



WOODLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FAO PARENTS/CARERS IN Y6

Dear Parents/Carers,

'HAPPILY EVER AFTER' – THEATRE PRODUCTION FOR Y6

MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2014

It was absolutely wonderful to see so many Y6 parents at our 'Learning Links' meeting on Wednesday. Thank you so much for your continued support.

For those unable to attend, we celebrated recent awards and successes:

- **Artsmark Gold**
- **The International School Award and**
- **The Primary Science Quality Mark – Gold Standard**

Staff previewed the curriculum content for the year ahead and Miss Mercer launched our latest exciting initiative, '**Going for Gold**' – a scheme for children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 which is, in essence, a Junior version of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The presentation is on the website if you would like to find out more and a letter has been sent home today, if you wish to book a place.

One of the things we discussed, in depth, was our legal duty to prevent and tackle all forms of bullying, including homophobic bullying and our partnership with Action Transport Theatre Company (ATTC) to help us to address this issue, sensitively and age appropriately, with our Y6 pupils.

To that end, ATTC will be in school on Monday 13th October 2014, to share '**Happily Ever After**' – a funny and delightful twist on traditional fairy tales, inspired by the book '*King and King*.' This creative, innovative piece of theatre will enable the children to explore the story, characters and their relationships in a way that challenges stereotypes and resists the use of outdated 'labels', by opening up a post-show discussion about same-sex relationships and the negative impact (often unrecognised) of homophobic bullying . . .

'Once upon a time, in a kingdom on top of the highest mountain in all the land, there lived a grouchy Queen, and her son, the Prince. The Prince was always getting in to trouble for slouching, for running, for burping and dancing and not behaving very princely at all!

His mother decided that he needed to marry the perfect princess to finally become a grown-up and a proper King. Hundreds of princesses came from all over the kingdom, but the Prince wasn't impressed by any of them . . . Until one princess arrived, accompanied by her brother'.

After the show, the children will enjoy workshop activities, the most popular of which I'm told is 'Strictly Royal Dancing!'

We are really looking forward to it.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Vickers
Headteacher



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