



Newsletter for 29th November 2012

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Headteacher

We have only three weeks left of the autumn term with still plenty to pack in. The children will be assessed by their teachers for attainment and progress in the next few weeks and this will be reported back on to parents at the beginning of the spring term.

Choir are in their busiest season of the year with The Lord Mayor's concert AND St Nicholas Day concert both next week, plus Christingle on Sunday and the end of term service to prepare for. Classes 1 and 2 are busy rehearsing for their annual Nativity play, 'It's a Party'. Worship Workshop are also involved in a Nativity, written by themselves, to be performed at the St Nicholas Day concert.

Please remember that we have our annual Christmas Fair at the school this Saturday 1st December. I look forward to seeing lots of you at the events over the course of this weekend.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

December

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| Saturday 1st | PAFA Christmas Fair |
| Sunday 2nd | Christingle Service 11.00am at The Church |
| Wednesday 5th | Massed Choir rehearsal at De Montfort Hall 9.30-11.30am |
| Wednesday 5th | Massed Choir performing at De Montfort Hall 6.00-9.30pm |
| Thursday 6th | Festival of Light service at Leicester Cathedral 10.30-11.30am |
| Thursday 6th | St Nicholas Day Concert at The Church 6.30-7.30pm |
| Tuesday 11th | Nativity Play 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 12th | Nativity Play 6.00pm |
| Thursday 13th | Achievement assembly starts at 2.15pm with plays from Drama Club |
| Friday 14th | Last swimming session |
| Tuesday 17th | PAFA Cinema night (KS1 4.30-6.00pm. KS2 6.30-8.00pm) |
| Wednesday 19th | Peter Pan at The Peepul Centre |
| Thursday 20th | Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 20th | Achievement assembly starts at 2.15pm with a show by Street Dance Club |
| Friday 21st | Christmas Service at The Church 9.30am |
| Friday 21st | School closes for Christmas Holidays 3.00pm |

January

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| Monday 7th | Teacher Day—School closed to children |
| Tuesday 8th | School re-opens to children for the spring term |
| Saturday 19th | PAFA Rags to Riches (fish and chips and live band) for parents at the Coplow Centre |

PAFA News

Please come and support the Christmas Fair on Saturday 1st December 11am-3pm.

Homemade cakes are especially welcome to be brought into school on Friday, or Saturday morning.

Have you bought tickets for the children's cinema night? If you are able to help, please see a member of the PAFA committee.



Don't forget the Rags to Riches night on Saturday 19th January at the Coplow Centre.

Junior Road Safety Officer News

On Wednesday 28th November all of the children came to school wearing bright clothes to raise lots of money to split with the road safety charity, BRAKE, and to buy every child in the school a mini torch as it is getting dark early now. The day was organised by the other road safety officer, Isabelle, Miss McNeil and me. At breaktime we held a cake sale and all of the cakes were 20p, the cakes were yummy and it was great fun. I hope that this day will raise awareness of the dangers of the road and also raise lots of money. Thank you to everyone who brought in cakes and donations, they are very much appreciated and will definitely make a difference. By Arawa



Anti Bullying Week

Anti bullying week was on the 19th November. We had an assembly about anti bullying and the slogan this year was 'We're better without bullying'. Normally you get bullied because you are bad at something but sometimes you can be bullied because you are good at something. This is what we call jealousy. During the week each class did different activities about anti bullying and there was a poster competition for telling children not to bully. We want our school to be a bully free school.

By Jaylan and Ellie (School Councillors)

Maths Evening report

A very informative evening discussing the *modern* way of teaching maths was held this month. Many parents joined the teaching staff to learn about their children's methods of solving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. Calculation methods were worked through with the parents to enable them to support their children at home and with their homework. We tried to take the fear out of this subject and show how maths can be FUN! Feedback from the parents was positive so hopefully this was achieved.

Safety Notice

Please could parents not use the staff car park as a short cut to school, particularly when with your child.

We have a choice of two entrances into school which are safe and teaches the children safe walking practices.



