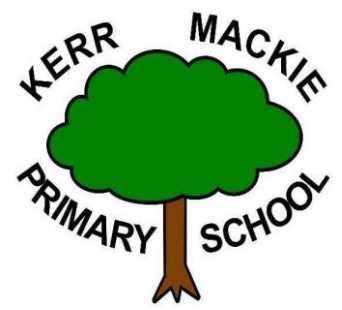


KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

14th June 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy term this is turning out to be for everyone! Last week Mrs Ronicle went with Cherry Class (Y6) to their residential at Herd Farm. All the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved the multitude of activities on offer. The glorious sunshine during the visit was most welcome and surprisingly lasted the whole week! This week was the turn of Holly Class, the other Year 6, to go out on their residential. We are sure that they too will thoroughly enjoy themselves and have an equally fantastic time.

On Monday Year 5 had their project exhibition 'Feel the Burn', during which the children showcased their learning using the fitness videos they created. Once again Kerr Mackie pupils demonstrated their abilities to be enthusiastic, innovative and confident in producing learning outcomes of a high quality.

We have also had the work of Year 1 exhibited this week. The children showcased all their learning about the local area and I was particularly impressed with their knowledge of the history of Oakwood clock and how well they could articulate and impart that knowledge. Here are some of the feedback comments we have had from the parents who attended the event;

"Wow!! Such amazing work! Well done Yr 1 – you have taught me lots!!"

"Great exhibition, good presentation and great learning experience for children."

"This was a brilliant exhibition, fantastic reading, lovely pictures and fabulous biscuits!!"

"Fantastic event, the children were all so professional. Lovely to have home grown, homemade food, wonderful introduction, presentation and then brilliant activities explained by the children."

Mrs Maqsood-Shah, Deputy Headteacher

INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 20th May to 7th June for the classes is as follows:

Elm	98.1%	Rowan	98.1%
Willow	94.8%	Cedar	96.2%
Oak	80.8%	Lime	95.7%
Sycamore	90.6%	Larch	92.4%
Maple	93.5%	Lilac	94.1%
Spruce	90.7%	Holly	97.8%
Alder	97.4%	Cherry	98.7%

Please note that we have had an outbreak of chicken pox which has affected attendance over the last couple of weeks, particularly in KS1.

REMINDER

School closes for the summer holidays on Tuesday 23rd July this year. Therefore all children are expected to attend school as normal on the Monday and Tuesday.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We would like to welcome Mrs Amy Hawley to the school's board of Governors. Mrs Hawley has been elected as our new parent governor and will take up her role with immediate effect.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again we have a huge amount of lost property in the parent's room. Any items not collected by Friday 21st June will be disposed of so please check if you have mislaid anything.

TRIP MONEY

Please can we remind parents to send in trip money in either an envelope or securely wrapped in the permission slip with the trip details and pupil name on the outside. The money is brought up to the office in the registers by the children and on some occasions it all gets mixed together and it is hard for us to keep a track of who has paid. Please also ensure that the permission slip is fully completed and signed. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 5

Year 5 pupils enjoyed a great day out at Leeds University where they investigated Chinese textiles. They also had the opportunity to discuss higher education and university life with students. Leeds University staff and students were very impressed with the behaviour and positive attitude of our children. They have invited us back for further workshops.

YEAR 2

"On Tuesday 4th June, Year 2 went to Tropical World. We walked all the way there and back. When we got to Tropical World we saw the nocturnal animals. We all enjoyed looking at the animals including the fruit bats. Inside Tropical World it was hot like the sun. At the end we had a drink sitting outside in the gardens." Written by Luqmaan Ali and Malaika Ishtiaq.

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 5

On Monday night, Year 5 Larch and Lilac classes had the premiere of their fitness video "Feel the burn". Their project was to produce a fitness programme for busy families. The children worked in small groups to produce various fitness routines to improve their strength, flexibility and cardio-vascular health. They learnt all about the effects of exercise on the human body and used that information to write explanation and persuasive scripts. They combined this knowledge and the skills of editing and filming to produce a 25 minute video using our new iPads.

A selection of the comments left by parent/carers were:

"Wow! I never did that at primary school. Kids know so much about today's technology and good to see the fitness video for all the family to do."

"What a fantastic way of learning. Well done on all the work that's been put into this."

"Thank you for a wonderful show. What a fabulous idea! Technology has move so fast since I was at school. Well done to all for putting in such a great effort – excellent!"

