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Charity work at Byfield School.

Although the majority of fundraising within the school goes towards the essential work of our PTA – as a school community we feel we should collect for charity a few times a year. For the past few years this has been a few ‘one-off’ days, for example wearing socks for Downs Syndrome, collections for Food Banks or days like today, with Red-Nose Day. However, an opportunity has come our way to establish more of a link with a charity – the Dominic Community Foundation, who have recently opened as school in Uganda. The nature of this link: a few times a year, children in student council, and classes will run events (giving them chance to organise everything; activities in lessons, letters to parents, taking assemblies and creating displays of their work.) From a school point of view, as well as embedding with the school values – such as ‘caring’ and ‘responsible’, it gives children a real purpose to learn about life in a different culture, and compare life in Britain and a country without the same economic luxuries. Not all of the collections will be monetary, and we are currently looking at no more event than one per term. Student council will be sending out a letter about the first event next week. Mrs Hillman has been liaising with the school and the foundation and has very kindly written the following to give you more information about the charities work.

Partnership with Dominic Community Foundation

Living in our Northamptonshire ‘bubble’ it’s very easy to forget the plight of some children who are not as lucky as ours may be. I’ve recently learned about a charity, Dominic Community Foundation, which has really brought this home to me. The charity has been set up by a local couple from Lower Boddington who, appalled at the lack of education and opportunity for some children in rural Uganda, have spent the last five years fundraising in the hope of building a school in a very poor village there. The school was completed just after Christmas and, a few weeks ago, started teaching its first class of 32 reception-aged children.

Hearing how these children, who have so little, now have the opportunity to learn, in turn allowing them to live a better, more hopeful life, has greatly affected me. It’s also made me think about how many pupils at Byfield School don’t know much about overseas poverty and the problems millions of children in developing countries face.

As such, we’ve decided to partner with Dominic Community Primary School to give students at Byfield School the opportunity to learn about Uganda and overseas charities, as well as fundraise to support them.

To launch our partnership with DCF, we’ll be hosting a ‘Uganda day’, during which the children can hear more about the charity.

More details on the charity can be found here: www.dcf.uk.com.

Request from Kiwi Class – they are looking for shoe boxes with lids so they can continue their investigation into light. If you have any looking for a home, please can you drop them to the office.
Thank you Mrs Williams

PTA

Bags2Schools – Wednesday 20th March

Bags2Schools are collecting bags of old clothes. Last time we raised £74.00. Let's try and beat it. Your child will have brought home a bag a few weeks ago. There are extra bags at school (ask at office) or items can be collected in any bin bags. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to join in.

Mother's Day Pop Up Shop – Friday 29th March - The PTA are organising a "Pop up Shop" for Mother's Day. The shop will be running in school time. The cost will be £2 per gift. A separate letter is attached with more information. Many thanks for your continued support.

After School Clubs

Monday night Construction Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Tuesday night – Art and Crafts (KS1 focus) – cost £2

Wednesday night – Computer Club from 3.15-4.30pm – cost £2

Thursday night – Art and Crafts (KS2) – cost £2

Friday Night – Film Night – 3.15-5.30 pm - cost £3

Children are welcome to stay at After School Club until 5.30pm. Charge for this is £3.80.

Please contact the office if you would like more information or to book.

Breakfast Club – every day from 8am – cost is £3 per session

Governors

This next few weeks are the final chance to make donations for the legacy plaque.

School Hall - A lasting legacy

We are all excited that work is progressing with the building of our new school hall. This work has been possible because of a successful bid to the Government's Condition Improvement Fund. However, we still need to raise funds to make sure the hall is fully kitted out with new sports equipment, catering facilities and audio-visual facilities.

Legacy Donors

Anyone who donates £20 towards the school hall will have their name recorded and displayed permanently within the new hall. This is a way we can celebrate, in a lasting way, the contributions that people make. Please place donations (cash or cheques to "Byfield School") in an envelope marked "Legacy Donor", and clearly indicate the name you would like to be displayed, then hand in at Reception.

Naming the School Hall

You may wish to make a substantial donation, in return for having the school hall named after yourself, your family, or perhaps a loved one *in memoriam*. Please contact the Headteacher to arrange a meeting if you would like to discuss this option.

Any support you can give to the School is hugely appreciated and helps us provide the best facilities we can for your children. With thanks Sarah Burke Chair of Governors

Dates for the Diary

*String music lessons – every Wednesday, Guitar music lessons – every Tuesday, Keyboard lessons – every Thursday
PE – Please bring PE kit in to school every day, PE lessons will be weather dependent. We also have some sessions for PE booked at the village hall.*

Celebration Assemblies Monday – Kiwi Tuesday – Owls Thursday – Penguins Friday – Robins

Hotshots – Every Tuesday – 8am (Village Hall until further notice)

Dance Club – Every Wednesday after school (Village Hall)

Tuesday 19th March – PTA meeting 8pm

Wednesday 20th March – Bags2School collection 9am

Monday 25th March – Parents Evening (3.30-5.30pm)

Wednesday 27th March – Parents Evening (3.30-7.00pm)

Friday 29th March – Mother's Day Pop Up Shop

Friday 5th April – Uganda Day – more details to follow

Friday 5th April – break up for Easter 3.15pm

Wednesday 24th April – school opens 8.45am