



## Newsletter for April 2013

# Happy Learners Greater Achievers

### Message from the Head teacher

As you are aware we are a healthy school and it is always pleasing to see children using scooters as a form of transport to come to school. However, could I ask that once they are at the school gates that they push them to the scooter rack and not ride them on the playground in the morning. I have also had reports of unsafe behaviour on scooters on the route to school and have spoken to the children concerned. Irresponsible actions will result in a ban of scooters in school and no one wants to see that.

On the issue of health and safety, it has come to my attention that some parents are still using the school car park as a short cut to enter and leave school. Could I please ask, again, that you do not use this entrance as cars and taxis use this and we have two perfectly safe entry and exit points into school.

Thank you for your cooperation in making our school a safe place to learn.

Anita Timson

### Diary Dates

#### **April**

Tuesday 30th Fitness in School—whole school fundraiser for Loros

#### **May**

Monday 6th May Bank Holiday—School closed

Thursday 9th Confirmation Service at the Church

Monday 13th–Friday 17th Key Stage 2 SATs week

Wednesday 22nd Sports Day

Monday 27th–Friday 31st Half term

#### **June**

Wednesday 5th Small School area athletics competition 4.30–6pm at Corby

Saturday 8th Year 5 Science Master Class at KHS

Tuesday 11th Class 4 out for the morning at the Warning Zone

Monday 17th–Friday 21st Year 1 phonics screening checks

Tuesday 18th Governing Body meeting 6pm

Saturday 22nd Billesdon Church Fete

Monday 24th Dress rehearsal/afternoon performance of KS2 show 1.30pm

Tuesday 25th KS2 Show 6.30pm

Tuesday 25th Kibworth High School parent's meeting 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th KS2 Show 6.30pm

Wednesday 26th Uppingham Community College parent's meeting 6.30pm

#### **July**

Wednesday 3rd Year 6 to UCC for the day

Wednesday 3rd New classes for the morning

Wednesday 3rd New starters in class 1 for the morning

Wednesday 3rd Uppingham Community College parent's meeting 6.30pm

Thursday 4th Class 3 mini Olympics at Robert Smyth Academy

Friday 5th New starters in class 1 for the morning

Friday 5th Class 2 multi sports at Church Langton



### What it means to be a Parent Governor

Did you know that School Governors across the country control £80bn yet 82% of the population do not understand the role?

Becoming a Parent Governor gives you many opportunities; not just to have a say in what is best for your own child but for all the children within the school and for the next generation of children coming into the school.

The commitment is a termly meeting, however there are sometimes extraordinary meetings that need to take place when major issues may impact on your school. These could be when the school is applying for academy status, as ours is.

There are other opportunities for the Parent Governor to get involved in aspects of the curriculum, working as a critical friend to curriculum coordinators, or other staff in the school. Working with school action plans to drive forward quality improvements and ensure the children are having the best learning opportunities they can.

There is a development programme for all Governors and there are training opportunities that not only impact on your role as a governor but may be beneficial to you as an individual in your workplace or within other interests you have.

Being on the governing body enables you to meet a wide variety of other people who have the same interest in the quality of the school and education the children are having. That is the common goal of all members of the governing body. The group of people have such varied and differing backgrounds bringing a wide variety of knowledge and skills to the table.

Never underestimate how valuable your input could be to that group, you may have lots you could contribute to a friendly, dynamic school Governing Body.

Please contact the school for further information if you have an interest in becoming a parent governor at Billesdon.

### Swimming Gala

In March some of the children from class 4 went to the swimming gala in Market Harborough. We all had a great time and we all enjoyed it. Niall came first in the backstroke heats and went through to the final. In the final Niall came second. Later on we had a relay and Temaera, Georgia and Matthew were in our team and we came fourth. We were all very happy to have the opportunity to take part.



By Georgia and Louise

### Easter Service

On Friday 22nd March we had our Easter service in the school hall, which was organised by the Worship Workshop Club. Class one made smiley faces whilst Georgia and Rebecca read a story. Class 2 painted pictures of the sleeping disciples. Class 3 did some acting of Palm Sunday. Class 4 made newspaper articles and Nathan, Joe and Gaby shouted out article headlines telling the story of Jesus' crucifixion.



