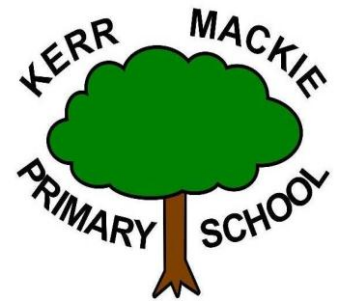


# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

10<sup>th</sup> May 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

## INFORMATION

### IPADS

We are very excited at Kerr Mackie as we have recently taken delivery of 32 iPads, which were installed yesterday and are already being used by the children. The purchase of iPads means we will be able to provide yet more opportunities to deliver a creative curriculum, using its videoing, recording and editing features. The children will also be able to save their work onto their own network area. We have also downloaded a number of Apps which support phonics, reading and maths. By the end of this academic year I hope to put some examples on the school's new website.

### GOVERNORS

We are sorry to announce that Jason Speck is leaving the school governors. We would like to thank him for his contribution and enthusiasm over the last few years. The nomination letter will be sent out on Monday in order that we can start the process of electing a new parent governor.

### REMINDER

I would like to remind parents/carers that we open our doors at 8.45am every morning which provides an opportunity for any discussion you may wish to have with the class teacher. When the bell rings at 8.57am this is a signal for all parents/carers to leave the classroom as the class teacher needs to start the class register at 9am, and begin teaching at 9.05am. I would ask that all parents/carers co-operate in this matter. If you do need more time to talk to the class teacher, then please make an appointment.

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 15<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> April for the classes is as follows:

Elm	92.4%	Rowan	95.2%
Willow	93.2%	Cedar	96%
Oak	96.1%	Lime	98.7%
Sycamore	97.2%	Larch	96.2%
Maple	98.2%	Lilac	96.2%
Spruce	95%	Holly	97.3%
Alder	93.8%	Cherry	97.9%

### HALF TERM IDEAS

#### "A Week of Jammin' Recordin' and Giggin"

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May & Finale Gig; Sat 1st June

Rock School UK is a 5 day musical experience for 10 - 16 year olds (inclusive) & for any instrument & any ability!

Our holiday courses provide a platform for young people to progress with their music skills whilst learning from a whole host of new experiences. Each participant will write original material, record a CD and play at a top, national Live Music Venue; the Wardrobe, Leeds - a fantastic reward for any budding Rock Star! Everyone will work with musicians of a similar age and ability... and it doesn't have to be Rock Music - You choose the music you want to play. Participants will have the opportunity to;

- Form a new band with like minded people of their own age and interests
- Learn how to play songs by their favourite artists
- Write their own, brand new material
- Record all their work in a professional recording studio
- Discuss career/education options within the music industry
- Perform with their new band for all their friends and family at a major music venue in Leeds City Centre, the [Wardrobe](#), Leeds

All Rock School UK time and work can be submitted towards BTEC and GCSE modules. During the week, participants are tutored and mentored by a team of professional musicians and practitioners, led by former Nightmares on Wax drummer, and Rock School UK Director, Isaac Heywood. Isaac's experience within the music industry is extremely extensive, having played with artists as varied as Meat Loaf, Angie Stone, Lee Ryan, Omar, Corrine Bailey Rae, and headlined many festivals including The Big Chill and Glastonbury.

For all Rock School UK price information or to [sign up](#) a Rock School UK course, please visit [www.rockschool.uk.com](http://www.rockschool.uk.com)

NEWSLETTER

## **CURRICULUM**

### **RECEPTION**

Last week, Reception classes enjoyed a fantastic day visiting Tropical World and Roundhay Park. We saw many interesting creatures and learnt lots of information about our topic of mini-beasts. We certainly won't forget how hot we were in Tropical World, the fun we had playing games in the park or the search we had for mini-beasts in the wood. We had a long, tiring walk back to school!

This week we have continued our topic by making visits to the school pond to look for tadpoles and learning about the life cycle of frogs.

### **FABIAN HAMILTON**

"On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Mr Hamilton the MP came and talked to us. We asked him questions about his job. One of the questions was 'are you thinking about making more school places?' It was really interesting talking about his job because he was explaining what he does as an MP and why it is important. Mr Hamilton also told us that he rode his bike from Leeds to Berlin. Another question was 'is your job hard or easy?' What he said was that it was a hard job but he enjoyed it because it's improving Leeds." Written by Husna Hussain in Holly class.

### **SPORTS EVENT**

On Tuesday two of our pupils, Zofeer and Juwayriyah, attended a disabled sports event at Leeds Carnegie. They took part in boccia and curling and had a great time. Hopefully they will both be invited to represent Leeds in further competitions taking place in July. Well done Zofeer and Juwayriyah!

### **YEAR 2**

As part of their current topic 'Where would you like to live?' the Year 2 children are making visits to Oakwood to look at the amenities available in the area. They looked at the shops, restaurants and library and discussed whether there was a green area and if it was a nice place to live. Next month they will be making a trip to Scarborough to compare the areas.

## **PSA NEWS**

### **FUN RUN**

It is great to see that so many families have signed up for the Roundhay Primary Schools Run for Fun, taking place in Roundhay Park on Saturday 8 June. The deadline has passed for ordering t-shirts with the application form, but it is still possible to enter the run by returning the form to the school office anytime until the day before the race day. Alternatively, entrants can sign up on the day at the Park (slightly higher entry fee on the day).

Sponsorship forms, training plans and raffle tickets will be sent home with the children in the next few days for those that have already returned their forms. Please do encourage those not running to come along and support you at the event - there will be refreshments available!

If you have any questions as we get closer to the day, please speak to Louisa Riches or Michael Allen in the playground, or leave a message at the school office.  
Thanks.