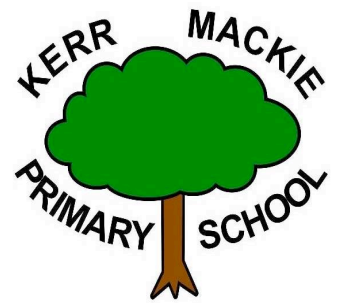


KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL



16th November 2012

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 5

Year 5 made an amazing Ancient Greek museum to show their learning from last half term. The children exhibited many aspects from Ancient Greek life, this included drama, democracy, children's life, daily life, warfare, food and geography. Also children performed dramas relating to their chosen topic. Lots of parents attended and they really enjoyed seeing the children's learning.

A selection of the comments left by parents were:

"A fantastic approach to learning. Enjoyed it a lot. Engaging and fun."

"Well done everyone. The enthusiasm of the children was infectious."

"Fantastic! Really interesting and the children loved taking part. Thank you!"

"Amazing – hard to take it all in. What a fantastic way of showing all they've learnt."

YEAR 4

"On Thursday 8th November, Year 4 Cedar and Lime set up a museum about Ancient Egypt. It took place in the school hall. The children had been learning about the Egyptians so they wanted to show their parents what they had learnt. The children did most of the work themselves. They did lots of different jobs such as showing parents hieroglyphics and some were helpers. It was a great success and it all went very well." Written by Amy Wilkinson in Cedar class.

Parents left the following comments after the event:

"Fantastic museum. All the children were wonderful."

"Excellent. The children were so engaged in their learning."

"Great idea and the children and parents seem to enjoy the experience. More of this would be much appreciated. Well done!"

YEAR 3

"On the Viking Experience day there were lots and lots of stalls. There was the Viking jewellery and people dressed up. There was a girl dressed as Freya and two boys dressed as Thor and Loki. There were also the frost giants who are the gods of the Vikings. There was also a stall called the long house group and it had a farm, little farm animals and a long house. We also had a table where we gave parents little pieces of bread. We did a play which was very funny, but best of all we acted out a war. I can't explain how good the war was! I think that the parents enjoyed everything that we had put together." Written by Tasneem El-Mesallati and Ruqaiyah Ali in Alder class.

A selection of comments left by visitors were:

"Wow!"

"Amazing – best thing I've ever seen at a school and not like when I was at school."

"Fantastic – what a lot of work. Very impressed!"

"What a fabulous idea! Fantastic work by staff and children. Congratulations. A super event – very enjoyable."

YEAR 2

"On Tuesday we had our Year 2 Great Fire of London museum. I was in the play. I was Samuel Pepys, digging a hole for my wine and cheese in the back garden. There were lots of parents at our museum and they had to get a ticket and a leaflet. They had a little play on the computers. There was a quiz game. We shared all our learning with the parents. We really enjoyed our museum and feel very proud." Written by Raihaanah Hussain in Maple class.

A selection of comments left by visitors were:

"Absolutely fantastic. The children are so knowledgeable and confident."

"Amazing exhibition – what a lot of hard work. Well done Year 2!"

"This is the best museum I have ever been to! I really enjoyed learning from the Year 2 experts."

"So much work and attention to detail. Lovely to meet all the children – each of whom was excited and knowledgeable. A lovely experience for everyone. Thank you to the staff."

PLANETARIUM

On Monday, the Planetarium visited school and the children in Year 1 and 5 gained first-hand experience of seeing all the different planets in the galaxy. They were also shown all of the different constellations and the gentleman explained the Greek stories behind these. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

NEWSLETTER

WORLD ANIMAL DAY

The children enjoyed a great performance by some of the pupils of Roundhay High School who brought a very large but extremely gentle dog with them! The winners of the competition were Saskia Carter in Maple class who wrote a lovely poem and Lily Furness in Cedar class who made a fantastic mask. Well done everyone who took part, we were very impressed with the quality of the entries. One of Saskia's winning poems was:

CATS

Cats are cheeky, cats are cool
Cats don't like to swim in the pool.
Cats don't like to have a sweet,
All they need is a little cat treat.
Cats get sleepy after a treat,
All they need is a little sleep.
They sleep on beds, they sleep on chairs, cats will even sleep on stairs!
Cats like chasing after mice,
They think mice taste very nice.

SPORT

On Saturday 10th November, Kerr Mackie's Year 6 football team took part in the Leeds FA schools tournament at St Theresa's in Crossgates. The tournament included many of the best school teams from around the city and the competition was of a very high standard.

Although on this occasion we did not make it through to the knockout rounds the team learnt a lot from the event to improve their performance in the future.

Kerr Mackie's athletics team will be participating in Round 2 of this year's Sportshall Athletics competition next Monday at David Young Community Academy. We are all incredibly excited to compete and feel confident that we can progress into the next round of the plate completion.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

Please note any orders you wish to make for photographs need to be with the office by Monday 19th November. Any orders placed after this date will need to be posted directly to Tempest yourselves and delivery for Christmas will not be guaranteed. Thank you.

PSA

Winter Fair – Friday 7th December 3.30 – 5.30 pm

Our school Winter Fair is rapidly approaching. Come along and enjoy some tasty food and festive fun! There will be a brass band to get us in the festive spirit and a large café where you can enjoy the ever popular Asian food or perhaps a slice of pizza, baked potato or a mince pie and hot chocolate. You can buy gifts in the Secrets Room or maybe win one of the many fabulous raffle prizes. There will be lots of stalls and games for the children and of course Santa and the Snow Queen will be visiting!

To help make this a fantastic event, donations of the following would be very welcome:

- Good quality food, drink, chocolates, festive decorations and toiletries for the raffle, hampers and tombola
- Small gifts for the Secrets Room e.g. candles, toiletries, jewellery etc
- Second hand books, toys and teddies
- Baskets or boxes for hampers
- Wrapping paper please!
- Cakes, mince pies and biscuits for the café (please bring to the parents' room on morning of the fair).

Please bring all other donations to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you,
from the PSA

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation today for Children in Need. We will let you know the grand total raised in the next newsletter.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 22nd October to 9th November for the classes is as follows:

Elm	88.2%	Rowan	91.8%
Willow	86.9%	Cedar	92.9%
Oak	90.2%	Lime	92.8%
Sycamore	91.5%	Larch	91.2%
Maple	92.8%	Lilac	93.5%
Spruce	90.5%	Holly	90.3%
Alder	92.1%	Cherry	91.5%

These figures take into account Eid and therefore are lower than usual. Our target for attendance is 95%. Please help us to achieve this.