### Great Egg Race and Egg Decorating Competitions

Egg Race—we had to design a vehicle and it had to travel 3 metres and up a ramp. When it reached the top it had to drop the egg to roll down the ramp. There were different prizes. One for the most inventive which was won by Anya and Maddy, one for the best decorated which was won by Madeline and the overall winner won by Ryan.

Egg decorating—The theme was to decorate an egg like a superhero! There was a Batman, Spiderman and many more. Each child had the opportunity to take part and a winner was selected from each class. The winners were; Oliver (class 1), Jack (class 2), Livvy (class 3) and Alanna (class 4).

By Ryan, Anya and Maddy



### Red Nose Day

We raised money by having a cake sale and dressing up in red clothes. We designed T-shirts for Comic Relief and had to write the meaning of the picture. In Collective Worship we thought about the difference we make to children's lives by raising money. It was great fun and every class had something to do with Red Nose Day.

By Jasper and Madeline

### Class 4's Music Performance

The whole of class 4 went to Leicester Grammar School with 4 other schools. The music teacher from Church Langton conducted us. Our school played 'Twinkle, Twinkle' and 'Chimes' on the hand chimes. Mrs Garner, Mr Pullen and Mrs Timson said we were very good and so did the music teacher.

By Tom N, James W and Gaby



### SATs Week

Year 6 children will be taking their tests the week beginning May 13th. They will need to make sure they get plenty of sleep that week and eat a good breakfast. Even if your child is feeling unwell on the day of a test please send them in to sit it and then they can go home, if necessary. Please don't let your child worry about the tests they have had lots of practice and are well prepared. Any questions please have a chat with Mr Pullen. A timetable will be sent home shortly.

### KS2 Show

This year we have scheduled two evening performances. 25th and 26th June starting at 6.30pm. If your child is in year 6, please check out the dates for parents meetings at UCC and KHS to ensure you purchase tickets for the right evening. Also note UCC are having the same parents meeting a week later after the children have spent the day there.



### The School Disco

We had two school discos. The first was for children in reception, year 1 and year 2 and the second for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It was great fun for everyone! The favourite song of the night was probably Gangnam Style, even Mrs Timson cringingly danced along, much to our amusement. The burgers were not horsemeat and tasted really nice. We also had crisps, cookies and 'Simpson's donuts'. Everyone enjoyed the tracks and gave requests to the DJ, who was doing funny dancing. It was great fun! This was certainly a disco to remember and definitely the best one yet as it was our last one. Thank you to PAFA and everyone involved in organising the disco.  
By Issie, Arawa and Temaera.

### Student Teachers

We would like to welcome two PGCE students from Leicester University who will be carrying out their final teaching practice over 8 weeks. Mr Tom Burnett will be teaching in class 3 under the guidance of Mrs Norton and Miss Kirsty Brown will be teaching in class 4 with Mr Pullen as her mentor.  
I hope you will make them feel very welcome as part of Billesdon's staff team.

### Golden Book Children for March 2013

**Class 1;** Henrietta Geddes (TWICE!), Edward Marsh, Ebony Stevens, Rowan Wheatley, Holly Norman

**Class 2;** Owen Jones, Erin Doherty, Eliza Greaves, Izzy Ardern, Jessica Tarleton, Romelly Laird

**Class 3;** Hannah Ardern, Lily Mottram, James Richards, Lydia Whatton, Florence Payne, Tom Williamson, Rhiannon Golledge

**Class 4;** Riley Laird, Tom Nurse, Anya Cherry, Temaera Moore, Ben Elliott, Louise Allen, William Marsh, Madeline Stone, Gaby Byrne

### Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Hannah, Oliver C, James O, Jaylan, Ryan, Oliver P, Henrietta, Alanna, Talia, Owen, Temaera, Becky, Kira, Joe B, Class 1

### Kindness Cup

Matthew Ainge, Edward Marsh

### Writers Cup

Thomas Harvey, Eliza Greaves

### Year Group Cup

Year 2, Year 2 and Year 3

### House Cup

Holly, Holly, Holly



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