

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd May 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope everyone enjoyed the recent Easter break. I was lucky enough to get away for a few days to La Rochelle, France. The weather was glorious and we managed to fit in some cycling, relaxation on the beach and fine dining (a bit too much!).

This half term our assembly theme is 'Relationships' and how we contribute to a range of communities. I reflected on this theme and realised how much our children already do, from fundraising for school, the restoration of Oakwood Clock, to raising money for families in the third world. Many of our pupils are very aware that there are children in parts of the world that are far less fortunate than them and, as a result, have been keen to organise events to raise money for charities such as Children in Need, Sport Relief and the less well known charity 'Toilet Twinning.' Only this week a group of Y6 pupils organised a 5km run round the fields of Roundhay Through School for the charity 'Toilet Twinning' raising £148.50 alone and getting closer and closer to their target of £2460.00. When this is achieved, they will have twinned every toilet in the school.

If you have the time, please come and look at the 'Toilet Twinning' display in the main entrance to find out more, and also to see one of the eighteen certificates that recently arrived from the charity to hang up on our toilet doors. Why 18? Because Y6 have already managed to raise enough funds to create 18 new latrines in the third world. The certificates even tell you where. The children will shortly be packing bags again in Tesco. If you see them please put a few coins in their buckets.

I cannot finish without mentioning the terrible tragedy this week that occurred at Corpus Christi Catholic College in Leeds; the fatal stabbing of Ann Maguire, one of their longest serving teachers. I have sent the pupils, staff and headteacher a card to express our sorrow and to let them know that they are in our thoughts. The Headteacher of the school states that the school has 'drawn an incredible amount of strength and comfort from all the amazing tributes and messages of sympathy and support that we have received from right across the country and indeed the world.' When something as awful as this happens, it does show how well communities are capable of supporting each other, and what a difference it can make.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

CURRICULUM

YEAR 1

On Tuesday 22nd April Sycamore and Oak visited Oakwood, where the children did observational drawings of Oakwood Clock and researched what buildings in Oakwood were used for. They also completed a traffic survey, looking at the type of vehicles that pass through Oakwood. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and are returning to Oakwood next week to visit the Co-op and the library.

YEAR 6

Lights, Camera, Parliament!

You may remember that Year 6 entered two teams into the national Lights, Camera, Parliament! competition. The idea was to invent a 'law' that you thought would benefit children and people in Britain. We entered the 'storyboard' and 'script' categories.....and won both!

The prize was a trip to London, to be taken on a tour of the Houses of Parliament and meet Baronesses, with whom we could discuss our laws. After a tasty lunch, we then performed our laws at the British Film Industry- and our local MP, Fabian Hamilton, was a surprise guest there to award us with our trophies!

It was an amazing day, and certainly made our voices and opinions feel valued.

YEAR 2

"On the 3rd April, Year 2 had a really exciting afternoon because it was our Grand Prix! Everyone was in a team and we designed and made a tee shirt to wear on the day. We were in The Golden Racing Legends and Blazing Hot Fires. We built our go-karts with Mr Pemberton. It was an exciting day for parents too as they were able to watch the races, visit the Science Zone and enjoy refreshments at The Pitstop Café. It was a brilliant day and we had fun cheering for our teams!"

Written by Arran and Milly in Maple class.

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 5

"On Wednesday 30th April, Year 5 went on a school trip to the Royal Armouries. At the Armouries we were able to handle World War 1 artifacts including grenades, rifles, cavalry swords, bayonets and much more. We learnt many facts about weapons and clothing, for example a machine gun can fire up to 250 bullets per minute. We also learnt that, at the beginning of the war, soldiers didn't have helmets. We really enjoyed ourselves at Royal Armouries and we now have a much better understanding of World War 1." Report by Adella Morton, Zahra Alam & Aniqah Kashem in Lilac class.



Alicia Stanley dressed up at The Royal Armouries

"On 30th April both Year 5 classes (Larch and Lilac) went to visit the Royal Armouries in Leeds. Whilst we were there we learnt about lots of different type of guns and weapons. It was really fun, especially when we held real life weapons." By Ruqayyah Bostan.

"Year 5 school trip to the Royal Armouries was great. They told us lots of interesting facts about different weapons used in WW1; some were for the trenches, some used in no-man's land. They had viscous clubs with glass, barbed-wire and nails lodged inside or some soldiers even hollowed them and re-filled them with lead, mainly from used bullets. The staff/historians described everything with great detail. We held lots of different weapons and even tried on the extremely itchy clothes, webbing and gigantic size 9 boots. We held the German Luga and saw the British Vicker in a display of the battle Passchendaele." By Luke Gillibrand.

And then.....

"On May 1st, Year 5 were treated to workshops about World War 1. This experience increased our knowledge on WW1. A group of people from Leeds University have volunteered to help us on our learning and they taught us about how the soldiers felt." By Shakayla, Iqra and Tia.

RECEPTION

Reception enjoyed a lovely visit to Tropical World this Wednesday. We saw lots of interesting animals and minibeasts. We particularly liked the meerkat – they were very entertaining!

INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 24th March to 25th April for the classes is as follows:

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| Elm | 87.3% | Rowan | 90.7% |
| Willow | 93.7% | Cedar | 93.3% |
| Oak | 92.3% | Lime | 93.6% |
| Sycamore | 97.4% | Larch | 97.6% |
| Maple | 94.6% | Lilac | 95.2% |
| Spruce | 96.3% | Holly | 95.6% |
| Alder | 97.3% | Cherry | 94.7% |

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE | EVENT |
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| Monday 5 th May | Bank holiday – school closed |
| Monday 12 th May 3.45-4.45pm | Football Yr 4 v Meanwood C of E at home |
| w/c Monday 12 th May | Year 6 SATS |
| Thursday 15 th May 3.45-4.45pm | Football (mix of ages) v Meadowfield at home |
| Saturday 17 th May 9-12.30pm | Roundhay school football tournament Yrs 4-6 |
| Monday 19 th May 9-3pm | Leeds NE Kwik Cricket few children from Yrs 5-6 |
| Monday 19 th May | Year 2 trip to Robin Hood's Bay |
| Wednesday 21 st May – Friday 23 rd May | Cherry class on residential at Herd Farm |
| Friday 23 rd May | School closes until Tuesday 3 rd June. (Monday 2 nd June is a training day for staff) |
| Wednesday 4 th June – Friday 6 th June | Holly class on residential at Herd Farm |
| Thursday 5 th June 3.30-5.30pm | Sports festival on Roundhay field Yrs 5-6 |
| Saturday 7 th June 10am | Roundhay Primary Schools fun run |
| Wednesday 11 th June 8.45-4.30pm | Reception trip to Scarborough Sealife Centre |
| Monday 9 th June 9-3pm | Leeds Drax Cricket Yr 4 at North Leeds CC |
| Thursday 12 th June 11.30-1pm | Queens baton relay – commonwealth games at John Charles Stadium |

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| Monday 16 th June 3.30-5.30pm | Girl's Kwik Cricket – come and try festival |
| w/c 16 th June | Year 6 cycle training |
| Thursday 19 th June | Year 4 trip to Doncaster Wildlife Park |
| Saturday 21 st June | PSA Summer fair |
| Sunday 22 nd June 12-5pm | Tour de Roundhay family cycle event at Roundhay school |
| Wednesday 25 th June 6pm | Meeting for parents of children starting Reception in September |
| Thursday 26 th June | Year 6 leavers disco |
| Friday 11 th July | Reports home to parents |
| Wednesday 16 th July 6.30pm | Year 6 production for parents/carers |
| Friday 18 th July | School closes until Wednesday 3 rd September |

TRAINING DAYS 2014/15

Please note the first three training days for the next academic year have been confirmed as:

Monday 1st September 2014

Tuesday 2nd September 2014

Wednesday 17th September 2014

The additional two training days will be confirmed shortly.

VEGETABLE CURRY BAKE OFF

We will be holding Kerr Mackie's first 'vegetable curry bake off' next Friday at 2.15pm in the parent's room. Further information will be sent home soon.

ROUNDHAY HIGH SCHOOL

The community classes at Roundhay High School are back this summer term. The 'Junior' courses are aimed at pupils in Yrs 5 & 6, offering a fabulous introduction to the school and the teaching staff, and acting as a great way of supporting transition to Roundhay or other secondary schools. The 'Adult' courses are very popular and run alongside their unique family courses. You can download the letter and application form from their school website:

<http://www.roundhayschool.org.uk/ourschool/community/communitylearning1>

Roundhay High are also holding a **Sport and Active Lifestyles Fair on Thursday 5th June 2014 5:30pm - 7:30pm:**

You are welcome to take part in sports taster sessions and watch sports demonstrations from local clubs. This is at Roundhay School and is *FREE*.

You will be able to find out what sports clubs and physical activity opportunities are available in our area, for all children, young people and adults. Families welcome. Refreshments available.

SPORT

RUGBY

Under 10's Burtons Rugby league cup

We were drawn in a local group comprising of Gledhow, Immaculate Heart, and St Augustines. We beat Gledhow 38-20 and just pipped Immaculate Heart 48-42 points. This means we have already qualified for the quarter finals without needing to win against St Augustines. Our next draw will be announced shortly and could take us to anywhere in Leeds.

Under 11's Watsons Rugby league cup

We were drawn against Immaculate Heart and we beat them 44-20. We were drawn against Garforth Green Lane Academy Primary, who are the current cup holders, and unfortunately lost 66-36 points. The opposition were IMMENSELY BIG!! Our team tackled their hearts out, played exceptionally well but the opposition were just a bit too good on this occasion. We will re-gather and look forward to our next event – the Culley Sevens Tournament in June.

PSA NEWS

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

Our Easter Mad Hatter's Tea Party at the end of last term was really well attended and a good time was had by all! A big thank you to everyone involved in the organising, artwork, decorations and baking and to all who helped out on the day – not forgetting the children who entered the hat decorating competition and everyone who simply came along and had fun! Takings on the day totalled just over £400.00

SUMMER FAIR, SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 2014, 11am – 3pm

The PSA is already starting to plan this year's Summer Fair extravaganza! The next meeting will be taking place at 2pm on Friday 9th May - please meet by the school office. Everyone is welcome to attend. We hope to see as many parents/carers as possible getting involved this term in what is the highlight of the school's social calendar!

BAG-2-SCHOOL

The next bag 2 school collection will take place on Thursday 8th May. Please donate 'good quality' clothing, pairs of shoes (tied together), bags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, underwear, belts and soft toys. Please return any items to school in the bag provided. Bin liners can also be used. Please return bags to outside the school office by 9am on Thursday 8th May. Some limited storage is available if anyone needs to bring their bags in on Wednesday 7th May after school. The previous collection in December raised £140 for our school so thank you to all who donated and let's hope we can raise lots more valuable funds this time.

ROUNDHAY PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUN FOR FUN ON SATURDAY 7 JUNE

You should have received an email last week regarding the forthcoming fun run. Copies of the registration form and sponsorship/training plan are available from the school office. Please send your completed registration forms to the school office with full payment of entry fees/raffle tickets by Tuesday 6th May. If you have any questions please speak to Louisa Riches, Michael Allen or the school office. Let's make this event as successful and enjoyable as last year!

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 6th May.