



Newsletter for May 2013

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

As we fast approach the end of the academic year, the KS2 children have just begun their rehearsals for the summer show. It has been a busy half term with the year 2 and 6 children completing their SATs tests, charity fund raising for Loros and Haiti, and, while the weather stayed fine, our annual sports day. Next half term the year 1 children will be tested on their phonics (sounds), through a reading test which is reported on nationally. It is the second year of these tests and we are hoping that the introduction of the 'Read, Write, Inc' approach to teaching phonics will show in our children's results.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents not to use the staff car park as a short cut when bringing/collecting your child to/from school due to the safety implications which arise from this.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

May	
Monday 27th-Friday 31st	Half term
June	
Monday 3rd	School open
Wednesday 5th	Small School area athletics competition 4.30-6pm at Corby
Thursday 6th	Four Year 5 children out at More Able Writer's Workshop @ Great Glen
Friday 7th	Whole school and class photographs (morning)
Saturday 8th	Year 5 Science Master Class at KHS
Tuesday 11th	Class 4 out for the morning at the Warning Zone
Tuesday 11th	Class 4 Safer Travel talk in the afternoon
Monday 17th-Friday 21st	Year 1 and 2 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	Five Year 5 children out for maths competition (pm) @ Church Langton
Wednesday 26th	KS2 Show 6.30pm
Wednesday 26th	Uppingham Community College parent's meeting 6.30pm
Friday 28th	Class 4 sailing trip at Rutland Water
Friday 28th	Class 1 trip to a Forest School
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	Reports out to parents
Friday 5th	Class 2 Multi Sports at Church Langton



More Able Artists Workshops

Some children from classes 3 and 4 had the opportunity to attend workshops at Market Harborough CE Primary School. The school has its own art room and gives the children a wider range of activity choices. The class 3 children drew patterns on grids, then made straw and paper grids and finally clay grids to create patterns in. The class 4 children were asked to draw a portrait as they usually draw one. Then the art teacher gave tips for improvement and taught them how to draw a portrait correctly. The difference between the two was huge! In the afternoon they made clay faces and were taught how to make eyes, nose and hair in clay.



Choir Trip to Peterborough Cathedral

On Thursday 23rd May the school choir had the wonderful opportunity to visit Peterborough Cathedral. The trip was organised by Mr Arnold, our Choir Master, who used to sing in the Cathedral Choir. First we went to see Mr Arnold's old flat—the views of the Cathedral were spectacular! Then we were split into 2 groups and had a tour guide each. We went to see the Barber's Surgeon and the Tudor Squire. When we were with the Barber's surgeon we were shown the tools and medicines they used. They used a star chart to find out what illnesses were unlucky for you and whether you would die. The Tudor Squire showed us the stocks, which we got to try out on volunteers! We went into the Choir Stalls. They were very decorative and made us wish that we were in the choir there.

By Katy, Gaby and Temaera



School Nurse Team

The School Nurses are qualified Nurses and have an office at Market Harborough District Hospital.

The Nurses can:

Be the first point of contact for children, young people and parents or carers needing health advice or information. Support children and young people with ongoing or specific health needs. Activities could involve promoting self care, supporting parents and carers, referral to other specialists and co-ordination of a range of services. Initiate and support activities for promoting health across the school and community. These public health activities include contributing to personal, social and health education delivery, working with the school to achieve the Healthy School Status or advising on whole school programmes to address particular issues.

School Nurses also work in the wider community to improve children's health outcomes.

If you would like to contact the school nurse then please phone: 01858 438 121.

Measles

You are probably aware of the media publicity on measles outbreak in Wales and the increasing numbers of cases in England. The vast majority of cases are currently being confirmed in school age children who haven't received two doses of MMR vaccine. Measles is highly infectious and can cause serious childhood illness in some children. If your child becomes unwell with a high temperature, runny nose, red sore eyes, white spots on the inside of the mouth or a rash of small spots on the body, please seek medical advice. Parents taking children to the GPs, or any health care setting, with suspected measles should always inform the receptionist so they can ensure that other patients are not exposed to measles.

The best way to fully protect your child against measles is to ensure that they have received 2 doses of MMR vaccine. The first dose is usually given at around 12 months and the second around the time of school entry.

Please check your child's vaccination status in the Personal Child Health Record ('Red book'). **If they have not already had 2 doses of vaccine, we strongly urge you to have your child immunised through your General Practitioner.**

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/Topics/InfectiousDiseases/InfectionsAZ/Measles/GeneralInformation/>
<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Sports Day

On a dry but chilly afternoon before half term we had our annual sports day. It was very well supported by families and friends of the school!

The children wore their new house colour t-shirts—funded by PAFA.

The winning house was Birch.

Thank you to PAFA for providing refreshments.

A total of £80 was raised for the school through the sale of coffee, tea and cakes.



New Parent Governor

Congratulations to Dr Peter Wheatley for being voted in as a parent governor at the school.

Dr Wheatley has a son in class 1 and lives in Tilton-on-the-Hill.

Fitness in Schools

Every other year we raise money for Loros through taking part in a sponsored fitness regime. Brian, who runs the scheme, takes each class in turn and puts them through their paces. The children enjoy the activities they take part in and this year they raised a total of £495.11 - 50% of which comes back to the school.

Rotary Club Writing Competition

This year's theme was Peace. All children in class 4, who took part, received a certificate. Arawa was the overall winner and was awarded with a £20 book token. James W came second and was given a £15 book token and Katy came third and received a £10 book token. Well done!

Confirmation

Six children from our school were confirmed this year in a special service on 9th May. Bishop Christopher performed the Confirmations and there were 18 people Confirmed in total. Other children were from Church Langton School. We were joined at the service by Canon Mary Lawson, The Director of Education for the Diocese, who gave all of the children a small gift.

The school choirs of Billesdon and Church Langton joined together to sing 2 songs and were, as ever, expertly led by Mr Simon Arnold.

The children who were confirmed this year were; Arawa Brittenden, Rebecca Lucas, Matthew Ainge, Alanna Stones, Nathan Booker and Georgia Immins.



Parch for March

The children had an assembly in March from Jane Holden who works for the foundation. She asked the children if they could raise money by giving up their favourite drink for 'The Parch Campaign'. We then had Jane return for a follow up assembly in which the children were filmed, all wearing red t-shirts to promote the charity, and singing 'Sing'. Well done and thank you to all of those who took part, including Rev'd Alison, who gave up coffee - we are pleased she is back to drinking it! The amount the school raised will provide 2,266 bags of fresh drinking water for the Andrew Grene High School in Haiti.

Golden Book Children for April 2013

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

Class 2; Charlotte Williams, Eden Moore, Devon Parker, Georgia Kirkland, Harry Ambler, Giles Carey

Class 3; Ed North, Bessie Brown, Harry Wightman, Brent Halpin, James Richards, Joe Saunders, Reece Wightman, Oliver Crocker, Thomas Harvey,

Class 4; Ryan Davies, Eloise North, William Marsh, Jasper Low, Isabelle O'Gormley, Georgia Immins

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Gaby, Anya, Jack, Tommy, James R, Giles, Georgia K, Harry A, Jessica, Erin, Eliza, Henrietta, Rowan, Elliot N, Emily H, Harry W, Holly, Dayton, Edward M, Devon, Temaera

Kindness Cup

Jasper Low, Samuel Biggs, Emily Haines

Writers Cup

Tom Ward, Avene Mottram

Year Group Cup

Year 3 and Year 1

House Cup

Horse Chestnut and Holly



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