



## Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> September, 2008.

### Welcome to our academic year 08-09

Welcome back! and a special welcome to all our new families! And what a year 07-08 was! Looking back from my trip to Maccu Piccu, Peru for Breast Cancer Care last September, we have had a truly International year, culminating in my trip with Mrs Eyden to visit our AfriTwin schools in Durban, South Africa.

#### PeaceMala National Youth Peace Prize

On 4<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Daniels met Cherie Blair at her Manchester lecture 'Why Women's Rights Matter – a Better World for All'. This was held at Manchester University 'The Manchester Literacy and Philosophical Society' funded in 1781 with the motto 'Knowledge is Power'. J.P. Joule was a previous member and Prof. David Ward, who works with our pupils in science and dressed as J.P. Joule at our Labyrinth Opening ceremony, (walking for humanists) is the secretary of the association.

Mrs Daniels told Mrs Blair about all our projects and presented her with her very own 'Peacemala' bracelet. Mrs Blair expressed her interest in visiting the school and praised us for our vision. Watch this space!

Mrs Daniels is apolitical but respects Mrs Blair's views on Women's Rights and Peace issues

We will be travelling to Cardiff on the 17<sup>th</sup> September with a group of pupils, to the United Nations building and Peace Temple to be awarded our prize. Children have asked to be able to purchase more Peacemala accessories as many have been lost. The children are allowed to wear them for school and are encouraged to 'spread the word' and tell family and friends about the project. If you wish to purchase any of the following, please tick the box below and return to school in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class.



## Peace Studies Research

Nora Baroci, a mature student from Budapest will be spending time this term, looking at our exciting work connected to Peace and Multi-faith work. She is undertaking a Masters degree in Peace Studies, Development + International and Conflict Resolutions at Innsbruck University.

Nora has some very exciting ideas for lessons across the school connected to this area and Children's Rights and Responsibilities. She will be working with our AfriTwin visitors establishing and training a pupil Peace council. (PEACE PALS) Nora is not funded and is therefore, willing to work in the Woodheys Community, babysitting, ironing etc... and is CRB checked. Please contact the school if you require her assistance.

## International Schools

We are delighted to inform you that we received this prestigious award in recognition of the exciting and varied work which our staff, pupils and the Woodheys community have been involved with over recent years. We also, would like to thank Miss Shaw and Miss Lane for collating and beautifully presenting the 'International Schools' evidence file.



'The Global Dimension' Due to our high profile work, Clive Belgeonne from the DEP, has asked us to trial a new QCA curriculum. This fits in perfectly with our exciting work and we are thrilled to be able to trial the scheme.

## Spanish

Children from Years 1 – 6 receive 40 minutes per week oral Spanish lessons. We are having a new Spanish teacher called Mara Fuertes who has discussed some very exciting ideas with Mrs Daniels. She is also offering extra after school Spanish lessons for pupils in years 3+4 on a Thursday evening from 3.30 to 4.30pm in the ICT suite at £2.00 per session.

As an extra boost in Spanish, Trafford are funding a British Council Spanish student from Granada called Christina Lopez Fernandez. Christina will be here on Thursdays from October to May. Both teachers will link together for future Spanish themed events in school.

## CBeebies: Labyrinth Film

How exciting! CBeebies came to film three of our pupils Amy Lonsdale, Abdullah Ashoor and Adam Haider in our labyrinth. The film was televised at 4 pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Look on CBeebies website and join the 'Green Balloon Club' for environmental activities and fun!

## **New Y6 Team House Captains 08-09**

Gawsworth: Chair)	Sam Smith (Chair) Zarah Lada (Vice Chair)	Dunham:	Ciaran Finn (Chair) Justin Betts (Vice
Lyme:	Jamal Crawford (Chair) Rebecca Dunn (Vice Chair)	Totton:	Sam Mason (Chair) Olivia Ziprin (Vice Chair)

## **New Energy Team 08-09**

Adam O'Brien	Anna Bridgeman	Justin Betts	Emma Rowlinson
John McPeake	Amelia Wallis	Kevin Zhang	Amy Lea

In July Mrs Eyden organised the interviewing of the prospective new team, by year 6 pupils from year 5. This was an intensive 'Dragon's Den' style process! The new team will have lots of responsibilities around school connected to monitoring energy/utilities usage. Saving money and the environment!  
Please follow their example in your own homes.

We are all MAD – We all 'Make A Difference'

## **Snowy says save money**

Trafford council adopted an energy and water management plan last year with a commitment to reduce our energy consumption by 10 per cent and water usage by 5 per cent in five years from 2006 levels.

Children from Woodheys Primary School were involved in developing all the posters, leaflets and stickers to support this plan and they also came up with the idea of Snowy as the council's energy mascot.

