



Packington

Church of England Primary School

May 2013

Newsletter

DEAR ALL,

It has been a busy start to our term with some great sporting and musical successes. Our spirits have also been lifted with the sights and sounds of pupils rehearsing their dancing for the May Fayre, a sure sign that Summer is coming.

Please do enjoy sharing our news.

Our Christian Values

- Thankfulness
- Peace
- Patience
- Endurance
- Justice
- Friendship
- Trust
- Compassion

The Christian ethos of our school is underpinned by values which are distinctly Christian in character but are also shared with human values. This term the staff and pupils have identified eight key Christian values that they will explore over the coming months. The work will be presented in the form of a 'working wall' in the entrance hall (ie a display that is going to grow, develop and change over time). The first activity for each class was to discuss each value and to rate them in order of importance. There were lots of different views:

"I think peace is important. You need that to get along with each other and make school a nice place to be"....

Charlie

"I think endurance. You need to stick at things and not give up." ...Louis

So far each Class has displayed their list with their reasons for how they have ranked the key values. They are now exploring one value in greater depth and each class will present their work to the rest of the school.

Do take a look at the values we have chosen. How would you rank them in order of importance? Do you think some have equal importance? And how important are they to you in your daily life?

May Queen

Over the years the Packington Morris Men have asked the school to provide a May Queen to be crowned Queen of the May at a celebration at the village pub. The May Queen also attends the school May Fayre to help with proceedings. Tradition has it that the girl should live in the village and each year pupils have helped select the Queen. This year only two girls were eligible to take on the role and it is of great testament to the girls that they decided to share the role. So on 1st May Emma Woodward was crowned May Queen with her attendants Olivia Shelton Smith and Holly Powell (pictured below), and then at the school May Fayre Olivia will take over the duties of May Queen with her attendant Laura Meadows.



Clarinet Concert

Last Friday the Owls entertained their families to a wonderful clarinet concert to show off their musical skills. They have only been learning the instrument since January but we have been delighted to learn that they have been asked to work with Sinfonia Viva and perform at De Montfort Hall for the Chairman of the County Council.



NEWS HEADLINES

***PROJECT WITH DAVID GRANGER**

~ Hot off the press! School are currently working with local architect David Granger to plan a design project for next half term. This looks an exciting opportunity so do look out for more details to come.

***CYCLE SAFETY** ~ Once again pupils in Years 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to take part in cycle safety training. Year 5 will take part in Bike4Life during the week beginning 13th May and Yr 4 will undertake the Cycle Wise training on 20th and 21st May. This year the courses are free of charge which is great news.

***FAITH STORIES VISIT** ~ The Owls enjoyed their visit to Leicester Cathedral, the Buddhist Temple and the Gudwara as part of their R.E work to learn about different faiths.

***FANTASTIC CLASS ASSEMBLY** ~ Earlier this week we were treated to a superb class assembly by the Robins on the theme of "A Big Book of Baddies" from favourite traditional stories. The confidence and acting skills of our very young pupils was impressive. The pupils had taken their presentation very seriously and had even used the Ipad to film their rehearsal and evaluate their performance and I have to say it paid off. Everyone spoke in a loud clear voice with not a wriggle in sight. Well done!

***FIRE FIT** ~ Pupils in Yr 1 and Yr 5 took part in separate presentations organised by the Fire and Rescue Service to develop an awareness of fire safety issues.

***SATS** ~ National Statutory Assessment Tests for Yr 6 pupils take place in the week beginning 13th May. Optional SATs tests will also take place for all other year groups in KS2 over the last three weeks of this half term. This will result in some changes to our normal timetable in school over the next couple of weeks.

***ASHBY ARTS FESTIVAL** ~ Packington are once again taking part in the Ashby Arts Festival. This year the theme is 'Strike up the Band!' We hope to get our board designed, painted and on display by half term – quite a task. Once again we plan to put the finished art work on the fence so the whole village can see. We would be very grateful for any donations of unwanted tins or part tins of emulsion paint (any colour) so please get in touch if you can help.

Please remember we have an open door policy so should you have any concerns please contact your child's class teacher or myself. You can contact us either in school, by phone (01530 412425) or e-mail (headteacher@packington.leics.sch.uk).

AT PACKINGTON WE WANT TO DO OUR BEST AND WORK TOGETHER.

