



March 2011

### Forthcoming Events

#### AGM

Mon, 7th March 2011

#### Cake Sale,

Mother's Day and

#### Red Nose Day

Fri, 18th March 2011

## P A B U Z Z

...Wired into our Community

### The Inner Leader

There is an old African proverb which says "It takes a village to raise a child". By this it is meant that everyone in the Kraal is involved in the raising of the young generation. Everyone contributes his or her talents for the benefit of the people of the future. Essentially we are no different in the UK. We place them in different social contexts by sending them to school, on holiday camp and we encourage them to play music and sports and to pursue their hobbies and interests.



However despite joining what we have euphemistically called the big Rat Race, and contrary to some parts of Africa, we attach immense importance to education and academic achievement. Often this may not be what we really want. However, in a global economy and where students must compete internationally, we feel we have no choice. The problem we face is that we must accept that we are not all academic achievers.

Under these circumstances it is easy to lose sight of the fact that all our children are unique persons in their own right. They each have their own signature strengths upon which they can build their lives. I call this the Inner Leader. If we teach our children to develop their Inner Leader and enable them to build on their core strengths I believe their opportunities are boundless.

Hugo Blom Y5/Y2 parent

### Cake Sale, Mother's Day and Red Nose Day!

On Friday 18th March the Parents' Association will be holding a Cake Sale at the school. As well as selling delicious cakes the boys will have the chance to buy gifts for Mother's Day. As 18th March is Comic Relief Day we will also have a limited number of Red Noses on sale.

More information will be sent out this Friday.

### Save Aldenham Country Park

Herts County Council are proposing to cut £150k of £250k funding from Aldenham Country Park. This will mean Aldenham becomes a public open space with a loss of all amenities. No playgrounds, no 100 Aker Wood, no animals, no toilets and a reduced size car park. This jewel in the crown of Hertsmere will quickly be run down to just another open space. If, like our family, you enjoy this very special place, please join us in campaigning to preserve it. Visit <http://acp.ebgreenbelt.org.uk/> or join our Facebook group [aldenham@groups.facebook.com](http://aldenham@groups.facebook.com) for more information. Thank-you!

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### Book Week

As per usual the PA provided all the refreshments for Book Week last week and judging by the smiles we think they went down a treat! Thank you to Mrs Smith for another successful Book Week.

### Thought for the Month

#### It Can't Be Done

The ones who miss all the fun  
Are those who say, "It can't be done."  
In solemn pride they stand aloof  
And greet each venture with reproof.  
Had they the power they'd efface  
The history of the human race.  
We'd have no radio or motor cars,  
No street lit by electric stars;  
No telegraph nor telephone,  
We'd linger in the age of stone.  
The world would sleep if things were run  
By those who say, "It can't be done."