

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

14th November 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to thank all the parents and carers who attended the PSA winter fair meetings last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you willing to offer to help and I am delighted that the fair is going ahead on Friday 5th December.

Over the years the PSA has provided some fantastic events for all to enjoy and the money that has been raised benefits the children in many ways. The new kitchen which the PSA contributed towards is a huge success and the children are really enjoying baking. This week the Reception children have been making gingerbread biscuits which proved very popular and created a lovely aroma through school!

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Children in Need appeal today by wearing their pyjamas and 'bed hair'. Particular thanks to the girls in Rowan class who baked buns to sell. We have been 'tweeting' to BBC Children In Need today so fingers crossed our name appears on the programme tonight! We will let you know the total raised on Twitter and in our next newsletter.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

CURRICULUM

YEAR 2 TRIP

"First we got on the coach to the Thackray Medical Museum. Then we looked at the bones which were covered in fake soil. When we picked up the bones they were hard and we pretended to be archaeologists. Next we went in a room where there are old medicines and diseases. After we had lunch we went to the workshop where there was a lady called Florence Nightingale. We dressed up as porters and nurses and a soldier came and he was hurt. He was from the Crimean war and we put bandages on him and learnt about the changes Florence Nightingale made to hospitals." Written by Husnain Ali in Spruce and Mahir Miah in Maple class.

NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIAN AWARD

"On Tuesday 11th November, four Year 6 pupils, Toby Evans, Zoe Hunter, Adella Morton and Joash Webster went to Explore Learning Centre to compete in a national maths competition. We had to solve many complex maths problems. Our main investigation was to make a closed shape with 32 lines that fitted with the rules and the description given. As it was only the first round only one other school was there, Chapel Allerton. We performed well and tried our hardest and shall find out soon if we have progressed to round two. If we do not, we still had an entertaining experience but we do hope that we have made it!" Written by Zoe Hunter and Adella Morton in Year 6 Cherry class.

MATHLETICS

Well done to Mr Stout's Lilac class who are 15th in the Mathletics top UK classes hall of fame. Congratulations also to Amman Khalid and Nitasha Mustafa in Holly class who are in the top 100 pupils. Well done everyone and let's see if we can get some more names in the top 100!

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S TAKEOVER DAY

Next Friday we will be taking part in 'takeover day'. KS2 pupils have been given the opportunity to apply to shadow a member of staff for the day and be involved in decision-making. Children benefit from the opportunity to experience the world of work and make their voices heard. The school council members will look through the applications and decide who has been successful. We will let you know how the day goes!

LOOK AROUND SCHOOL – RECEPTION INTAKE NEXT SEPTEMBER

Due to popular demand and additional parents wanting to look around school we have put on an extra date. Mrs Ronicle will be showing parents around and answering any questions you may have on Wednesday 19th November at 4pm. If you would like to attend please leave your name with the office and if you know of anyone who has a child due to start school next year please let them know this will be the final opportunity. Thank you.

YEAR 6 CHARITY

This year Year 6 have decided that they will be supporting the Free the Children charity and they are aiming to adopt a village. Next week they will be bunching up some sprigs of Rosemary for sale at the end of the school day on Thurs and Fri and the same days the week after. If anyone else has any surplus herbs/other produce they might want to donate please see a member of the Year 6 staff. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER

INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS HALF TERM

Monday 17 th November	Nursery parents evening	
Tuesday 18 th November	Individual & family photographs being taken	
Wednesday 19 th November	Prospective reception parents to look around school	4pm
Tuesday 25 th November	Reception parents evening appointments	3.30-6pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Reception parents evening appointments	3.30-6pm
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 5 exhibition for parents	
Thursday 27 th November	Year 2 exhibition for parents	
DECEMBER		
Thursday 4 th December 2.45pm	Year 1 exhibition for parents	
Friday 5 th December after school	PSA Winter Fair	
Monday 8 th December 2.45pm	Year 3, 4 & 5 Christmas lights switch on	
Tuesday 9 th December 2.45pm	Year 6 tea dance	
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	Reception concert	
Friday 12 th December 9.30am	Year 1 & 2 Christmas concert	
Monday 15 th December 2.45pm	Year 4 exhibition for parents	
Monday 15 th December 2.45-3.15pm	Nursery PM Christmas concert	
Tuesday 16 th December 11.15-11.45am	Nursery AM Christmas concert	
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 Christmas parties	
Thursday 18 th December	Nursery, Reception & KS2 Christmas parties	
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas	

HALLOWEEN NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to all the parents/carers who donated at our Halloween non-uniform day. We raised £274.60 for school funds and the children looked fantastic.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 20th October to 7th November is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	92.7%	Alder	98.3%	Holly	97.3%
Willow	98%	Rowan	97%	Cherry	97.3%
Oak	96.4%	Cedar	98.4%		
Sycamore	97.9%	Lime	99.3%		
Maple	96.5%	Larch	98.2%		
Spruce	96.7%	Lilac	96.8%		

There are some fantastic attendance figures here again – let's keep it up!

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

Our Christmas postbox will shortly be arriving by the school office. Children are welcome to post their Christmas cards in there and they will be distributed by our School Assistants at lunchtime. Please ensure that the children's name and class is clearly marked on the envelope.

MORRISONS VOUCHERS

If you have any Morrisons Let's Grow vouchers please bring them into school early next week. We need to place our order and submit the vouchers at the end of the week. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CD CASE

One of our parents has found a black case containing children's CDs on Gledhow Lane. If it is yours please let the office know and we will arrange for it to be returned to you.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

"On Monday 10th November, we had our first round of the Moran Cup, we played Moortown Primary School at home. After an eventful match the score at full time ended up 0-0, which meant we had to go to extra time. Harry scored the first goal, followed by a second goal minutes later. Ishraq scored the third goal, making it 3- 0 after 5 minutes of extra time. In the last 30 seconds, with players scrambling on the ground, Moortown managed to somehow score. We won 3-1, we are now through to the second round of the Moran Cup." Written by Ollie Day and Harry Sutcliffe in Year 5.

ATHLETICS

Last night Kerr Mackie finished 2nd in their group stage of the first round of indoor athletics. They are now through to the second round. Every child performed to their best ability and we came either 1st or 2nd in every track event. The atmosphere was electric and thank you to all those parents who came and supported the team. We are all very excited and looking forward to the next round.

PSA

WINTER FAIR - 6th DECEMBER, 3:30-5:30pm



Yes, it really is that time of year again! The Winter Fair is fast approaching and, as ever, the PSA needs your help to make it spectacular! If you are able to help on a stall, even if for just half an hour, please contact Philippa Lamb or Veena Murray (via the playground / office) in the first instance, or sign up directly to a stall rota (these will be in circulation soon). Please let us know your availability as early as possible, as this assists us greatly with prior planning!!

The PSA will soon also be seeking donations of the following, please:

- Good quality food/ drink/ chocolates/ festive decorations/ toiletries for the raffle/ hampers/ tombola;
- Small gifts for the Secrets Room, e.g. candles/ toiletries/ jewellery (new or nearly new, please);

- Pre-loved books, toys and teddies;
- Baskets/ boxes for hampers;
- Christmas wrapping paper;
- Cakes/ biscuits/ mince pies for the cafe (please bring to school on the morning of the fair).

We shall be collecting all donations in the portakabin during the week commencing Monday 2nd December. Thank you for your continued support.

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@KerrMackieP](https://twitter.com/KerrMackieP)