



Newsletter for 28th September 2012

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

The last four weeks have been action packed in school and everyone has very quickly settled back into the daily life at Billesdon School.

Our new School Council has already organised a fund raiser for 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity'. The children have been active in a Health and Physical day, clubs are up and running including some new clubs; fencing and street dance.

We have had a Pilgrimage around the village to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the Baptist Chapel and we have meet with, and had a very lively Collective Worship with visitors from the Diocese of Trichy in India where one of our twin schools is located.

In the next few weeks we will be holding our Harvest Festival at the Church and everyone is welcome to join us for this which is organised by our Worship Workshop Club.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

October

Wednesday 3rd Class 4; Recycling workshop followed by a show at 2.30 ALL WELCOME

Thursday 4th Kibworth High School Open Evening 6.30-8.30pm

Monday 8th Leicestershire Fire and Rescue in to talk to years 1 and 5

Monday 8th Dyslexia assembly at 10.20am ALL WELCOME

Monday 8th Harvest Festival at The Church 1.30pm ALL WELCOME

Thursday 11th Choir singing at small schools concert @ Hallaton Church starting at 4pm

Friday 12th Choir singing at the Village Harvest Supper @ Coplow Centre 7.30pm

Wednesday 17th Parents evening 3.45-7.00pm

Thursday 18th Parents evening 3.15-5.00pm

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th inclusive Half Term

Tuesday 30th Life Education Van; Parent's and Governors welcome to visit 8.45-9.00am

November

Thursday 1st School photographer in for individual and sibling photos

Thursday 1st More Able writer's day at Great Glen

Monday 12th Junior Road Safety assembly at 10.20am ALL WELCOME

Tuesday 13th-Friday 16th Year 5 and 6 Cyclewise

Monday 19th Anti Bullying week assembly at 2.30pm ALL WELCOME

December

Saturday 1st PAFA Christmas Fair

PAFA News

The AGM was held on 24th September and new officers were voted in.

Chair; Sue Crocker

Vice Chair; Ruth Payne

Secretary; Adele Stones

Treasurer; Mary Walsh

A huge thank you to our outgoing officers, Chair, Mike Ward and Treasurer, Paul Collins. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to PAFA!

If any parent is able to volunteer their time for any of our fundraisers please contact any of the committee or the school.

Congratulations!

Two of our members of staff had special events to celebrate during the summer holidays.

Firstly Mrs Le Gros had her baby girl, Felicity (Lissy) in the first week of the holidays, then at the end of the holidays Mrs Highcock got married and is now known as Mrs Willcocks.



Walking Bus

Back in July we raised funds for the road safety charity BRAKE. I am pleased to report that we raised £181.40. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Health and Physical Day

On 7th September each class had an hour of physical activity delivered by Premier Sport. These included fencing, street dance and boccia. Don't forget that fencing and street dance clubs are available to do as after school clubs.

Please contact www.premiersport.org to see the activities we offer here at Billesdon School.



Pilgrimage

On 4th September we held our whole school Pilgrimage around the village. Classes 2, 3 and 4 visited the Chapel, the ridge and furrow field, the cemetery and the Church in the morning. During the afternoon the classes created poetry and art work about the morning focussing on the spiritual aspects of our village. Thank you to the parents who walked with us—without your support we wouldn't be able to do these wonderful activities.

Worship Workshop

On the first day of term Revd. Alison blessed our new candles which had been designed by the Worship Workshop Club last term. We have a large candle in the hall for whole school Collective Worship and each class has their own to be used for times of reflection in class and Open the Book Collective Worship.



Welcome to our new starters!

All of our new children this year are in class 1. Talia, Emily H, Iona, Dayton, Avene, Isabel, Oliver, Holly, Rowan, Edward, Emily S, Ebony, Elliot and Henrietta. We hope that you and your families enjoy your time at Billesdon School and we look forward to watching you on your exciting journey at the start of your primary education.

A big thank you to Revd. Alison and volunteers from the Church congregation who gave their time (and cakes) to a welcome coffee morning for the new parents on the first day of term.



Website update

You may have seen that the school website has been updated for the new academic year. Please refer to the calendar on the home page for information about events which are taking place. Also a new pencil has been added which contains letters which have been sent home.

Achievement Assemblies

These are held every Thursday at 2.30pm in the school hall. It is our time to focus on the achievements of the children—both in school and out of school. We welcome parents, grandparents and friends of the school to join us for these assemblies. We also have a crèche available for pre school children during this time.



Cross Country News

This years races are scheduled for;

Prestwold Hall; 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December

Market Harborough (after school); 31st January, 25th February, 14th March



Our twin school in Trichy, India

On Friday 28th September we were extremely fortunate to be visited by Paul and Charles who are trainee vicars in the Diocese of Trichy in India where we have a twin school called 'All Saint's Elementary School'. Paul and Charles entertained the whole school with drumming, dancing and magic. They even taught us a new song. Joe and Nathan Booker showed us a power point presentation of their trip to Trichy in the summer holidays where they had the opportunity to visit our twin school and many other places in the Diocese. Please visit our website for the photos of the event.

Our school council will be organising fund raising activities for us to buy resources to send to All Saints.



Roald Dahl Day

Well done and thank you to our school council for organising a wonderful day on Thursday 27th September. All children dressed up as a Roald Dahl character and bought cakes to raise money for 'Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity'. The winners of the fancy dress competition were;

Class 1; Elliot
Class 2; John
Class 3; Rhiannon
Class 4; Madeline
See our website for the photos.

Golden Book Children for September 2012

Class 1; All of Class 1! Holly Norman, Rowan Wheatley, Avene Mottram, Oliver Phillips

Class 2; Lizzie Loxley, John Stevens, Ffion Golledge, Owen Jones, Tommy Richards, Romelly Laird, Finlay Shaw-White, Erin Doherty

Class 3; Joe Saunders, Livvy Elliott, Oliver Crocker, Ellie Malatesta, Lily Walsh, Hannah Ardern, Bessie Brown, Jaylan Wildbore, Thomas Harvey, Brent Halpin

Class 4; Elliott Crocker, Katy Tudor, Madeline Stone, Matthew Ainge, Mia Luca Backus, Jasper Low

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Alanna Stones, Ryan Davies, Isabelle O'Gormley, Madeline Stone, Livvy Elliott, Lydia Whatton, Temaera Moore (twice!), Katy Tudor, Talia Welby and Henrietta Geddes

Kindness Cup

Ben Elliott and Isabelle O'Gormley

Writers Cup

Ellie Malatesta and Rhiannon Golledge

Year Group Cup

Year 1, year 2 (twice!) and year 6

House Cup

Horse Chestnut (three times!) and Oak



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Please visit our website for more information and photographs of events www.billesdon.leics.sch.uk