



# Newsletter

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Dear Parents

## Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Competition—A report from Mrs Masson

On the 13<sup>th</sup> March I took 6 members of our gymnastics club to Spectrum Gymnastics Club in Bury St Edmunds to represent the school in their first competition. Roan, Archie, Grace H, Daisy, Lilly F and Samson all held their nerve and performed incredibly well on their floor routine, rolls and balances. After the competition the children were all so excited to be allowed to use some of the equipment; swinging on the asymmetric bars and trying forward rolls on the beam! I was incredibly proud of not only their effort in coming second and getting Silver but also their exceptional behaviour.



I would like to extend my thanks to Grace's dad and Archie's mum who helped with the transport, and also to Hannah their gymnastics coach!

## Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> March

This is going to be a very exciting day in Great Whelnetham. Firstly it is **Red Nose Day** and children are able to come to school wearing school uniform with something red in return for a donation of around £1.

Additionally in school, we will be having our second **Enrichment Day**. Like the first Enrichment Day this will be a whole school event, children working in mixed groups, moving around a carousel of activities. This Enrichment day is themed around Kagera. The Diocese of St Edmundsbury has a partnership link with the Kagera Diocese, which is situated in the top north western corner of Tanzania in Africa. Despite much poverty, the church is growing in Kagera and many social, medical and educational programmes are run locally by its clergy and Mother's Union. Hence the donations raised on Friday will go directly to the many good causes in Kagera.

To find out more about Kagera go to <http://www.kageradiocese.info/kagera/> and or [www.cofesuffolk.org](http://www.cofesuffolk.org) –follow 'churchschools' and 'Kagera Link'

Some of the planned Enrichment Day activities are African dance, animal mask making, making signs of forgiveness, creating a word quilt with Swahili phrases, singing and signing a Swahili song, as well as preparing and tasting some African fruits.

Consequently there will be **no PE** next Friday or **Forest Schools** so children should wear their usual smart uniform with something red if they wish.

Lastly do not forget **Easter Bingo** run by the PTFA starts at 6.00pm at Great Whelnetham Community Centre. See you there!

**Parents Evenings**

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-5.30pm      Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 5.30-7.30pm

If you have not signed up for a ten minute appointment yet then please do so as soon as possible.

Please remember the appointment is only for **ten minutes**; the teachers do always endeavour to keep to the time slots and schedule, however this can be difficult. We would appreciate it if you think you need longer than ten minutes to please arrange another appointment with the class teacher at an appropriate time. Thank you.

**Easter Worship –** Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 9.30am

This will be a whole school event in the school hall. Children and staff will be sharing with you the hard work and accomplishments achieved from our Kagera Enrichment Day. There will be a collection and again any donations will be forwarded to the Diocese in Kagera.

**Enrichment Contribution**

At the start of the academic year we ask for a £10 per child contribution towards enrichment activities at school. These might include practitioner visits, cookery or special themed days. Our first Enrichment Day was the successful Dick Whittington Day we had in November and the second of these as described above, our ‘Kagera Day’. Another Enrichment day is planned for the Summer term and will be very ‘active’, based around healthy living and lifestyles, with a focus on over-coming physical difficulties. More details to follow later. We would therefore be most grateful to receive your contribution if not yet already received. Cheques can be made payable to Suffolk County Council. A reply slip at the end is attached for this purpose. Thank you so much for supporting us in this way!

**Bike Shelter Reminder**

Proposed work mentioned in our last newsletter is hopefully due to start next week. Please refrain from using the shelter for this short period of time until the work is complete. Many thanks.

Kath Parkin  
Headteacher

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To Great Whelnetham School

**Enrichment Day Contribution**—Pupil’s Name\_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a contribution of £10.00 per child towards enrichment activities in the 2016-2017 academic year.

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



Have you been on our new website yet?: <http://www.greatwhelnetham.suffolk.sch.uk>