

# KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

It's very hard to write seriously when you're sitting with a witch's hat on your head and bats in your ears! The children all look amazing, we've got skeletons, ghosts, wizards, witches and Harry Potter in school today!

Thank you for all the effort you have made and the contribution to our fundraising this year. I have also had quite a few parents mention that they will be coming to our meeting about the school's Winter Fair which is brilliant. If you feel you can help in any way with the Winter Fair this year, we would love to see you. The meeting is on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the community room.

Mrs Bourne and I have spent the last couple of weeks interviewing some of the children for the position of School Council, Food Ambassador or School Recycling Team. We had some very enthusiastic candidates with lots of ideas, which made us very proud of the Kerr Mackie children. Please read below the children who were selected:

### **School Council**

Oscar Thomas, Alice Cook, Syka Gulfaraz, Maariyah Mahmood, Oscar Hiles, Sana Osman, Harriet Bottomley, Libby Hawley, Esther Ferreira, Ellie Keeble, Sara Asghar, Ishraq Ahmed, Edie Joyce-Hill, Nitasha Mustafa, Sara Lal and Satnam Kaur.

### **Food Ambassadors**

Gracie Hone, Adam Khan, Lois Middleton, Mohammed Khawaja, Laiyana Nessa, Hana May Qureshi, Huria Nawaz, Smiyia Ehsan, Grace White Edmonds, Malaika Ishtiaq, Zofeer Shabir, Keona Liburd-Maynard, Ruqayyah Bostan and Saraj Gul.

### **Recycling Team**

Ruqaiyah Ali, Saibah Mustafa, Saddiqua Ghori, Haleema Mahmood and Monica Grewal.

We also have a great team of School Assistants who help the office at lunchtime and teachers in their classrooms.

### **School Assistants**

Joe Gordon, Toby Evans, Zoe Hunter, Mia Riches, Ellen McHale, Celia Cottrell, Karina Kinel, Ruqaiyah Ali, Lily Furness, Amy Wilkinson, Maddie Greer, Harriet Greer, Ruqayyah Bostan, Nitasha Mustafa, Sara Lal, Niamh Best, Maya Hone, Alex Watson, Saibah Khan, Hafsa Farooq, Aniqah Kashem and Zara Haq

Keep your eyes open for our forthcoming Mackie Mags feature on cooking and gardening at Kerr Mackie. The Mackie mag team have been interviewing children and staff, videoing and taking photographs. The children will be showing their work in a school assembly and then it will be on our school website.

### **Mackie Mag Team**

Alex Watson, Lily Furness, Amy Wilkinson, Adella Morton, Edie Joyce-Hill, Torrin Morton, Shanin Islam, Maddie Greer, Safia Nasir and Zara Azam.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break and I look forward to seeing everyone in November.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

## **CURRICULUM**

### **YEAR 1 TRIP**

"We had a fantastic time at the railway museum. We really enjoyed sitting in the Bullet train and seeing how fast it can go. We got to learn lots about the Rocket train, did some exciting science investigations and even got to play on the fun adventure play park. It was so funny when Oliwier dressed up as George Stephenson because he had to wear a black top hat that was as tall as a skyscraper! Miss Boyne had to dress up too, she had to wear a bright red coat and a silly hat. We learnt so much about the history of trains and would definitely go again." Written by Amelie Salter and Alfie Edwards in Oak class.

NEWSLETTER

## YEAR 5 VISIT TO ROUNDHAY PARK

"On Monday the 13th October Larch Class walked to Roundhay Park. When we arrived, we met a man and a woman, who introduced themselves and asked us questions about trees and wildlife before our tour guide, who was called Dave, arrived. When he finally arrived, we quickly set off on our tour.

Firstly, we visited a huge oak tree and gathered seeds. Dave explained the tree to us. Then, we trekked into the woods and glanced at a Larch tree. After that, we travelled further into the woods and found a humungous Beech tree, where we collected lots of sweet chestnuts. Dave told us that lots of birds and animals love to eat sweet chestnuts, therefore they have spiky shells. After that, we travelled back to the tent and laid out all the seeds on a table, and then chose a seed each. Then we planted our seeds in a plant pot with compost. Then we travelled to a field and played some games with trees, as well as learning some more facts about trees. Finally, we walked back to school just before lunchtime." Written by Ollie Day in Larch class.