GOVERNOR CORNER

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sarah Dallow has been nominated and elected to take up the vacant parent governor position. Mrs Dallow has acted as an Associate Governor since the last parent elections and her skills will be of great value to the school.

This term the Finance Committee have spent time working with the Head and Bursar to review and set the budget for next year. This will be presented at the next Governors meeting for approval later in the month.

The Strategic Committee have also met to work with the Head to review and update the School Self Evaluation document.

Mrs Beanland, our music governor, attended the clarinet performance by the Owls. Her note of visit comments, "I was so impressed with how all the children were engaged and focused. Considering the short period of time that they have been learning, the performance was excellent."

Governors can be contacted via the office e mail.

Cross Country - Final Success

It was a super Saturday morning for Packington at the Cross Country Final at Albert Village on 13th April. The weather was good and our runners were fantastic, all putting in a superb effort.



The boys Yr5/6 team prepare to run.

Unity Swimming Gala Success

It was one of our most successful nights in the pool for Packington at the annual Unity Partnership Swimming Gala. Mr Emery said everybody in the team put in a great effort and the results were stunning with Packington getting four gold's and three bronzes – well done to everyone who swam. The results are as follows:

Boys 2 lengths – Gold - Lewis Eaton
Boys Front Crawl – Gold - Sam Tebbett
Girls Front Crawl – Gold - Holly Powell
Boys Relay – Gold - Packington
Girls 2 lengths – Bronze - Emma Woodward
Boys Breast Stroke – Bronze - Will Field
Girls Relay – Bronze - Packington
Girls Breast Stroke – 5th place - Laura Meadows
Boys Back Crawl – 5th place - Jack Roe
Girls Back Crawl – 6th place - Lizzie Uzzell



There were some very notable performances and Packington came away with a haul of medals and trophies as you will see from the results below:

Yr1/2 Boys – 1st Harrison Eaton
Yr3/4 Girls – 3rd Ania Tebbett
Yr5/6 Girls – 3rd Holly Powell
Yr 5/6 Boys – 1st Lewis Eaton, 2nd Louis Bassett,
3rd Sam Tebbett
Yr1/2 Boys Team Event – 1st Packington
Yr 5/6 Boys Team Event – 1st Packington

All pupils who have shown a commitment to the Packington Cross Country Team this season will be awarded with a medal later in the term. We will send home a text to let you know in advance about the presentation.

Hot House Music

Hot House Music paid us another visit earlier in the week. This time they brought along a range of different brass instruments including four different saxophones, a trumpet and a trombone and they soon had our feet tapping to a range of well known tunes.

The company have offered to run a Jazz music club on a Monday lunchtime. There would be a cost to this but it would be heavily subsidized. A leaflet will be coming home shortly.



Packington Win Ray Stone Memorial Cup

Our sporting success has continued with our Year 5/6 Football Team winning the Ray Stone Memorial Cup at the annual tournament held at Measham. The competition takes place over one evening and our team had to play six matches virtually back to back against other local school teams so it is quite an achievement to become overall winners requiring both skill and stamina. Mr Emery praised the whole team for demonstrating a superb sporting attitude. Well done!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3rd May ~ Whole School Photo/ May Fayre/ Barn Dance
W/b 13th May ~ SATS WEEK and Bike 4 Life for Yr5
20th May ~ Science Fair in School
20th/21st May ~ Yr4 Bike for Life
22nd May ~ Open the Book Visit
24th May ~ **Break up for Half Term**
3rd June ~ **School starts after Half Term**
6th June ~ Science Fair at Ashby School
14th June ~ Sports Day
19th June ~ Area Athletics Saffron Lane
21st June ~ Yr 2 Camp Out
4th/5th July ~ Yr 6 Induction days at the Ivanhoe
12th July ~ **Last Day of Summer Term and Leavers Service 2pm**

SCIENCE FAIR

Monday 20th May

There is a real buzz in school about our Science Fair with lots of interesting discussions taking place and everybody eager to share their experiments and ideas.

Mrs Salter, our Science Governor, has announced that she will join the judging panel and she has said that she is really excited to see all the pupils' independent learning.

The five best ideas will go to the Ashby Learning Community Science Fair on Thursday 6th June.

Thank you for all your support.