



SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2012

We are delighted to offer you a snapshot of the busy term we have had.

Chinese New Year

We were lucky enough to celebrate the year of the dragon with Gabrielle Wong and Kee-Meng Tan complete with a dragon dance choreographed by their children Tommy and Max. The pupils were also given home-made noodles and clementines.



World Book Day

Annemount made a fantastic effort to come to school dressed as their favourite characters from literature to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1st March 2012. The children spent their day immersed in literacy experiencing everything from writing their own tales to listening to stories read by Annemount's special guest Lou Kuenzler, the author of Aesop's Awesome Rhyme Series. The Year 1 and 2 children also really enjoyed the opportunity to share their favourite stories with Reception, Kindergarten and Nursery. A great day was had by all!



Living Eggs

With Spring just around the corner, Reception warmly welcomed the arrival of ten chicks. All the children had the chance to spend time with the chicks and were fascinated by how much they grew and developed during the two weeks they spent at Annemount.

Pancake Day

Shrove Tuesday was a delicious event with a musical cookery demonstration in assembly, followed by each class tasting pancakes. Even our cookery club produced gourmet crepes!

'Take One Picture'

Year One and Two enjoyed a fantastic trip to the National Gallery as part of the 'Take One Picture' project. The children were very excited to see 'Still Life with Drinking Horn' by Willem Kalf and sat attentively listening to their guide, coming up with wonderful answers to her questions. Year One have engaged in some role play based on the famous Dutch painting and have made wonderful observational drawings. Year Two have designed functional grabbers for their DT project based on the claws of the lobster in the still life. The last cookery club of term recreated the still life from the painting in miniature form. Reception are looking forward to looking at the painting in the summer term.



Photography Competition 2012

This year we received over 35 entries for our "Celebrating Winter" photography competition. The submissions are on a colourful display in our entrance hall. The entries were judged by Nigel Sutton, a photographer from the Ham & High newspaper. Congratulations to our winners; Harry Abrahams, Aran Moganchi, Sam James, and Valentina Levi.

Our Local Environment

As part of their topic work on the local environment, Y2 braved the snow and ice to visit Norrice Lea Synagogue and Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church. Late in the term they also jumped on the H2 bus in the rain to tour around the locality plotting the route on a map. The highlight of the topic was the wonderful model of Holne Chase which caught the attention of the local newspaper!

PTA

Thank you for all your wonderful support this term. The PTA bake sale raised £229 in aid of Auditory Verbal UK.



Iranian New Year

Annemount were very lucky to have Dr Shamsi and Ms Shabnam Rahmati to visit and tell us all about Norouz in a special assembly. Gifts of chocolate eggs and Shahnameh - The Persian Book of Kings - were also very much appreciated by all of Annemount.



Celebration of the Arts Week

Annemount enjoyed a wonderful week of individual and group recitals to celebrate Arts Week. It was fantastic to see such artistic talent! We enjoyed poetry, songs, guitar, piano and violin recitals from children right across the school. Well done on such stellar Performances!



Charity at Annemount

The school tries to find opportunities to consider others in the community and afar, bringing the challenges and plight of those less fortunate to the attention of our pupils. This term we have raised £229 for AV UK through the Bake Sale and following our mufti day on February 29th this leap year, we raised £234 for our local St John's Hospice. The Sports Relief initiative has taught our pupils how important it is to help children in Africa who do not have the luxury of clean water in their daily lives. We have collected £3000 for Sports Relief 2012.

Learning about Teeth

Year One enjoyed Sam Moghanchi's video presentation on dental care and learned how teeth grow and the importance of dental hygiene. **A huge thank you and to all our parents for their support for the school.**



Belmont Football Festival

Congratulations to our Year Two Football Club members who made their first ever appearance at the Belmont Year Two Football Tournament. The team played well, showed great enthusiasm and demonstrated good teamwork. Our team coaches Paul and Wayne gave out awards, at our last football club of the term, to those who really stood out during the tournament. Player of the Tournament-Sebastian Save of the Day- Roxanne Tackle of the day- Luke Team Performance- Tara



PTA Easter Egg Hunt

The end of term was a very chocolaty affair! Thanks to Tina Raja for organising this annual event!



'People who help us'

PC Trinder visited Annemount to talk to each of the classes about keeping safe. She was very impressed with the intelligent questions asked by the children and how well behaved they all were. Year One have written a letter together to PC Trinder, as she kindly offered to answer any more questions they may have about keeping safe. Kindergarten had a successful visit from West Hampstead Fire Service. The children had the opportunity to use the hose, climb aboard the fire engine and wear a real fireman's hat.

The Year Two Enterprise

Year Two worked incredibly hard for their week long enterprise project which resulted in the production and selling of *Fantastic Fruities* energy bars. The year Two's entered their own mini Apprentice as they conducted market research, made supply projections, secured resources, undertook production and quality control, determined pricing, and developed advertising and packaging. Year Two sold their scrummy energy bars at Annemount's sponsored walk, and were a roaring success as they sold every last one.



Sports Relief

Sunday 25th March brought children, friends and families of Annemount for a sponsored walk in the grounds of Kenwood House in aid of Sports Relief. We were blessed with a bright and sunny morning, and it was great to see such an impressive turnout. The support for the walk was fantastic. We thank all families and dogs who supported this fantastic event!