SPORT

YEAR 5 RUGBY TOURNAMENT

On Thursday last week the under 10's rugby league team played their first match. They competed in a tournament against Adel Primary, Queensway Primary and Shire Oak Primary school. The children ran hard and tackled with great determination. They took no prisoners!! There were many notable performances in particular Kaele Pemberton-Williams and Rachel Grady, who was the only girl in the team but didn't shy away when it came to tackling opponents who were considerably bigger than the average Year 5! Well done to everyone. Mr Stout is currently trying to arrange more matches for the under 9's and 10's.

YEAR 4 CRICKET DRAX TOURNAMENT

This Monday a group of Year 4's took part in the above tournament with six other teams. Our children played really well and had good coordination skills and learnt a lot about team building. We came fourth on this occasion but the children had a really enjoyable day.

PSA

ROUNDHAY PRIMARY FUN RUN

Well done to all the runners on Saturday 8 June at the Run for Fun - you all did fantastically. As you may know, Kerr Mackie stole the show in the 5K - 1st place was George Sutcliffe (Yr 5), 3rd place Eddie Hunter (Yr 6), 4th place Tom Whelan (Yr 5) and 5th place Daniel Wilson (Yr 5), so a big cheer for them. Thanks go to the volunteers that helped marshall the route on the day; Steve Worrall for his general brilliance before and during the event; and all the donations/raffle prizes received (from Kerr Mackie parents this included water and bananas from Tesco - thanks to Amy Hawley, raffle prizes from the Wardrobe - thanks to Annie Connolly, and the Stew and Oyster bar). Kerr Mackie would also like to thank Louisa Riches and Michael Allen for all their hard work in coordinating this event. The event also raised lots of money for the PSA which will be spent on sports equipment.

There was an official photographer on the day who is a dad at Talbot School. He took some great photos and these can be purchased at www.simon-k-allen.smugmug.com/funrun2013. The photos are arranged in files according to numbers. For those that didn't put their number on the front of their t-shirt / lost their number on the day, etc. there is a folder for numbers not identified. You can contact Simon through his website with any questions.

Finally, please bring the sponsorship money that you have raised in to school as soon as you can, marked for the attention of Louisa Riches. If paying by cheque, make it payable to Kerr Mackie PSA. If you have any comments about what worked well or how the event can be improved upon for next time please let us know.

SUMMER FAIR - 29TH JUNE 2013, 11:00AM - 3:00PM

The Summer Fair is fast approaching and we are very excited about some of this year's new stalls and attractions! Posters will soon be appearing on all the noticeboards around school, so please do take a look. In addition to the traditional stalls, there will be a bouncy castle, birds of prey, tug of war, the Great Kerr Mackie Bake-Off, a barbecue, Asian food, soak the teacher, pocket money toys, chocolate fountain, musical performances by the children and much, much more! There will also be lots of activities for the children to take part in, with visits from the Leeds Circus Club, Roundhegians Rugby Club, John Davison (football coach) and the fire brigade. Let's hope the weather is kind!

As always, we need your help to ensure the Fair goes with a swing. If you can spare half an hour or longer **volunteering** on a stall, it would be greatly appreciated.

We also need **donations** of second-hand toys, books and teddies (which we shall be collecting during the week before the Fair) and, of course, cakes and biscuits for our cakes cafe (to be brought to the office on Friday 28th June or directly to the cafe on the Saturday morning of the Fair).

If you see yourself as something of a Star Baker, then why not enter our **Summer Fair Bake-Off**? Please look out for the separate posters around school and pick up an entry form from the office. Winners will be announced at the Fair. There is a category for children to enter, too, so...get baking!!

There will also be another opportunity at the Fair to buy freshly laundered, second-hand uniform at very reasonable prices. If you have any items of school uniform that your child has perhaps outgrown but which are still in good condition and which you would like to donate, then please bring them to the office as soon as possible. Remember to visit our **Pre-Loved Uniform** stall on the day and invest in uniform for September at a fraction of the usual cost!

NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

A PSA letter has recently been sent home about this. Please bring your donations for the Summer Fair tombolas (as outlined in that letter) to school on non-uniform day. Thank you.

PSA MEETING - TUESDAY 18TH JUNE

The next PSA meeting will take place on Tuesday 18th June at 2:00pm, when we shall be finalising arrangements for the Summer Fair (meet by the office). Please do come along and lend a hand.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. Rachel Wilson (PSA Chair)