

Brooklands Primary School - Newsletter 23



Dear Parent/Carer

20 March 2015

Lots of exciting things have been happening at school this week!

Fun run

Some of our older pupils have been to visit Long Eaton School to take part in the annual fun run. Here's what some of our children had to say. Pictured below are three of our tired, but happy, Year 6 boys.



Macaulay Maltby and James Ashton on the Long Eaton School fun run.

Red nose day

Thank for all your support last week in our efforts to raise money for Red Nose Day. A big well done to Year 1 who raised a stunning **£87.05** on their own by selling cakes and biscuits. Our grand total for this year stands at **£461.71**, a wonderful amount to help support a worthy cause.

Year 1

Year 1 are very excited to be visiting West Park on **Monday 23rd March**. We are going to look at the plants and wildlife that live in the park. This is linked to our Science topic. We will be going in the afternoon and all children will be back at school to be picked up at the normal time. Please make sure your child has a pair of comfortable shoes to wear, for example trainers and a waterproof jacket. If any parents are able to accompany us we would be very grateful. Please let us know on Monday morning.

Year 4 – Easter Trip to St Lawrence's Church.

Year 4's today enjoyed a visit to St Lawrence's Church. They took part in some Easter activities run by members of the church. It was a really enjoyable visit.

Swimming Lessons Year 5

Children in Year 5 will have the opportunity of swimming tuition at West Park Leisure Centre. These begin on **Monday 13th, 20th, 27th April, 11th, 18th May and 1st June 2015**. A letter with reply slip will be issued alongside this newsletter.

Odd socks for World Down's Syndrome Day

As we have done for the past few years we will be supporting World Down's Syndrome Day on **Monday 23rd March**. On this day our children are invited to wear odd socks to school to show their support. Who will find the most outrageous odd pair?

Solar eclipse

As the sky plunged into darkness over the country children took the opportunity to view the solar eclipse. Children in reception and Year 3 made pinhole cameras to help them watch it safely and used these to track the movement of the moon.

Key Stage One tests

There will be a change to the normal test dates next week. Letters and Sounds and Numeracy tests will take place on **Thursday 26th March** in years One and Two due to an end of term whole school assembly on Friday.

Holiday requests

Recently, we have received a number of holiday requests for the coming term. As you are aware, government guidelines mean that schools cannot authorise time off school during term times for family holidays. Although we are aware that it can be difficult for parents to have time off from work together, we also have responsibility to ensure that our children have the best possible education. To help give your child the best start to their education it is important that they attend school every day.

School Dinners and new Menu

On **Tuesday 24th March** pudding will change from apple crumble to strawberry mousse.
Plus a new 2015 school menu will be distributed today. The new menu will start on **16th April 2015**.

Year 6 – Smart Rider - Free Child Cyclist Instructor Training Programme Derbyshire County Council

The Smart Rider training course aims to provide Year 6 pupils with the necessary basic skills to help them stay safe on their bikes. The course is run by volunteers who often come from within the school community. The road safety team are inviting volunteers to participate in the Smart Rider training programme 2015.

Cycle training is immensely rewarding work and can make a real difference to children's lives in terms of their personal safety and encouraging a healthy alternative to transport. The instructor training course aims to equip prospective child cyclist training instructors with the information required to set up and run a Smart Rider cyclist training programme for year six pupils within

If you are interested in applying for the course and for full details, please speak to a staff member at Reception Brooklands Primary School.

Message from Governors

The Governing Body continue to work hard to ensure that our school continues to move forward during the summer term and we are well into the process of recruiting a new Head Teacher with interviews being held during April ready for an appointment to start ready for September.

In this interim time during the Summer Term we wanted to ensure the progress within school was continued, especially with an Ofsted re-inspection on the cards in the next few months and that you as parents had a point of contact within school and were had confidence in the Governors and the Senior Leadership team during this period of change. We decided, therefore, to create an opportunity for a current leader within school to act as the Head Teacher in the interim and following a fair recruitment process we appointed Miss Kirsten O'Neill as the acting Head.

As part of the recruitment process next term we would like to invite you as parents to meet with a group of Governors for you to talk with us about what you as parents would like to see in a new head teacher and for the chance to meet and speak with members of the Governing Body.

We will be sending out a date for this meeting next week on the end of term newsletter.

Gold Book: Younger children who have worked particularly well this week are:

Miss Fretwell's Class 1:	Mason Smedley (Literacy)
Miss O'Neill's Class 2:	Jake Housley (Numeracy)
Mrs Harris's Class 3:	Lily Sercombe (Literacy)
Miss Gillard's Class 4:	Rohan Mason (Literacy)
Miss Rogers' Class 5:	Ashton Baird (Numeracy)
Miss Hopkinson's Class 6:	Aaron Bennett (Numeracy)

Attendance Award goes to Class (4) (Miss Gillard) 96.4% Attendance 02/03/15 - 06/03/15

Attendance Award goes to Class (3) (Mrs Harris) 99.3% Attendance 09/03/15 – 13/03/15

Honours Book: Zoe Worthington, Owen Hutcheson, Adam Trembirth, Billie-Jane Key, Reggie Davis, Ellie Marsh, Cerys Miles-Buckle, Isobel Skinner, Leah Harrison.

Attendance Award goes to Class (6JH/GO) (Mr Osbourne and Miss Hodges) 98.6% Attendance 09/03/15 – 13/03/15

K. O'Neill (Asst Headteacher)