



Newsletter for June 2013

Happy Learners Greater Achievers

Message from the Head teacher

As I write the penultimate newsletter of the school year the school is a hive of activity with the end of year show in full flow, preparing for the leaver's service and planning visits to preschools and homes for the new intake. Tests are now a distant memory and the children are busy continuing their learning through fun activities and embracing the outdoors (now that summer is 'almost' upon us).

It has been an eventful year, as every year is, and it is always useful to be reflective of the year just gone in order to plan ahead improvements for the new school year.

The school is continuing to grow, both in terms of size and achievements. The pupils at Billesdon are a credit to society and once again I am proud to say I am their Headteacher.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

July

Monday 1st

Deadline for parent consultation of KHS proposal to convert to 11-16

Monday 1st

Governor monitoring visit—Science

Tuesday 2nd

Junior School Council to Anti-Bullying award ceremony at Snibston

Wednesday 3rd

Year 6 to UCC for transfer day

Wednesday 3rd

New classes for the morning

Wednesday 3rd

New starters in class 1 for the morning

Wednesday 3rd

Street Dance Show for whole school and parents 2.45pm

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

Friday 5th

Representatives from Class 3 at Jaguar Challenge Comp, Great Glen

Monday 8th

Year 6 leaver's evening—Bowling and Pizza at Meriden

Monday 8th

Year 6 to KHS for transfer day

Tuesday 9th

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Class 3 sailing trip to Rutland Water

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KS2 SATs results

Wednesday 10th

Wear pyjamas to school in aid of Birmingham Children's Hospital

Thursday 11th

PAFA Family Disco and BBQ 6-8pm at School

Friday 12th

Leaver's Service at the Church 9.30am

Friday 12th

School closes for the summer break 3pm

August

Thursday 29th

School re-opens to children

Thursday 29th

Coffee and Cake for parents of new starters 8.45-9.30am in the hall

September

Thursday 5th

Achievement Assembly 2.30pm (weekly—parents and friends welcome!)



Well done to Leicestershire's JRSOs of the Year—

Arawa Brittenden and Issie O'Gormley!



For two years Issie and Arawa have worked exceptionally hard to promote Road Safety at our school. They have planned assemblies, organised fund-raisers and ensured that every child in the school had a torch for the dark nights. They even started up and ran an extra-curricular club for the infants to instil road safety from a young age. So it came as no surprise, but with great pleasure, when the pair were unanimously voted to achieve the JRSO of the year award out of 342 JRSOs in the county.

The County Council's Road Safety Officer, Helen Simpson attended one of Issie and Arawa's Road Safety assemblies (on the theme of cycle and scooter safety), and presented the girls with their certificates.

As part of their prize, the whole of class 4 were given a funded day out at Beaumanor Hall to take part in bridge building and high rope activities.

A big thank you to Miss Sarah McNeil for her time and commitment at lunchtimes assisting the girls with their Road Safety Club.

Pirates of the Curry Bean



Our end of year production by the Juniors was a swashbuckling play about the Pirates of the Curry Bean. As ever, the children really pull out all of the stops and show us their tremendous talents on the stage. The show was packed with humour, action, dance and song.

Well done to all of the children who worked hard to make this a memorable production and thank you to Mrs Norton, Mr Pullen, Mrs Bullock, Miss McNeil and Mrs Garner for their dedication to the show!



Photos are available to purchase from school!

Launde Abbey Retreat

On Tuesday 18th June, Worship Workshop Club went for the morning to Launde Abbey for a retreat (which is a time of quiet and thinking). When we got there we were met by Alison, the warden of the Abbey, and Richard who was pretending to be a Rabbi dressed in a long cloak. We then went to the library, which was old fashioned with huge books and no computers, and learnt about the history of the Abbey and of Christianity. It was a great day and everyone had lots of fun and learnt loads.

By Joe Booker



Class 4 trip to the Warning Zone

On Tuesday 2nd June class 4 went to the Warning Zone. We watched a video about a brother and sister called Mitch and Nike. Then we were put into 5 groups. First we saw that Mitch and Nike vandalised a phone box then we saw a little boy who was forced by them to light a fire and block the fire door.

By Louise

The Warning Zone was very exciting. I enjoyed it very much. I thought all of the zones were interesting and they taught me a lot about my safety and taking risks.

By Blossom

Welcome!

Regular visitors to the school office may have noticed a new face behind the desk. We would like to welcome Mrs Cathy Herbert to the staff team as our new admin assistant. Please give her a Billesdon welcome when you meet her!

KHS Consultation reminder

A parentmail has been sent to parents regarding Kibworth High School's proposal to become an 11-16 Academy. Parents are asked to complete the online survey on KHS website. This affects our school as Billesdon Primary would no longer be part of KHS catchment if the conversion takes place. The deadline for comments is July 1st.

Class 4—Safer Travel

A man came to school to talk to the year 6 children about travelling safely on the buses when we go to High School. He talked about how we should wait for the bus and get on the bus sensibly. He showed us a powerpoint and told us about bus passes and how you can be banned from travelling on the bus. Some of the key points we learnt were; to be on time for the bus; don't be noisy and distract the driver; have your pass ready; be sensible and respect the bus. He gave us a leaflet at the end of the talk to share with our parents.

By Georgia Immins



School Photos

Class and whole school photographs are available to purchase from the school office. Please see the samples on display in the entrance foyer.

More Able writer's workshop

On Thursday 6th June we went to the able writer's workshop at St Cuthbert's, Great Glen. We met an author called Alex Keller who wrote the Haywired series. After we had shared our favourite book, author and genre we did some brain storming. He told us to write as many mythical characters as we could in 2 minutes. Then we came up with scenes and ideas for a short story.

We chose an idea for our short story. We plotted our stories into three sections and wrote them down. We shared our stories with the children from the other schools. We had a great day and lots of fun.

By Eloise North and Matthew Ainge

Small School Athletics

On Wednesday 5th June some children from classes 3 and 4 went to the small schools area sports in Corby. Everyone did really well in their events. Jaylan Wildbore and Beau Riley were in the 75m, both came first and got into the finals. I was in the year 6 girls 800m and came 7th, it was very hard!

By Rebecca Lucas

Everyone did wonderfully well and we are very proud of them, especially of James Garner who came 3rd in the sprint and was invited to compete as part of the small schools team in the large schools area sports where he came 6th in the 400m and 2nd in the sprint!

By Temaera Moore



Golden Book Children for May 2013

Class 1; Talia Welby, Emily Harvey, Avene Mottram, Oliver Phillips, Isabel Birch, Ebony Stevens, Rowan Wheatley, Edward Marsh

Class 2; Georgia Kirkland, Jenny Garner, Anthony Chapman, Lizzie Loxley (TWICE!), Jack Landsdowne, Finlay Shaw-White, Ffion Golledge

Class 3; Tom Heggs, Tom Williamson, Samuel Biggs (TWICE!), Harry Wightman, Bessie Brown, Lydia Whatton, James Garner

Class 4; Katy Tudor, Gaby Byrne, Ben Elliott, Issie O'Gormley

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Edward M, Millie, Jessica, Troy, Brent, Eliza, Holly.

Kindness Cup

Blossom Weal

Writers Cup

James Richards, Lily Walsh, Iona Thacker

Year Group Cup

Year 1

House Cup

Birch, Holly, Oak



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