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If any of you have looked at the Blog on my website www.adventureguide.org.uk, you will have seen my comments on our very successful week at the Old Chapel. I was thoroughly impressed by you all. Thank you and well done! Below are a selection of the photos to remind you of the week.





Training during Half Term

Our next training session is on the 29th and 30th October, diuring the first week of half term. The training will take the form of an orienteering treasure hunt on the Malverns where each clue has a monetary value. You will be woprking in two teams and it will be a competitive exercise.

The details for each day are:-

Monday 29th October - Meet at North Quarry car park, just before the clock tower on North Malvern Road, at 10.00am. Your activity will focus on the northern third of the Malverns. You will finish the day at 3.30pm at the Wyche Cutting (the road that cuts through the Malverns to Colwall). Parents collecting need to pass through the cutting from the Worcester side and then turn sharply first right. There is a small car park on the left opposite some cottages. Bring a packed lunch, drink and be prepared for any weather.

Tuesday 30th October - A later start. Meet at yesterday's finish point at Wyche Cutting at 2.00pm. Your first task will be to work your way through the middle third of the Malverns to the British Camp car park opposite the Malvern Hills Hotel. There you will eat your packed tea while it gets properly dark. The final section will be on the southern third of the Malverns for which you will definitely need a torch. This is a circular route, bringing you back to the British Camp car park. The exercise will finish at 9.00pm. Please bring plenty of refreshment and suitable clothing for both day and night conditions in late October.

Fundraising

2013 is a landmark year for the Himalayan Club, when it will be celebrating 20 years of expeditions. In those 20 years over 700 have travelled to a range of mountainous regions of the world, the Himalaya (Nepal, India, Tibet & China), East Africa (Tanzania), North Africa (Morocco), South America (Peru), Turkey and soon Indonesia.

We are a relatively small group and so it important that we take advantage of any fundraising opportunity we can. I am hoping that the OV weekend next May will have a Himalayan Club theme and I hope to have a book out in time for that. Both might act as good fundraisers. However, we cannot rely on others, we must be pro-active ourselves. Here are a few ideas:-

1. I will be giving each of you £5 at Christmas. It is 'Talent Money' and it is your responsibility to make it grow using your initiative and ingenuity. You may like to link it with item 4.
2. I will be taking over a restaurant for a night in the Spring term for a fundraising evening, which will attract many people from outside the group.
3. I hope to have a 20th Anniversary lecture organised for the spring. Recent lectures have made a loss so I hope to buck this trend and make this one a success. I am in discussions with the 'Walking With the Wounded' organisation who have appeared on TV trekking with Prince Harry to the North Pole and more recently attempting Everest. Their next challenge, this winter, is to trek to the South Pole and I know that OV Kate Philp, the first British service woman to lose a limb in Afghanistan, is at present hoping to be in this team.
4. I would like to encourage each member of the group, and this includes staff, to organise a dinner party at home. Parents will probably have to be involved, please!! The Himalayan Club will pay for all the ingredients of the meal. At the end the guests pay what they think it was worth. This can be done anonymously with envelopes to avoid embarrassment. Generally speaking, most people will pay a minimum of £20, turning in a tidy profit for the club. Obviously the number of people you invite will depend upon how many you can cater for comfortably. 10 to 12 would be brilliant but if the meal is buffet style, you might be able to aim higher. This is not a compulsory activity but one which might appeal.
5. I am happy to devise and host a quiz night/supper in school; , perhaps using the new boat house facility rather than the dining room.

Whatever we do, we must work together to make it a success. If you have any further fundraising suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will do anything I can to promote and support it.

I have posted this newsletter to you in preference to using the unreliable internal postal system in school. If you misplace it there will be a copy for you to access as a pdf file on the Indonesia page of my website.

After our week at the Old Chapel I am looking forward to working with you again at half term. Enjoy your first term in the Sixth Form.

John

