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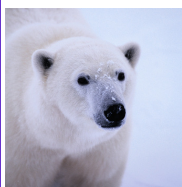
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ENDANGERED ANIMALS WEEK



Next week all the children will focus on endangered animals.

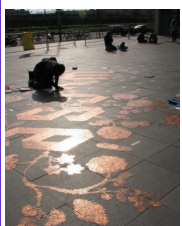
Our interest in endangered animals began through the children when current Year 5 adopted several animals as a result of a project on environmental issues. That same year Nursery children (now Reception) went to Syon Park Tropical Zoo and discovered to their horror that this trip would not be available for future generations as the zoo was under threat of closure. Their name has now



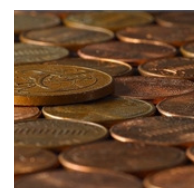
changed to Syon Park Tropical Forest and their lease extended to allow them to build new premises at another location. Nursery children felt it important that we try to help raise money for the relocation of many rescued and endangered species.

That is why our week will not only encourage our children to learn about the geography of various continents and the animals found there, but also the climatic and human threats to many species.

At the same time we will raise money to support Syon Park Tropical Forest, culminating in the Big Draw on **Thursday, 2nd December** when chalk drawn animal outlines will be found in the playground for parents, carers and children to fill with coins. All the coins will be donated to the new building to house the Syon Park animals. Please start collecting small change to add to our picture!



Syon Park will bring their animals to show the children on Monday and on Wednesday all children will hear stories from Africa about animals when Richard Olatunde returns with his drums. There are **NO charges** for any of these events to families except donations to the Syon Park Tropical Forest charity.



CHRISTMAS MUST BE COMING SOON

There are plenty of clues around our school!

Christmas Lunch Invitation: Children are invited to join Terri, Toni and the rest of the staff for **Christmas lunch on Tuesday, 14th December** costing just £1.80. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to have a school Christmas lunch, please order and pay for this with the office before Thursday, 2nd Dec.

Christmas Fair: Parents are working miracles, bringing in donations for stalls, volunteering to run stalls, and all sorts of other exciting things! Come along and join the fun on Saturday, 11.00 till 2.00

Christmas Singalong: Friday, 10th December by the outdoor Christmas Tree. Please collect your KS2 child at the end of the day and join us for an informal singalong of Christmas and seasonal songs and carols. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Occasional day! School closed on Friday, 3rd December

Christmas Party for our elderly Neighbours: Year 6 children will be hosting a party for our neighbours on **Wednesday, 8th December**

KS1 Christmas Production: Parents of KS1 and Foundation Stage are welcome to join us for our performance of "Snowman at Sunset" at 9.30 on Wednesday, 8th December

Christmas Card Workshop for Nursery Parents: Nursery Parents and children are invited to stay after their session to make a Christmas Card together on Tuesday, 7th December

Watermans' Christmas Lights Event: 26th November 2010: This year's theme is 'polar bears' Organised by the Extended Services team. 4.00pm Christmas decoration workshop begins / 6.00pm parents, children, choir arrive, Bjorn walkabout starts / 6.15pm choir / 6.30pm competition winners announced and lights on! 7.00pm mingling and mulled wine. 8.00pm event ends



NETBALL RESULTS



Congratulations to our netball club who played Belmont in a friendly match this week. Although they lost 6-2, they played against a much taller team and had fantastic team spirit! They showed some really good skills and tactics—so well done team. Thank you to Debbie Smale, Louise Raiteri and Mandy for arranging the match.

LOTS OF EXTENDED SCHOOL NEWS

TEMPORARY, FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS

The Census is coming on 27th March 2011. It's run by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) and they need some temporary people to help them. For more information, visit www.censusjobs.co.uk.

DANCE MATS - FREE SESSION FOR YOU TO ENJOY WITH YOUR CHILD

There is another session booked for Grove Park families on Friday, 10th December from 4.30-5.30pm. It runs at Brentford School for Girls. Go along with your child and join in the fun!

FREE COMMUNICATION SKILLS & PUBLIC SPEAKING TRAINING COURSE

This is YOUR chance to show how much better you are than the "Apprentice" candidates! Learn how to present your point of view effectively and how to get even better at negotiation. It's on Friday, 3rd Dec, 10am-4pm at West Thames College. Book your place either through email: patrick@cvshounslow.org.uk or phone 07538 238946

COULD YOU DO WITH SOME HINTS AND TIPS TO REDUCE YOUR STRESS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS?

Are you looking forward to the Christmas holidays? Or are you wondering how to get everything organised whilst trying to keep the kids happy.... Georgie Edmonds, Consultant, is here to help. Come and join in an interactive session on **Friday, 10th December**, from 9.30-11am in the Dining Hall. She'll open the workshop with some of the things she learnt whilst being a teacher and then get some ideas going between parents. It's free and the only one we'll be running this academic year so PLEASE come along. Refreshments provided.

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Free activities and fun afternoon on Saturday, 11th December from 1.30-4.30pm at the Sutton Lane Community Centre & Muga, 14-16 Moulton Avenue in Hounslow. Nearest tube is Hounslow West or bus H91 (Vicarage Farm Road bus stop). It's open to families from any Hounslow estate - if you have children of Primary school age, they need to have an adult accompanying them. Activities include Street Dancing, Football and Rugby, Face Painting, Graffiti Art Work and two Tech-Buses with Free T-Shirts plus Music Downloads. Please call 020 8583 4602 for more information.

If you would like a chat with Jo Lovatt, our Parent Support Adviser, Jo is in school on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Just ask for Jo at the Office or drop her an email on parentsupportadvisor@grovepark.hounslow.sch.uk.

MUSIC, MILK AND MEALS LETTERS REMINDER

Please make sure you pay for music lessons before the end of term and make sure you order your milk and meals for next term. Orders for milk and meals MUST be in the office by Friday, 10th December.

COFFEE MORNING WORKSHOPS

Friday, 26th November: "Learning Styles" designed to help adults and children to work out their learning style so that they can create the best possible learning environment. Led by Sam Birnage.

Friday, 10th Dec "Managing Children's Behaviour" and is led by an ex-Teacher and now Consultant, Georgie Edmonds.

More Christmas Events ... In 1747 the Moravian Church in Germany invented the Christingle: a symbolic gift for children to celebrate Advent in a festival of lights and a feast of sweets! The newly-formed Children's Church Council at St Michael's (Sutton Court) is organizing this special fundraising Christingle in aid of The Children's Society. They'd love for you to join us and enjoy the fun of making your own Christingle at St Michael's Church, Elmwood Road, Grove Park, W4.3.30pm Sunday 5th December 2010