

# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

## **KERR MACKIE ARE OFF TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT!!!**

Some of our Year 6 pupils, with the support of Mrs Harrand and one of our parents, Sharon Middleton, entered a competition called 'Lights, Camera, Parliament.' For the competition the children had to put a case together for a new law they believed the House of Commons should debate.

Year 6 put forward two laws: '20 mile per hour speed limit within 100 metres of all schools' and 'Inspections for school meals'. Both entries have been chosen as the winning entry in their category!!!

To celebrate this success the children have been invited to go to Parliament for the day. The day will begin with a behind the scenes tour of the Palaces of Westminster followed by a unique opportunity, hosted by the Lord Speaker, for the winners to meet Members of the House of Lords. We will then head over to the British Film Institute to attend an awards presentation and special showcasing event.

WOW! Kerr Mackie children really are talented and I am sure you will join me in congratulating them. Please read further on for more examples of how talented our children are:  
Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

## **CURRICULUM**

### **FARM TO FORK**

"On 4<sup>th</sup> March the Food Ambassadors went on a trip to Tesco because we were learning about how food that farmers have grown gets to our forks – this is called 'Farm to Fork!'. Firstly we went to the bakery and we saw how the bread was made. The baker showed us the different jobs that people do in the bakery. He also told us what ingredients there are in the bread. They make 140 loaves of bread a day and 1000 rolls a day! We were allowed to decorate some pastries and we helped to make the bread.

After that we went around the aisles of Tesco spotting fruits and vegetables that match the colours in the rainbow. Later on our guide showed us where the meat and vegetables are stored. We saw all the storerooms and the chiller. Soon after we went upstairs to the staff café and we had biscuits, berries and juice.

Finally we went to the fishmongers and we saw the fishmonger slice open the fish, take out the insides and then give it to a customer (obviously she washed her hands). We left Tesco with a goody bag each containing activities for us to do all about food together with the pastries that we had made in the bakery. I loved the trip to Tesco, it was really fun and educational!" Written by Saskia Carter.

### **YEAR 3 VISIT TO THE ART GALLERY**

"On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we took a three hour trip divided into two parts. Firstly, we looked at all the beautiful paintings and sculptures. We looked at old paintings which are almost as old as World War 1! There were also modern paintings and sculptures which were made this year. After the first part of our trip we went into the Education Room and we met Mrs Phillips. We all sat down in a circle and discussed what we were going to do. Then we turned the lights off and put torches on and made shapes with our bodies. Our partners then drew round the shadows we made." Written by Hannah Currie and Ellie Keeble in Rowan class.

### **RECEPTION VISIT TO ST LEONARDS FARM**

Reception had an exciting time at St Leonards Farm on Wednesday. Children commented "It was awesome!" They saw lots of animals and had the opportunity to stroke them during a talk with Farmer James. They had a fun session in the play barn and enjoyed exploring dark tunnels through the bales of straw.

### **YEAR 6 CYCLE TRAINING**

"From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Holly and Cherry class had two experts on road bike safety come in. They taught us how to check our bikes and be safe whilst on the road. We cycled round and round the playground, practising checking behind and putting our hands out indicating to show where we were turning. Most of us passed and we can't wait for the next session as we enjoyed it so much." Written by Stan Ellison.

NEWSLETTER

## INFORMATION

### COFFEE MORNING

There will be a coffee morning for parents/carers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the parent's room.

### EMAILS SENT FROM SCHOOL

Please note that the website from which we send texts and emails is not linked to any staff members' own email and is therefore not checked on a regular basis. Therefore we would ask that you do not reply to this email and instead use the office email: [office@kmps.org.uk](mailto:office@kmps.org.uk) or telephone on 3368499. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have a large amount of lost property which has not been claimed together with two pairs of glasses. If you are missing an item please check the box in the parent's room as it will all be disposed of on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Please note that the glasses are in the school office for safe keeping.

### TOILET TWINNING

Year 6 would like to say a massive thank you to all those of you that have bought stationery, raffle tickets and T-shirts over the past week. We raised £250 from that alone, and are now storming towards our target! We are having a fundraising day on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March on which we will have stalls with games and activities, and an Easter Egg auction for KS2.

We are also spending the day bag packing at Tesco on Roundhay Road, from 10-1pm on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> March. We're hoping to raise lots from that.

Using their own initiative, some of the Year 6 children have also undertaken private challenges to raise sponsorship. Two girls, Ruby and Izzy, have raised over £120 from a sponsored hockey drill - a fabulous effort!

As ever, if you want to get involved, donate, or just chat more about the charity, then please get in touch with Mrs Harrand, Year 6. Also, please keep an eye out for any other future events - and thanks again for all of your generosity. Year 6.

### SPORT RELIEF

It's that time again!! On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March the children will be raising money for Sports Relief 2014 by wearing sporty clothes for a donation of £1 to the charity. We will be having a sports/activity day for pupils from Reception to Year 6. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us as we plan to have activities both outside and in. Official Sport Relief wristbands will go on sale from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March priced at £1. Thank you for your support.

### FOR SALE

We have 2 black faux leather office chairs for sale at £10 each. They are in excellent condition and proceeds will go in the school fund. Please speak to a member of the office team if you are interested.

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 24<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> March for the classes is as follows:

Elm	94.9%	Rowan	97.9%
Willow	98.2%	Cedar	94.3%
Oak	96%	Lime	96.7%
Sycamore	97.5%	Larch	96.6%
Maple	98.5%	Lilac	98.5%
Spruce	99.1%	Holly	97.3%
Alder	95%	Cherry	99.1%

Some really great attendance figures here. Let's keep it up!

## SPORT

### FOOTBALL

"On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8 pupils took part in a girl's football tournament at Alwoodley Primary School playing against 6 schools. We won four matches, drew one and unfortunately lost one. We thoroughly enjoyed playing against other schools and we are looking forward to further events." Written by Aissa Grierson and Amber Curtis.

### NIAMH BEST – YEAR 5

Niamh has recently taken part in the British Open Championship for karate and kickboxing and she came home with a Bronze medal. This meant that she was asked to join the England Squad and compete in the World Championships taking place in Portugal in November. Well done Niamh and good luck from all at Kerr Mackie!!

## PSA

### FUN RUN

Hold the date!!

This year's Roundhay Schools Fun Run is being held on 7<sup>th</sup> June in the morning. This is a great event for all of the family and a good excuse to get outdoors and do some exercise with your friends and family. As in previous years there will be a 1km race followed by a 5km race for parents and older children. Last year there were over 150 entries from Kerr Mackie and we raised over £600 for the school. It would be great to see even more Kerr Mackie children and their parents at this year's event. If you have any questions regarding the fun run please see Michael Allen or Louisa Riches in the playground or email michaelallen66@aol.com

Remember, the majority of correspondence is now being sent home via email so please check your inbox on a regular basis. Thank you.

**Don't forget to drop your Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers into the box by the office. We have a wish list of items we would like to get so any vouchers you have would be appreciated.**