

Oak Lodge News

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Shika visits Ghana

27th April, 2012

Whilst visiting Ghana we were able to deliver much needed medical supplies to the Medical Centre in Atorkor Village as we have a charity called Atokor Development Foundation. Shika and her sister Senam loved their visit and want to visit again. Shika learnt to speak a little of the Ewe language as she learnt a few phrases whilst in Atorkor. Her father is the chief (Torgubi) of Atorkor a little village in the Volta region of Ghana, near the Coast, 2 hours drive outside the capitol Accra. She attended the school in the village for 3 days as they then had Easter holiday.



From the Head Teacher

Parent Partnership Annual Conference - Wednesday 16 May 2012 at the North London Business Park

All parents / carers of children with special needs who live in Barnet are invited to this free conference. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

This is:-

- * an opportunity for you to hear about what is happening in Barnet regarding special educational needs
- * an opportunity for you to attend workshops about issues that are relevant to you and your child
- * an opportunity for you to meet other parents and council officers
- * an opportunity to find out about local and national voluntary groups that can help you and your child.

For more information or to book a place contact Karen Dempsey on 0208 359 7637 or email Karen.dempsey@barnet.gov.uk

Working Tax Credits

If you are a single parent or part of a couple you could be eligible for help with up to 70% of the cost of registered childcare for children aged 0-15 (and up to age 16 if the child is on the blind register or you get Disability Living Allowance for that child).

For further information contact the families and young people's information service on 080 0389 8312

Lynda Walker

Inset Day Reminder

Friday 4th May is a staff training day. The school will be closed to students.

Students will return to school on Tuesday 8th May, after the bank holiday.

From the Classes

I was very proud of Alfie and Maaz of L3 who gave their own 'lecture' during my 'Topics' lesson on the history of the Olympic games. They mentioned the French man, Pierre de Coubertin in their talk. They had certainly learnt and remembered their facts well and the class enjoyed their presentation. Well done Alfie and Maaz!

Miss Adams



L5 - We have put up outside our classroom a frame with different sorts of bird feeders. We are feeding our birds fat balls, seeds, mill worm and scraps. We can see the birds from our classroom and we are learning how to identify the birds which visit us. We have a pigeon called Peter who loves our food and visits us almost all the time. He is now bringing his friends too. We also have sparrows, blue tits, great tits, coal tits, jays, Maggie the magpie and a squirrel called Cyril.



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New menu ideas for **Freshfields Cafe** Friday breaks

Ideas to include **Fruit smoothies**
Selection of freshly filled **rolls**
Home cooked **pizza** selection of toppings
Home made **vegetable hotpot**
Home cooked **sausage rolls**
Iced fruit Lollies

Produced by students and sold at very reasonable prices!

Dance Enthusiasts

arts depot **Dancers Wanted**
artsdepot is looking for young dancers to take part in two **Big Dance 2012** projects.

Inclusive Dance
Join artsdepot's youth dance company for a free ten week inclusive dance project.
Over the ten weeks you will create a performance that will be showcased at East Barnet Festival and at the Big Dance Bus as it visits Barnet as part of Big Dance 2012.
Open to young people with learning difficulties.
Every Tuesday starting 1st May 2012
5.30-7PM
Ages 13 - 19
FREE

Step Up To Dance
Work with professional choreographer Harriet Macauley and Wayne McGregor's Random Dance to create your very own dance performance as part of Big Dance 2012.
The performance will be showcased at the Big Dance Bus as it visits Barnet and form part of a world record breaking attempt for the largest choreographed performance to take place in Trafalgar Square!
Every Saturday starting 5th May 2012
11am-12.30pm (Extra rehearsals to be confirmed)
Ages 13 - 19
£20

To book your place on these projects contact artsdepot's box office on 020 8369 5454