## INFORMATION

### MORRISONS LET'S GROW VOUCHERS

Once again we will be collecting the vouchers issued from Morrisons for the above campaign. Please drop your vouchers into the wheelbarrow by the office and help us to get some free items for our gardening in school.

### ATTENDANCE

The attendance per class for the period 6<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October is as follows. Please note that our attendance target is 95%.

Elm	89.2%	Alder	96.7%	Holly	93.9%
Willow	93.3%	Rowan	93.7%	Cherry	94.8%
Oak	94.3%	Cedar	94.5%		
Sycamore	93.7%	Lime	94.3%		
Maple	94.3%	Larch	93.7%		
Spruce	90.8%	Lilac	95%		

These figures are lower than normal due to the Eid celebrations.

### APPLYING FOR YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES TO START SEPTEMBER 2015

The deadline for applying for Y7 places for next year is 31 October 2014 and the on-line application system will close at midnight on that date for secondary applications (the on-line system will remain open for primary applications). Amy Vernon from the Choice Advice Service can support parents if you are struggling with the application process. Please contact [Choice.advice@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Choice.advice@leeds.gov.uk) or 0113 3951183.

Offer day is 2 March this year and parents who apply on-line will receive an email with their offer any time from midnight onwards. Parents who apply on a paper form will have their offer posted to them 2nd class on 2 March so may not receive this until later in the week.

### APPLYING FOR PRIMARY PLACES (RECEPTION) TO START SEPTEMBER 2015

The application process (including our on-line system) opens on 1 November 2014 and runs until the deadline of 15 January 2015. By the end of October, parents/carers should receive a letter and 'quick guide' from admissions inviting them to apply for a reception place.

### CHILDREN IN NEED DAY

We will be supporting the Children in Need appeal on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November and this year children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas and have a 'bad hair day'. A donation of £1 each will be required with all funds going to this worthwhile cause.

### CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION

St Andrew's Church in Roundhay is collecting toys, books, games, baby toys and teenage gifts for underprivileged children in Leeds. The gifts will go to St George's Crypt who work with homeless families and the Radio Aire Christmas Appeal. Any new or nearly new toys would be very much appreciated. Please bring them into school and the Church will collect them at the end of November.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Harvest Festival. The goods were very much appreciated by St George's Crypt who collected the items after our assembly.

### **CHARITY BABY & TOY SALE.**

We have been asked to advertise the following:

This event is being held locally and is raising funds for Joseph Lillywhite's Journey, part of NCCA (Neuroblastoma Childrens Cancer Alliance). Neuroblastoma is a rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer. The money raised will be used for accessing treatments not available in this country, funding research and supporting families affected. The event is a great opportunity for families to get a bargain with new and nearly new items for sale from babies to primary age children. The event is being held on 1st November, 2014 from 12 noon to 3pm at Moortown Baptist Church on King Lane. There are also taster sessions of music and dance plus games and a raffle to entertain the family. I thank you in eager anticipation as we have a target of £500,000 with our fundraising and are completely dependent on local support to stand a chance of meeting our target.

Sarah, On behalf of Joseph Lillywhite's journey.

### **SPORT**

#### **GIRL'S FOOTBALL MATCH V MEANWOOD**

"We kicked off, it was very cold and wet, not ideal conditions for a football match however, this didn't deter us. In the first half, we went 2-0 down and spirits were low. But Zoe came back fighting to put it to 2-1. After an inspirational half-time team talk, we gathered our thoughts, kept the same formation; we were ready for the second half. Not long into the second half, Ellen blocked Meanwood's corner, resulting in Zoe breaking through the defence and scoring the equaliser. With less than four minutes left, the pressure was on us to get the winning goal as we had had many chances and were definitely the better team in the second half. With an error from the goalkeeper, Zoe managed to pounce on the loose ball and score!"

Year 6 girls.

### **PSA**

A meeting will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am to see if we can get any parents/carers willing to help organise a Winter Fair this year. Please come along and let's see if we can make something happen for the children to enjoy – it would be such a shame for them to miss out!