

# Cedar Newsletter

## GENERAL NOTE FROM TEACHER

It has been another busy half term for Cedar!

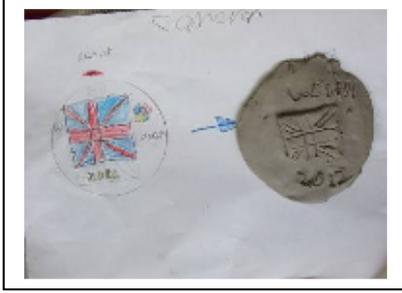
The year 4s took part in their trip to Grafham Water Activity Centre earlier on in the half term. We had a fantastic time taking part in lots of exciting activities and were very lucky that the weather stayed fairly nice for us.

We have been continuing with our Olympics topic this half term and the children have been enjoying finding out about Olympic Games in both Ancient and more modern times. Towards the end of half term we celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style with a special assembly and Garden Party. We are now looking forward to a variety of projects and events in Cedar to take us up to the end of the year.

Wishing you all a relaxing half-term holiday!

Clare Robinson

### Enrichment Curriculum



*Designing Olympic Mascots and 2012 Medals.*

Whilst the Year 4 children were taking part in an Ultimate Frisbee competition the Year 3s were given a special task. We had a choice of whether we designed and made a new Olympic Mascot or a 2012 Medal. We designed it first and then went on to make it out of clay. It was great fun and very messy! I made an Olympic Medal with a Union Jack and London 2012 written on it.

**Joe**



**Creating Olympic Collages for our topic book covers. Collecting merits linked to the Olympic Values.**

This half term in art we have been making some Olympic Collages to go on the front cover of our topic books. First we had to get some magazines and collect pieces of each colour that we needed.

Then we had to carefully glue the pieces on to create a Union Jack Flag. The hardest bit was the Olympic rings because we had to cut such tiny pieces! We are really happy with our finished collages.

**Grace**

This half term teachers have been awarding merits for children showing the Olympic Values. These include respect, excellence, determination, equality, courage, friendship and inspiration.

**Jimmy**

### Grafham Water



*Taking aim in archery.  
Getting ready for canoeing.*

This term the Year 4 children went to Grafham Water Centre for three days. While we were there we did Bush Craft, Archery, Canoeing, Climbing, Cycling, Low Ropes and the Grafham Challenge. Whilst doing each activity we were learning to face our fears and how to work well as part of a team.

The weather wasn't that nice but we still enjoyed all the activities and it was quite fun getting a bit wet and muddy!

My favourite activities were canoeing and cycling because they are hobbies that I now enjoy in my own time.

I had a fantastic time and wish I could go again!

**Fox**



*Making dens, climbing and the group pose for a picture.*

## Swimming



In our swimming sessions this half term we have been developing each of the main swimming strokes such as back stroke and breast stroke. We have been building up our skills in steps. First of all we began with push and glides and then we went on to look at the correct movements for our arms and legs. Finally we have a go at putting it all together.

Whilst waiting for our turn to swim we have been having cricket sessions where we have been learning how to bowl and bat. I have really enjoyed PE this half term and can't wait to do more swimming next half term!

Ella

## Olympic Tournaments



**A Gold Medal Certificate for the Ultimate Frisbee Competition.** Mrs Field has put us into teams and planned some different sports for us to take part in. The year 3 children have had a go at seated boccia and the year 4 children took part in an ultimate Frisbee competition. For some events we have been joined by some children from Petersfield School.

It was really good fun because we could improve our rolling and throwing and have a go at a sport that we hadn't done before.

Athiene

## Maths



**Creating a fractions wall out of multilink and playing a matching equivalent fractions card game.**

This half term in Numeracy we have been looking at lots of different areas such as written methods, decimal numbers, fractions, direction, word problems and mathematical investigations.

In one of our lessons we had an activity carousel with activities like clay modelling, finding fractions of money, making a fractions wall and matching fractions. It was good fun and a different way to learn about maths.

Ailsa

## Mantle of the Expert



**Children work in teams to solve the drought problems.**

We were given a special challenge to try and get the water from the Scottish mountains and bring it to the reservoirs in Cambridge to help with the drought. We formed expert companies and thought of ways to transport the water. My company designed a large tank that would also clean the water with a special tablet.

It was great fun because I always enjoy Mantle of the Expert lessons.

Isabella

## Science - Forces



**Testing the amount of friction that is caused by different surfaces.**

In our Science lessons this half term we have been learning about forces. We began by finding out about friction. We had to do an experiment to see how much friction was caused by different surfaces such as grass, concrete, carpet and tables.

We have also investigated how the shape of something creates more or less water resistance and how different objects are affected by air resistance.

Molly B.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Return to School.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Year 3 Ultimate Frisbee.
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Year 4 Mini Olympics.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Bourn Proms.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Visit to Petersfield School.
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June: year 4 Seated Boccia.
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June: French Café.
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Cedar Assembly.
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Moving Up Morning.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Olympics Closing Ceremony.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day.
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers' Play.
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July: End of term