

THE POCHIN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Governors and Friends

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is always more of a problem at this time of year as children take off coats and cardigans because of the hot weather and then forget to collect them, or forget where they left them. A few simple guidelines help recovery tremendously:

- Items must be named. We have box of unnamed items in lost property in the corridor.
- Names can wear off. Please check on a regular basis and re-name if necessary.
- Regularly check that items belong to your child and haven't got someone else's name in them.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, it can prove to be an expensive problem if the above guidelines are not followed.

FIDGET SPINNERS

These are the latest craze for children and beginning to cause problems in school in many ways with children swapping them and then wanting to swap back again, losing them, asking money from other children for them and then playing in class with them and so on. Therefore I would like them left at home please as they are causing too many problems at school.

PE KIT

Can parents please ensure that children have their PE kit each Monday morning. Kit must remain in school until Friday evening. Children without PE kit have to miss this important part of the curriculum if they forget it.

P.E.

White short sleeved T-shirt, white shorts, socks (especially for the girls when wearing tights with their uniform) and black plimsolls for the infants, trainers for the juniors.

Plain grey track suits may be advisable in cold weather.

All clothes should be changed for PE/Games, including socks and tights. It is unhygienic to wear the same clothes for a PE/Games lesson and then in class for other lessons.

REPORTS

Please see the attached reports from the netball team and from Josh and Romi about the visit by our French friends last week.

Yours sincerely

S M Cotton

French Report

On Tuesday 25th April, Class 5 travelled to Beaumanor to meet our French partners for the first time. The first activity we did was a game where you had six people and you had to get through a hoop as fast as you could. The fastest time was two seconds.

The second activity was orienteering, where you had a map, with marked points dotted around Beaumanor. At each point there would be a letter and number which were used to make words in both French and English.

Then it was lunchtime and we had lunch with our French partners.

In the afternoon, the boys and girls split up and did different activities. The boys played a game called cranes where you had to pick up cards, leaning over mats, trying not to touch them. The aim was for the French to collect the English words and for the English to collect the French words.

The girls played a game where you had a route to follow and obstacles to jump over, but you had English landmarks eg. London Eye, on each obstacle which made it hard for the French to know where to go.

And then the girls and boys switched over.

When the activities were done, we had one last activity where you had two planks and you have to lift each one while shouting which foot to lift. After that we unfortunately we had to say goodbye or Au Revoir.

On the 27th April, the French came over to our school for the day. The first thing we did was sing lots of English and French songs to them. Thank you for everyone who took part.

When that was finished we ate some lovely snacks which were kindly prepared by all the lovely teachers. We also caught up with the French and talked about their trip to London.

After that we did a Mr Men personality test game where you put your personalities on a Venn diagram and saw how alike you were to your partner.

Then we ate a fabulous meal prepared by the cooks and talked about general things.

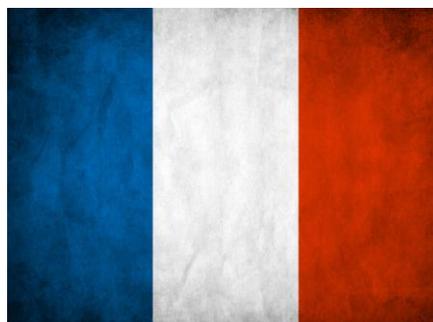
In the afternoon we went around the village and spotted some English objects.

After that we tasted all kinds of foods from different parts of the country. Some of the foods were: Cornish Pasties, Stilton, Elderflower Cordial and lots more interesting food.

Unfortunately we had to say goodbye. We also gave each other gifts and presents.

On behalf of the whole school we'd like to say a massive thank you to Mr Johnson for all his hard work and effort. We'd also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sharpe, Mr Cotton and everyone else who took part and made these two days a memorable experience for everyone. Thank you

By Josh Wilde and Romi White



NETBALL REPORT FOR THE SOUTH CHARNWOOD AREA TOURNAMENT.

On Thursday 27th April, The Pochin Netball Team took part in the South Charnwood Area tournament at The Cedars Academy.

The first game was against Riverside School. After a tentative start, we won the match 1 - 0 with a goal scored by Romi White.

The second game was against Latimer School. We won this match 2 - 0 with two great goals from Isla - May Cottrell.

As our opponents in the third match had failed to turn up, this meant we were straight through to the semi- final. We were a little worried about this game as Bishop Ellis are our biggest rivals and seemed to have a very strong team.

However, that didn't put us off and with a lot of hard work, we won the match 3 - 1. Romi White scored two goals and Isla-May Cottrell scored one.

We were thrilled to be in the final. Our opponents were St Michael and All Angels from Rearsby. This was an extremely close and exciting match. Rearsby scored first and then we equalised with a goal from Kayley Roberts. Unfortunately, with seconds to go before the end of the game, Rearsby scored another goal, making the final score 1 - 2. We were very worthy runners up and although the children were disappointed to have lost the final, I was very proud of them and the way they had played throughout the tournament.

Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and stayed to support and encourage the children.

Well done to the team - Kayley Roberts, Isla-May Cottrell, Romi White, Keira Pancholi, Marinella Dimitriou, Sian Solanki, Sam Pick and William Heathcote.

J Dodge.