

# Old Earth Newsletter

## Afternoon Tea, Games and 'Bake-Off' Final

We are looking forward to Sunday's Afternoon Tea this weekend. This Family event will be packed with games, quizzes and treasure trails; plus the Finals of "Old Earth Bake-Off".

The Afternoon tea sounds delicious... sandwiches, cakes and cuppas will be enjoyed by all.

Thank you to the PTFA who have worked hard to make this Family Friendly afternoon a reality.

**SOLD OUT ~~~ See you on Sunday ~~~ SOLD OUT**  
(if you've got a ticket !!)

Please arrive for 1.45pm and make your way into the main hall.

### PARENT & FRIENDS BAKE-OFF

If you're coming along and want to enter a cake in the adults comp, please bring your 7" or 8" cake into school on the day. We are aiming to judge and taste one piece of your cake, and sell the rest as a PTFA fundraiser.



Mr Wragg and Mrs Langley—two of our judges on Sunday

## Girls' Football Glory

It was a first for Old Earth this week, as our Girls' Football Team were crowned champions of Calderdale.

The 16 team tournament was great fun!

Our squad ...Faye J (Goalkeeper); Madison R, Hannah R (Capt), Charlie M, Maisie C, Grace G, Lydia R & Ella B...performed wonderfully and made it to the final where they met Ripponden School. A nail biting draw meant it all came down to sudden death penalties !! Hannah & Madison slotted away the spot kicks for Old Earth, whilst Faye J performed heroics in the net, using her gymnastic skills, to save two penalties!

## Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious



### It's show-time!!!!

The Lower Juniors are almost set to perform their Easter Concert, based on the wonderful story, Mary Poppins. The dress rehearsals took place today for

packed audiences, who lapped up every second of the spectacular musical.

The costumes, props and scenery were all spot on—high quality all the way; the singing was wonderful, with the Y3 children really adding to the quality of the sound; and the actors and actresses pulled out the stops to have everyone clapping for MORE !! The cast are looking forward to their three

main performances—all sold out—next week.

*Great dress rehearsals boys and girls... break a leg next week !*



Our girls, on the right, after the final proudly wearing their winners medals. Also on shot are Ripponden Girls—the beaten finalists; and the Senior Sports Leaders from Hipperholme & Lightcliffe School.



# Year 1 Maths Workshops for Parents

# Noticeboard

It was good to see parents, from around half of the children in Y1, attending this week's Maths Workshops for parents. The training was led by Miss Fox, and was really well received by parents. The feedback we received talked of parents having a much clearer idea of the expectations of the children; how parents can help at home; and the reasons why concepts are taught in certain ways.

## HEAD OF CALDERDALE'S EDUCATION SERVICE IN SCHOOL :

On Thursday we welcomed David Whalley into school. Although we are an Academy, the Local Authority have certain key links with us still. Wherever possible, it is important for us to work closely with Calderdale for the benefit of our children... this meeting was one to look closely at how this partnership can continue to thrive. Mr Whalley, was very impressed with the children as he toured the school, commenting on their purposeful learning environments and behaviour.

We also had open conversations about the oversubscription we have at Old Earth for places in school—this year we have 134 requests for places in Reception in September 2014. We only have 56 places available !!

**LITTLE EARTH / NURSERY PAYMENTS :** Due by Thursday 10th April, please

**CHOIR :** Cancelled for next week only—due to the Mary Poppins concert.

**REQUESTS :** Could the Reception Classes please ask if anyone has any of the following to donate for the children's construction areas ... plastic pipes and fittings; tubes, gutters or troughings; lengths of wood, bamboo canes; Twine, string or cable ties

**FOOTBALL RESULTS :** This week's results from the Brooksbank League :

WON 9-0 -v- St Patrick's;

WON 8-0 -v- All Saints;

and WON 4-0 -v- Greetland.

We are till undefeated in the league & have a very bored goalie, too!

Miss Fox, in full voice & at full throttle, at the Year 1 Maths Workshop ... so much info in one hour—we're surprised there was any oxygen left for the parents!!



## THIS WEEK

**Monday :** Mrs Doyle, Mr Calderwood & Miss Renfrew on courses

**Tuesday :** The Finance Governors met; Y1 Parents' Maths workshops; Mrs Plant led Guided Reading training for support staff

**Wednesday :** Our Girls' footy team won the Calderdale Championships; Staff from Years 1, 2 & 3 attended an evening course

**Thursday :** Mrs Taylor & Mrs Doyle attended a moderation course

**Friday :** The Book Fair arrived ready for next week; Dress rehearsals for Mary Poppins concert

Well done to Hannah S in Y6, who was part of the Elland Anchormen's WGUK squad that won the National Finals in Stoke, last weekend. Hannah's flag waving, rifle twirling and Sabre brandishing routines swept all their competition aside, as they came out in 1st place. A full weekend of competition... well done Hannah, we know you put hours into your training !

## Hannah's a National Champ



## NEXT WEEK

**Monday :** Yorkshire in Bloom judges in school

**Tuesday :** 1.55pm & 6.30pm : Lower Junior Mary Poppins concert **SOLD OUT** - ticket holders only; Full Governors' Meeting

**Wednesday :** 6.30pm : Lower Junior Mary Poppins concert **SOLD OUT** - ticket holders only; Choir cancelled

**Thursday :** Y6 to Brooksbank to watch their production of 'Private Peaceful'

**Friday :** 'Give and Gain' staff in looking at where volunteers from business can help us in school over the next 6 months; Close for the Easter holidays.

## ~~~~~HOLIDAY CLUB FOR THE EASTER BREAK~~~~~

### BOOKING FORM ATTACHED

Get your places booked for the forthcoming holidays...  
full programme of Easter fun for all ages.

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