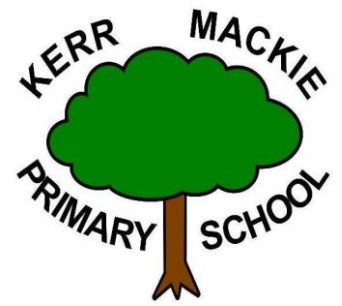


KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

24th May 2013



Dear Parent/Carer,

The Year 6 SATS are now completed and the children really rose to the occasion. They enjoyed having breakfast with their friends every morning but then really concentrated and remained focused during the tests. I would also like to thank the Year 6 staff who ensured everything ran smoothly and had prepared the children really well. They supported any child who felt slightly anxious but most children were confident and almost enjoying the experience. The SATS are a culmination of many years of hard work and we wish them well.

Reception children showed all the learning they have done this half term about minibeasts. An outdoor exhibition was put on and parents/carers were invited. The artwork and models were of a very high standard and the children confidently told us what they had learnt. One child brought in a wasp's nest and two dead beetles, luckily in jars with lids (and no wasps)! Please read more below.

In the last two days we have had reports of two separate cars approaching children on Shaftesbury Avenue and Thorn Lane. The first incident involved a silver car with a male driver of mixed race, bald and wearing black clothing. The second was a red car being driven by a white male with a grey hooded top. The Police are going to be visiting school today but please speak to your child if they walk home alone and advise them not to talk to strangers, to make a lot of noise and never to get in a car with someone they don't know.

INFORMATION

TRAINING DAYS

The five training days for the academic year 2013-14 have now been confirmed as:

Monday 2nd September 2013

Friday 13th September 2013

Monday 2nd June 2014

Monday 21st July 2014

Tuesday 22nd July 2014

If you look on the school website www.kerrmackie-primary-school.org.uk under 'quick links' – 'events calendar' you can see all the school holidays and training days for your convenience.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 29th April to 17th May for the classes is as follows:

Elm	96.9%	Rowan	96.9%
Willow	97%	Cedar	99.2%
Oak	97.5%	Lime	96.5%
Sycamore	96.1%	Larch	96.4%
Maple	97%	Lilac	96.1%
Spruce	97.4%	Holly	98.5%
Alder	96.7%	Cherry	99.9%

In the week beginning 6 & 13 May, 13 out of 14 classes had over 95% and one class had 100% for both weeks. We are particularly pleased with the improvement in Reception. Fantastic and keep it up. Every day is important for your child's success at Kerr Mackie.

BRASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday 6th June at 10.35am the children who have brass lessons in school will perform in an assembly to KS2 children. The parents of the children who will be performing are welcome to attend.

CURRICULUM

YEAR 3

"Last week a Buddhist nun visited Year 3 and we learnt a lot about the Buddhist faith. I really enjoyed doing the thank you cards and drawing the pictures for her. My class asked really good questions that we wrote on paper to ask her. The best bit was probably asking her questions and getting the answers. We thanked her very much for coming." Written by Georgina Reader in Rowan.

YEAR 6

"We entered the CLC and it was amazing. There were rooms full of Macs. We got to take clay/plasticine models before we went so we could make the stop start animation. You needed to have lots of patience to do the stop start animation. In the room of Macs we got to have a web cam, a Mac, our models and software to use. The software we used was called 'I can animate' and we had to move our models very slightly then take a picture with the web cam and so on. That's how we got our film. After we made our film we got a new software called 'iMovie'. 'iMovie perfected our movies; we added writing and sounds to the films. The software 'iMovie' was a lot harder to use. Overall it was a good experience and we've learnt a lot." By Sam Watson in Holly.

RECEPTION & NURSERY

Reception classes have produced a fantastic minibeast exhibition this half term. They are now experts having learnt lots of information in class which they presented to their parents this week. They also learnt many new skills including drawing, painting and producing 3D models of their chosen minibeast.

A few of the comments left by parents/carers are as follows:

"The minibeasts exhibition was wonderful – a credit to the staff and children – well done!"

"The exhibition was very well designed and it was good to see the children's progression."

NEWSLETTER

"I would just like to say that I attended the minibeasts exhibition this morning. It was excellent. The children were so well behaved and did a fantastic job it was a pleasure to watch. The teachers as usual worked wonders in order to organise and produce the exhibition. I would just like to take this opportunity to say how pleased I am that my child attends Kerr Mackie and how nice and welcoming and compassionate all the teachers are at all times."

SPORT

KWIK CRICKET FESTIVAL

On Monday 20th May a team of eight Year 6 pupils competed in the Kwik Cricket Festival. They all played very well but unfortunately we did not win this time. A good time was had by all and the rain held off!

YEAR 4 RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 21st May, Kerr Mackie took part in the Under 9's Woodlesford Rugby League cup for the first time. We were drawn in the hardest group (confirmed by the organisers!), but we progressed into the quarter finals where unfortunately we lost 2-1 to the winners of the other pool. Our team looked really smart in their new rugby kit and we will upload photographs to the school website shortly!
The Year 5's are playing another tournament in the first week back after half term.

YEAR 5

Congratulations to Daniel Wilson, Tom Whelan, Stan Ellison, Faheem Jhangir and Kaele Pemberton-Williams in Year 5 for winning the Under 10's Garforth Junior Football League Division B, with their team, North East Leeds, gaining promotion to Division A next season! The boys have trained tirelessly all season (and in all weathers!) for up to 3.5 hours per week, in addition to playing fixtures most weekends. They are very worthy Champions and have done North East Leeds and Kerr Mackie proud! Well done, boys!

WEST RIDING COUNTY FA FUTSAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday 18th May, Joe Gordon (Year 4) and several boys from Year 5 (Tom Whelan, Daniel Wilson, Luke Olsen, Harvey Hawley, Kaele Pemberton-Williams and Harry Small) represented Kerr Mackie in the Under 10's category at the WRCFA Futsal Festival at the International Futsal Arena in Leeds. Whilst the team weren't fortunate enough to make it through to the final stages of the Regional Youth Futsal Festival on 1st June, they played fantastically well against some very stiff competition from other Club teams and did themselves and Kerr Mackie proud.

A big thank you to John Davison, the after-school football coach, for entering them in the competition and for giving so generously of his time, enthusiasm and support.

PSA

EASY FUNDRAISING FOR KERR MACKIE

Every time you shop online you can now raise money for our school. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, click 'support a good cause' and search for 'Kerr Mackie Primary' (PSA) and follow the simple steps to sign up. Then start shopping using the links to over 2,000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis, M&S, Argos, Next, ASOS and more.

Every time you shop you will earn a donation to the school at no additional cost to you! If you have any questions ask for Sharon Middleton's contact details at the school office. (I've tested it and it was very simple! I simply went to Easy Fundraising, logged in, searched for what I wanted to buy and then made a purchase via the normal Amazon site using my normal Amazon account.)

ROUNDHAY PRIMARY SCHOOL'S FUN RUN

Only two weeks to go...

Until the Roundhay Primary Schools' Run for Fun!! We have a fantastic number of Kerr Mackie runners signed up - 145 including children and adults. Hopefully you are all enjoying your training and have started to secure some sponsors!

If anyone is able to volunteer to help marshal the event please leave your details at the school office for the attention of Louisa Riches. You would be needed from 9am on Saturday 8 June at Roundhay Park until the event comes to a close (approximately midday). Your help would be very much appreciated, particularly as so far we only have 4 marshals from Kerr Mackie.

<p>Reminder: School closes on Friday 24th May at the normal time and re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 4th June.</p>
