



## Newsletter - June 2014

*We are the Children of God*



*We learn to believe, and believe to achieve.*

### **Message from the Head teacher**

Another busy month has passed and we now have two weeks left of this academic year. During this week the majority of year 6 children will be spending a day at UCC, in which time we will have our class swap morning when the children and teachers have the opportunity to meet their new teacher and new class mates.

The KS2 children performed a magnificent summer show last week called 'Let Loose'. The children's acting and singing skills always appear to make a grand entrance, just as they are about to leave us! A huge thank you to Mrs Norton, Mr Pullen, Miss McNeil, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Garner and Miss Hill for all of their work and commitment into making this show a success.

Anita Timson

### **Diary Dates**

#### **July**

Tuesday 1st

Class 3 and 4 trip to Leicester Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Tuesday 1st

New starters in Class 1. 9.15-11.45am

Wednesday 2nd

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New parents meeting 9.15-9.45am in the hall

Wednesday 2nd

New classes for the morning.

Wednesday 2nd

Y6 transition day for those moving to UCC

Wednesday 2nd

UCC new parents evening 7-8.30pm

Thursday 3rd

Worship Workshop retreat to Launde Abbey

Thursday 3rd

Class 3 Mini Olympics at Robert Smyth Academy

Friday 4th

Wildlife Day with Billesdon Wildlife Group

Friday 4th

Class 2 multi sports morning at Church Langton

Friday 4th

PAFA BBQ (USA theme) 6-8pm ALL WELCOME

Monday 7th

Y6 transition day for those moving to Kibworth High and Gartree High

Tuesday 8th

Y6 transition day for those moving to Kibworth High and Gartree High

Wednesday 9th

Y6 Bowling and pizza evening at Meridian

Thursday 10th

Last achievement assembly of the year 2.15 start

Friday 11th

Leaver's Service 9.30am at The Church ALL WELCOME

Monday 21st-Friday 25th

Hopscotch Summer Play scheme

#### **August**

Monday 4th-Friday 8th

Premier Sport Summer Play scheme

Thursday 28th

School re-opens to children

Thursday 28th

9.00 Coffee and Cake for new parents in the school hall



### Billesdon Church Fete

This is the first year the school had a stand at the Church fete. We held 2 competitions, had some games for the children and the opportunity to have a glitter tattoo.

A massive thank you to the PAFA members who gave their time to help make this a success. For volunteering to do the glitter tattoos; Sue Crocker, Jackie Tartleton, Rachel Toach, Hayley Dexter-Thacker, Mary Walsh, Carissa Laird, Becky Stephenson, Jo Elliott.

The result fro the competitions and games were;

Highest number of goals; Freddie Robinson

Highest number of keepee uppies; Caleb Stones

Teddy bear's name; Roxy Laird

Treasure Island; Toby Beretta

Animal made of fruit and veg

Pre school—Barnaby Toach

C1—Bethany Toach

C2—Charlotte Williams

C3—Devon Parker

Photograph of the local area

C1—Bethany Toach

C2—Charlotte Williams

C3—Thomas Harvey

C4—Nathan Booker

Thank you to Revd Felix for judging the competitions!

Finally, thank you to all of the children who gave some of their time to run the activities—this was very much appreciated.



### Year 2 SATs

The children in year 2 sat their statutory tests the week beginning 9th June. These were administered by Mrs Jenkinson and marked by Mrs Norton and Mrs Timson. Early indications show that the children have achieved well. These results will be contained in the annual reports which will go home on Monday 7th July.



### Class 3 Jaguar Challenge

On Friday 23rd May 2 teams of 4 pupils from class 3 took part in the regional Jaguar Challenge. It was hosted by St Cuthbert's in Great Glen and 10 teams took part in the event which lasted for a whole day.

The teams had to design a 2D race car, which they then raced on a long track, using gas canisters and a method called 'fastest finger'.

They also had to make a presentation to the judges, all from Jaguar, and create a pit stop with refreshments and promoting their team.

Well done to Turbo Team for coming first in the Additional Challenge.

Whilst the eight children spent the day at Great Glen, the rest of class 3 ran their own competition within school during the afternoon. They used balloons to power their race cars.

### Baptisms and confirmations

On Sunday 8th June four pupils were baptised, followed by three of those children going on to be confirmed by Bishop Tim. Ed North was baptised.

