

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

28th March 2014



Dear Parent/Carer,

This is our final newsletter for this term, but the term is certainly finishing with a 'bang', as on Tuesday April 1st ten of our pupils and three staff will be at the Houses of Parliament to collect the rewards for coming first in two of the categories of the competition 'Light, Cameras, Parliament.' Please read our previous newsletter for further information and look out for the photos on our website.

The other fantastic news is that our community room is having a complete refurbishment during the school summer holiday and a kitchen for children to use is to be installed. This has been an ambition I have had for the school for the last year and so I am really excited it is going to be in place for the next academic year. I would like to thank you for the contributions you have made as parents through our PSA events and school concerts as this has really helped towards funding the project.

Mrs Ronicle, Headteacher

CURRICULUM

CHICKS IN NURSERY

On Monday 17th March, nine living eggs were delivered to our Nursery as part of a ten day hatching experience. The eggs were placed in an incubator and a couple of days later the children had the amazing experience of watching a chick hatch from its shell. The other chicks soon hatched and before long we had nine healthy chicks in our brooder box. The children have been able to handle a chick under adult supervision and learn to care for them. They have developed their understanding and experience of life cycles, growth and development. All the children have gained so much from this very worthwhile experience.

YEAR 6 MACBETH PERFORMANCE

"On Thursday 20th March, all of Year 6 saw a magical play called Macbeth. Everyone in Year 6 (including teachers!) thought it was a spectacular performance – especially as it was performed by 4 people; 2 of them played 11 roles between them! The act was presented to us by the Manchester Acting Company. There was an extra bonus at the end too as they answered our eager questions in role as the characters they were playing. It was very enjoyable and inspired all of our minds. We are very grateful to them as they have helped us to understand more about Shakespeare's play Macbeth. We hope other classes get to experience this magnificent performance in the coming years." Written by Athul Dinesh and Raheema Saeed in Holly class.

INFORMATION

NURSERY

Miss Seonaid Jones has been appointed as Nursery teacher to commence September 2014. We are looking forward to her joining the Kerr Mackie team.

CO-OPERATIVE DONATION

A week or so ago Mrs Ronicle went to the Co-operative store in Oakwood to be presented with the cheque for £204.49 which we had been awarded as part of a grant. Mrs Ronicle was joined by Sydney Whyte from Lime class and Keona Liburd-Maynard from Cedar. This money is being put towards the refurbishment of the parent's room which will take place later this year.



DINNERS

Can we please ask that all dinner accounts are in credit by 31st March as this is our financial year end. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SPORT RELIEF

On Friday 21st March Kerr Mackie once again did their bit for Sport Relief. We wore our sport clothes, took part in sporting activities and raised a fantastic £525.00. Well done Kerr Mackie!!

NEWSLETTER

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

On Friday 21st March children in Reception – Year 2 dressed up in yellow and wore sunshine and smiles to raise awareness for World Down Syndrome Day. The children collected £182.85 which has been sent to Sunshine and Smiles in Leeds who provide a support network to children and their families.

TOILET TWINNING – THANK YOU VERY MUCH

“At the moment Year 6 are raising money for a charity. The charity they are fundraising for is the toilet twinning charity which helps poor countries improve their sanitation by giving them a proper toilet. To help raise money for this charity Year 6 went to Tesco on Saturday 15th March and our job was to help the customers pack their bags at the end of the checkouts. We got loads of donations and raised a massive £352 just from bag packing. We have also had other donations by selling raffle tickets and stationary. Altogether we have raised a massive £948.00!!” Written by Jamie Keeble and Ismael Ahmed in Holly class.

BOOK FAIR

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the recent book fair. We raised £929.00 and the commission will be shared throughout school to improve the reading corners in classrooms.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance for the period 10th March to 21st March for the classes is as follows:

Elm	97%	Rowan	98.1%
Willow	97.3%	Cedar	99.2%
Oak	95.5%	Lime	99.7%
Sycamore	95.8%	Larch	97.9%
Maple	98.8%	Lilac	98.8%
Spruce	98.8%	Holly	98.5%
Alder	95.2%	Cherry	98.8%

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

PSA

EASTER EVENT

DON'T BE LATE FOR A VERY IMPORTANT DATE!!!

Mad Hatter's Tea Party Friday 4th April 2014, 3:30pm - 5pm School Hall - Entry 20p

Visit the Extraordinary Eat Me, Drink Me Café!

(Easter/Alice in Wonderland themed cakes and biscuits needed please)

Visit from the White Rabbit and the Queen of Hearts!

Easter Bonnet/Mad Hatter's Hat Decorating Competition!

(Submit entries to the office by Thursday 3rd April, pm)

Face Painting, New Books Stall and Reading Corner!

Games including:

Pin the Grin on the Cheshire Cat

Queen of Hearts Croquet

White Rabbit Spin the Wheel

Guess Where the Dormouse is Sleeping

Guess the Number of Mini Eggs in the Jar

Tweedle Dum & Tweedle Dee Spot the Difference



**Reminder: School closes on Friday 4th April until Tuesday 22nd April.
We hope you all have a lovely Easter break.**

