DUTY WEEK.**

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Exams Kindergarten Information Evening 6.00-7.00pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Exams School Council Meeting 8.45pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Health &amp; Safety Committee Meeting 8.15am Year 2 to Sandford Mill</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO 11.00am Senior Choir Rehearsal &amp; Form 6 Recorders 8.45 – 9.15am House Music Competition 4.30pm</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Dot Bedingham from Chelmsford Museum to talk To Form 3 'History of Chelmsford' Senior Choir Rehearsal 8.45 – 9.15am 1<sup>st</sup> V111 Cricket &amp; Un 11 Girls Tennis team to Framlingham Festival</b>
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Swimming gala @ Riverside Ice &amp; Leisure 6.30pm</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Concert at St Mary's Church. 4.00pm-5.00pm</b>