

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

18th May 2015



Dear Parent/Carer,
KERR MACKIE OUTSTANDING in so many ways!

Inspection!

Last Friday during their trip to Robin Hood's Bay, our Year 2 staff had an unannounced risk assessment check by Leeds City Council. A Manager was observing and monitoring them all day, checking that all risk assessments were followed and at the end of the day the staff were informed that they had been **outstanding**. This is fantastic news and testament to the hard work of our staff.

Lights, Camera, Parliament competition

Huge congratulations to Zoe Hunter, Ellen McHale and Mia Riches for coming **second** in the nationwide competition 'Lights, Camera, Parliament.' 55 primary schools entered the competition so this is a fantastic achievement. To enter the competition, children have to devise a law they think the government should adopt and create a film to portray the law. Zoe's, Ellen's and Mia's law was that the use of plastic bags should become unlawful and their film is entitled 'no more plastic bags.'

Congratulations to Adella Morton, whose entry was **highly commended**. Her law was that animal welfare should be taught as part of the national curriculum. The videos can be viewed on the school website home page.

Football final

Our Year 5 football team are through to the **Moran Cup Final** when they will play St Theresa's on Thursday 21st May.

Year 6 SATS

The Year 6 children (and staff) are breathing a huge sigh of relief now that the Year 6 SATS are over. I would like to say a huge well done to all the children who coped very well all week and also to the Y6 staff for helping the children to cope with what potentially could be very stressful. I would also like to thank all the staff who helped with the breakfasts the school put on for Year 6 and the staff who vigilated.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

TRAINING DAYS

Reminder: the training days for 2015-16 will be:

Wednesday 2nd September 2015 Thursday 17th September 2015

Monday 4th January 2016 Tuesday 5th January 2016

Monday 18th April 2016

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please can we remind parents/carers that school closes for the summer holiday on Tuesday 21st July 2015 and re-opens to pupils on **Thursday 3rd September 2015**. This is in line with Roundhay High School but will be different to most other schools in Leeds. A copy of the letter regarding this is available to view on our school website.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1 OAKWOOD CLOCK

We would like to share this lovely email with you which was received by the Year 1 teachers following the opening of Oakwood Clock on Saturday 2nd May:

Just wanted to say an extra big thank you for Saturday to you both. It was wonderful how you got your students to come and talk to local people and how you presented your beautiful work. I imagine there were loads of positive comments in your visitor's book. You are a great example of commitment to your local community and your pride in the student's work was obvious. Hope you enjoyed the day and thank you again for your contribution on the day and since we met earlier in the year. I have had a great team and I think we made it a day to remember for old and young alike. You have made the whole project a pleasure and I think we have surpassed our expectations of success in engaging our community. In addition we have met some lovely people and made some new friends, which is always a bonus.

I know Cllr Macniven will be writing to your Headteacher and Children's Services to say what a valuable contribution you made to Oakwood Day and in how you presented Kerr Mackie School in such a positive way.

Many Thanks again

Best Wishes, Edna

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 2 TRIP TO ROBIN HOODS BAY

"Last Friday (8th May) we went to Robin Hood's Bay because we wanted to find out about habitats at the beach. When we got there we had our lunch on the beach. After that we went and looked at the exhibition in the Old Coastguard Station, then we went paddling in the sea – it was colder than an ice cube! Later we went rock pooling and found crabs, seaweed and sea snails. We thought it was really fun because we got to see real life things." Written by Amna Ali and Alice Cook in Maple class.

INFORMATION

BREAKFAST CLUB

We would like to advise that the Governors have agreed a small increase to breakfast club charges to £2.30 per session from Sept 2015.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals for your child please take a look at the following information:

<http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 27th April to 8th May is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	97.2%	Alder	96.3%	Holly	98.8%
Willow	96.5%	Rowan	97.6%	Cherry	98.6%
Oak	91.1%	Cedar	100%		
Sycamore	95.9%	Lime	96.7%		
Maple	98.1%	Larch	98.1%		
Spruce	94.1%	Lilac	99.1%		

Well done Cedar class – fantastic achievement!

KERR MACKIE NURSERY

We have a few places available in our nursery from September 2015. Afternoon sessions are available 12.15-3.15pm and there are no fees to pay. If you have a child who will be 3 and are interested in a place please see a member of the office staff. If you have younger children and will want a place for them in the future please provide their details at the office in order that they can go on our waiting list.

CHEQUES

Please can we remind parents/carers that cheques for school trips should be made payable to Kerr Mackie Primary School and cheques for school milk or dinners payable to Leeds City Council. Thank you.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

"On Monday 11th May, Year 5 football team (Ollie Day, Hamza Qaisar, Oscar Speck, Harry Sutcliffe, Torrin Morton, Charlie Jamson, Umar Khawaja and Ishraq Ahmed) took part in the Moran Cup semi finals and won 3-1 against Holy Family Catholic School. They are now through to the FINAL!! After Harry scored a wonder goal it was 1-1 at half time. With a bit of motivation at half time we managed to take the lead after Torrin crossed a corner to the near post and Hamza managed to get a touch to make it 2-1. Holy Family had a corner then Harry headed it out to Ishraq who passed it to Hamza and he smashed it into the bottom corner to make it 3-1. The team will play St Teresa's in the final." Written by the Kerr Mackie football team.

RUGBY

We are delighted to let you know that we have been nominated for the Ben Bateson award. This award is for the promotion of rugby league in schools and fair play. Well done to the rugby team and staff involved.

FUN RUN – ENTRIES STILL WELCOME!

This year is the 10th year of the Roundhay Primary Schools Run for Fun. Come rain or shine this is a wonderful event to be involved with, either as a child or adult joining in with the run or as a marshal on the course giving support and encouragement. The money raised is split equally between all the organising schools, with sponsorship monies that our school raises going direct to our PSA funds. The run will take place at Roundhay Park on the morning of Saturday 20 June 2015. There is a 1km run and a 5km run, so something for all children and adults regardless of age and fitness level!

The entry form was emailed to you recently and copies are available from the school office. Completed forms and entry fees should be returned to the school office although you can enter on the day - details on the entry form. Running packs will be sent out nearer the time with t-shirts, running numbers and further information to all those that return their form and fees as directed. We look forward to seeing you on the day!
Louisa Riches and Michael Allen

Reminder: School closes on Friday 22nd May and re-opens on Monday 1st June.