Eloise North, Hannah Ardern and Blossom Weal were baptised and then confirmed.

Thank you to the children from the school choir who attended and sang beautifully.

### Sports Day

Well done to Oak House for winning Sports Day. Thank you to PAFA for serving refreshments and to all parents who donated cakes to sell.

### Walking Bus

On 11th June at 10am the whole school took part in the Walking Bus around the village to raise road safety awareness for the charity BRAKE. The aim was to draw drivers attention to keeping their speed to 20mph on the road outside school. Thank you to Miss McNeil for organising this!



### Armada Day

On Monday 30th June the whole school took part in an Armada Day. Revd Alison introduced the day with a background to what happened and how the English defeated the Spanish Armada. Then explained that every year a Church is tasked with preaching the Armada Sermon, as left in Thomas Hayne's will in 1640. The children presented their work in a special service at the Church during the afternoon, where we were joined by the Trustees of Thomas Hayne's will.

### Class 4 trip to Drayton Manor

On Thursday 26th June class 4 had a day out at Drayton Manor Theme Park. They had a fantastic time which was apparent in their tiredness on Friday!

### Edmodo

Edmodo is the virtual learning platform the school uses to enhance children's learning at home.

Class 4 use this the most as the children submit their homework using this method, which can also be marked by their peers (all positive of course!). Class 1 have also been making great use of this method of communicating what has been learnt in school, with some fantastic work being submitted back to school.

It may be helpful for parents to know that an email alert can be set up from Edmodo. Once the teacher has posted on the site, a notification of what has been posted can come direct to your regular email address.

# HOPSCOTCH

## SUMMER PLAY- SCHEME Billesdon School

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

**It's not too late to book a place**

**Contact : Mary-Jane Daniels on 0116 2596 516 or  
0796 879 1478  
or [midservices2@gmail.com](mailto:midservices2@gmail.com) for further  
information**

### Request from the School Office

Could parents please allow their children (if in class 2, 3 or 4) to hand monies in to their class teacher and not go directly to the school office.

Money should be in a sealed envelope with the child's name and details of what the payment is for. Change will then come via the class teacher, to the child to give to their parent. Thank you for your understanding.



### Website

Please check the website for information about events which will be taking place and for photos of events which have taken place.

Reminders are not always sent via parentmail. We expect parents to take responsibility for checking when things are taking place, just as we expect children to start to take more responsibility for their personal belongings and what they are doing in school.

Thank you for your support in this.

### Maths Quiz

Well done to the children in year 5 who took part in the maths quiz at Church Langton. Hannah Ardern, Jaylan Wildbore, Ellie Malatesta and Tom Williamson were great ambassadors of Billesdon



### Premier Sports

Premier sports will be running a summer play scheme at school from 4th -8th August. 9.00am -3.30pm

More information and booking details can be accessed via this link

<http://www.premier-education.com/families/search-for-activities-near-you/venue/billesdon-parochial-primary-school/id/12500>

### Golden Book Children for June 2014

**Class 1;** Sammy Walsh (TWICE!), Heidi Joyce-Wykes (TWICE!), Connie Pickard, Lizzy Ainge,

**Class 2;** Edward Marsh, Isabel Birch, Ruby Payne, Emily Harvey, Owen Jones, Ebony Stevens (TWICE!), Holly Norman

**Class 3;** Harry Wightman, Jenny Garnet, Laurie King, Georgia Kirkland, Tom Heggs, Oliver Crocker, Bessie Brown, Anthony Chapman, Ed North, Sophie Allen, Lydia Whatton

**Class 4;** Evan Peterson, Reece Wightman, Eloise North, Kieran Jones, Victoria Nurse, Jasper Low, William Marsh

### Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Nathan C, Harriet, Iris, Holly F, Talia, Heidi, Edith, Bethany, Hope, Ruby, Erin, Connie, Chloe H, Tom Wi, Hannah, Iona

### Kindness Cup

Harriet Wood, Joe Tarleton

### Writers Cup

Lizzy Ainge, Eliza Greaves, Eythany Collings-Cramp

### Year Group Cup

Year 3, Reception, Year 5, Year 6, Year 2

### House Cup

Oak (TWICE!) Horse Chestnut (TWICE!)



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