Class 3's trip to New Walk Museum

On Monday 19th November class 3 went on a trip to the New Walk Museum to learn about the Egyptians. We saw the mummies and the sarcophaguses and we took the organs out of a body and put them in the canopic jars. We learnt about life in Ancient Egypt. We did dressing up in Egyptian clothes and made Amulets from clay. We tried to make fire using an Egyptian tool. We had to be very careful because we held real artifacts. It was great fun. By Kira

Life Education Van report

On Tuesday 30th October we had a visit from the Life Education Van. We learnt that you should always stay together with your friends when you go out so you are safe. We also learnt about our body and the different organs in our bodies and their jobs. We learnt about how smoking is bad for you. It's nice in the education van because you are learning about things that you might not learn in the classroom. All the classes had a lesson in the van. By Rhiannon

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for wearing pyjamas and donating £1 and bringing in change to put on the outline of Pudsey Bear. We raised a terrific £185.46!



Cyclewise

Year 5 and 6 had their cyclewise lessons over 4 days. It included basic training in how to ride a bike safely. We were given a glow in the dark keyring if we won a game. The children in year 6 had the opportunity to practice on the roads in the village. U turns and turning right are important to know when riding a bike. Our instructor, Greg, examined us and we all did our best. We had a great time and it was fun to do. Contributions from, Georgia, Beau, Matthew, Elliott



School Lunch wristbands

Lunchtimes at Billesdon school have changed because school council came up with a brilliant plan to use wristbands. It has made it easier for Mrs Moss and faster for everyone who has a hot dinner. We have 2 different colours. Green is for the vegetarian option and red is for the meat option. We can order what we would like for lunchtime in the morning and always get our choice of food no matter if we are the last table to go for our food. Lots more children are eating a hot meal now. By Jasper (school council) and Tom W

First Time Admissions Information

If you have a child, or know parents with a child, who will be four years old before 1st September 2013, you will need to apply for a place at primary school before 15th January 2013.

If you apply later than this date you may not be guaranteed your first choice of school.

Please remember that our catchment area is Billesdon, Billesdon Coplow, Illston, Gaulby, Kings Norton, Tilton, New Inn and Rolleston. We also have children attend from the City of Leicester.

If you haven't applied for a place at Billesdon School yet, and are still undecided about which school will be the best place for your child to begin their journey into full time education, please contact us to make an appointment.



More Able Writers Workshop

A group of four year 6 children went on a More Able writers workshop at Great Glen Primary. We were taught lots of things including the inverted pyramid. This is where the main information is said first and the not so important information is said last. We created a newspaper and learnt tips for being a great journalist. It was an enjoyable and inspiring day.

By Tom N, Issie, Joe and Rebecca.



Golden Book Children for November 2012

Class 1; Edward Marsh, Ebony Stevens, Emily Saunders, Elliot Norwell, Talia Welby, Rowan Wheatley, Isabel Birch, Oliver Phillips

Class 2; Charlotte Williams, Arthur Williamson, Lola-Belle Backus, Eden Moore, Finlay Shaw-White, Tommy Richards

Class 3; Joe Saunders, James Richards, Lily Mottram, Tom Heggs, Kieran Jones, Tom Williamson, Florence Payne, Kira Stevens

Class 4; Victoria Nurse, Alfie Payne, Georgia Immins, Beau Riley, Nathan Booker, Alanna Stones, Maddy Mottram

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Rowan, Harry A, Maddy M, Alanna, Kira, Issie O, Lizzie, Sophie, Finlay, James W, Jessica, Alfie, Kit, Ben, Oliver C, Jack, Joe B, Talia, Brent, Samuel, Tom Heggs, Rhiannon, Temaera, Gaby, Tom N, Matthew, Joseph B

Kindness Cup

Florence Payne, Jasper Low, Millie Taylor, Victoria Nurse

Writers Cup

James O'Gormley, Oliver Crocker, Avene Mottram

Year Group Cup

Year 3 and year 5

House Cup

Holly, Oak, Horse Chestnut



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