



## West Ashtead Primary School

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I hope you all enjoyed the weekend. It was good to spend some time out and about in the warm weather

#### May Fair

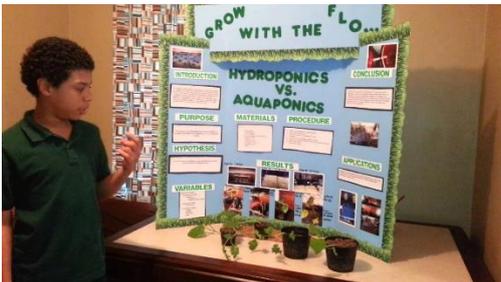
Many thanks to all the numerous people who made the May Fair yesterday such a success. The weather was perfect and it was great to see so many people willing to support our school in many different ways. Thank you for your generosity. A special thank you to Mrs Hills and Mrs Blanchard who put in such a lot of hard work but who managed to stay serene and calm throughout. I did enjoy all the stalls and am gradually eating my way through the little prizes that I managed to win. Thank you to Year 6 for encouraging me to have a go at everything. All money raised will be going towards providing a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art Room for our children.

#### Governors Visit

Last Thursday morning we opened our doors to our Governors. They spent the morning visiting each class observing either maths or English teaching and learning. They also talked to Miss Clemson, Miss Golding and Mrs Legg about their respective work on developing writing and maths across the school. They sat in on a School Council meeting and looked at maths and English books. The morning provided them with a very interesting insight into everyday school life and helps them in ensuring a good quality of education for our children. Our Governors make a very important contribution to the success of our school. We are currently looking for further Governors so if you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact our Chair of Governors, Kimberly Elms. [chair@west-ashtead.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:chair@west-ashtead.surrey.sch.uk)

#### Curriculum

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding a Science Fair. This will be organised by our Science lead, Miss Dalchow, and full details will be sent out after half term. Parents are invited to see all the exhibits so I thought you would like advance notification.



#### Extra-curricular and Enhancements

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May was a great day as Miller's Ark Animals came to visit Robins. Needless to say, quite a few other people found themselves on the field petting the various animals. I especially enjoyed the pigs and they were obviously very popular as I had a few enquiries about the possibility of pet pigs in school!

## **Parent Support**

Many thanks to all the parents who continue to support our school in all sorts of ways from volunteers who come into school regularly to hear readers to parents who help with cookery. Last week we had a parent collect office furniture that was being discarded. This saved the school several thousands of pounds in expenditure. We also had one mum who thoroughly cleaned our HE room. We also have regular donations of brand new books from parents who work in publishing. It is heart-warming that we have parents who put themselves out for our children. Your support is most generous.

## **Residential**

Year 4 completed a successful residential to Dorchester in early May. By all accounts they had a wonderful time and it was lovely to see the postings on Facebook. It is so pleasing to see how the children grow on these residential and I know how much you appreciate the effort that our staff put in to make them successful. Many thanks to Miss White, Miss Golding, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Allum, Mrs Meadows, Mrs Smith and Mrs Goodband who ensured the safety and well-being of all the children who went. Thank you for giving up so much of your time and for returning with a smile! Year 5 are off to Kingswood Activity Centre on the Isle of Wight on Tuesday to partake in all manner of physical challenges including bodyboarding, archery, abseiling and bushcraft. Fingers crossed that the weather remains good.

## **And finally**

Thank you to all the parents who continue to park safely on Taleworth Road and choose not to park on the verges or the island. This means that we maintain good relations with all our neighbours which is particularly pleasing.

Best wishes

*Ruth Hall*

Headteacher

