

16 January 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

We finally have a total for our Congo fundraising and have collected an amazing £585.14. This will cover the cost of a large part of the wall needed to make a primary school in Kinshasa more secure for the children to learn.

Theodor from Menelik Education which runs the school came to assembly today to discover the grand total and to find out all of the different ways the children raised money.

Thank you for all of your support and your willingness to dig deep and purchase endless cakes, biscuits and mince pies to buy bricks!

Further details of Theodor's charity can be found at [www.menelikeducation.org](http://www.menelikeducation.org).

With best wishes

Sally Haiselden

## **Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Evening**

Do you store medicines at home?

Have you ever been desperate for a cup of tea?

Do you keep alcohol at home?

Most of us are drug users. Most of us use a variety of substances to make us well, to relax or, possibly, because we are dependent on them. Most of us are able to manage our drug use most of the time.

**Can you be sure that your child will learn the skills to keep themselves safe?**

You are invited to an awareness evening to discuss alcohol, drugs and drug use and misuse and how these issues impact on the lives of everyone in society at:

**Milton Road Primary School on Tuesday 10 February 7.30pm.**

Young children are aware of many different types of drugs. We have planned this awareness evening to enable us to work together to ensure that the knowledge children have is accurate and that they are able to practise the skills they will need to deal with drug-related issues and situations.

The meeting for parents on 10 February will be run by Jackie Harvey from the PSHE (Personal, Social, Health Education) Service. The evening is intended to share information with you, respond to your questions about drug use and to discuss ways you can begin to prepare your children, however young they are, for the drug using society in which they will grow up. During the evening, explicit information about drug use will be discussed. For this reason, it would be inappropriate for your children to take part on this occasion.

There are few issues which could be more important to you and your child. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, we sincerely hope that someone from your family will be able to attend.

A voluntary contribution of about £2 would be appreciated to cover the cost of holding the event.

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## **Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Evening**

Reply slip (Please delete as appropriate and return to St Luke's School office as soon as possible)

- I/We would like to attend the Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Event
- I/We are unable to attend

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Swimming shortfall.** There is a considerable shortfall in the amount of money received to pay for the swimming coaches for the autumn term's lessons for Maple and Rowan (£572 for Maple and £350.50 for Rowan). If you are unsure whether you have paid, please check at the school office. (Cheques to be made payable to St Luke's Primary School.)

**School Nurse.** Jane Leigh will be available on Wednesday 28 January from 1:30-3:00pm to discuss any issues or concerns about your child's health. If you would like an appointment to see Jane, please book at the office.

**Class Assemblies for the Spring Term, Fridays 9:15am:**

30 January	Class R	Mrs Baker/Mrs Blake
27 February	Class 1	Mrs Tait
6 March	Maple	Mr Kinsella
13 March	Class 3	Miss Haiselden
20 March	Rowan	Miss Biddles
27 March	Class 2	Miss Sayer
3 April	Class 4	Ms Annetts

**For Sale** - 2-child bike trailer. If interested, please see Seana Wilson (Reception class).

**Cookery Club.** Rebecca Mason will be running Cookery Club again this half term:

- Years 3/4, Tuesdays, starting 20 January for 4 weeks
- Years 5/6, Thursdays, starting 22 January for 4 weeks

The Club will run from 3:15 to 4:30pm. Cost per session: 50p to be paid to Rebecca on the day. Places are very limited for both days. If your child would like to attend, please complete the permission slip and return it as soon as possible to the school office (**even if your child attended the Club last term**). We will let you know on Monday 19 January if your child has been allocated a place.

**Young Voices Storytelling Group** (for years 3/4/5/6 only) will begin next Tuesday, 20 January and will run from 3:30-5:00pm. Last session: 3 March. If your child would like to join, please complete the permission slip and return it to the school office (you do not need to complete the slip if your child attended last term).

**Reminders**

- **Tea Party.** The new playground equipment will be officially opened at a tea party on Friday 23 January at 3:30pm. Anyone who has been involved in the playground improvements, either by helping at the working parties or with fundraising, is invited to attend. Please RSVP to Patrizia Smith in the school office;
- **FOSSILS Quiz Night**, Friday 23 January, 7:00-9:00pm.

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I give permission for my child ..... to join the Young Voices Storytelling Group.

I will arrange to collect my child from school at 5:00pm.

Parent/carer name(s) and contact telephone number(s) relevant for the timing of the group.....

Signed.....

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I give permission for my child ..... to join Cookery Club  
**(please tick according to your child's year group)**

- Tuesdays (years 3/4)
- Thursdays (years 5/6)

I agree to pay 50p per session.

I will arrange to collect my child from school at 4:30pm.

Parent/carer name(s) and contact telephone number(s) relevant for the timing of the club.....

Signed.....

**Welcome back!**

**To the second term of our  
storytelling project**

**Young Voices  
Storytelling  
Group**



**run by Marion Leeper from Cambridge  
Storytellers**

**On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January we will have a visit  
from**

**storyteller and writer  
Mary Medicott**

**The sessions will be every Tuesday from 20<sup>th</sup>  
January until 3<sup>rd</sup> March (National Book Week)**

**We will prepare a show to share with your  
family and friends, as well as individual stories  
to amaze your friends with and to bring to the  
Cambridge Storytelling Festival in May.**

**We will also have lots of games, fun and biscuits**

**time: Tuesday 3.30-5.00**

**venue: St. Luke's School**

**We look forward to seeing you!**

