

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

13th May 2016



Dear Parent/Carer

Year 6 pupils and staff can breathe a sigh of relief today now that the SAT's tests have been completed. These SATs were the first that tested children on the new National Curriculum. The papers were very challenging this year, particularly the reading paper on Monday and the first Maths Reasoning paper children completed on Wednesday. Our children coped really well with what could have been a stressful time; feel very proud of them all. I know today may be a little bit more relaxing than usual for them!

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the children, staff and parents to Beccy Rayner and the Reception parents who organized our very successful Spring Fair last week. The sun shone for us (hurrah!) and lots of families attended. The fair made over £500.00 and we will be able to let you know the exact amount shortly.

Thank you to everyone.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ronicle,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary are below:

May

Monday 16th – Wednesday 25th May 2016 – Bikeability for Year 6
Friday 27th May 2016 – School Closes
Monday 6th June 2016 – School Opens

June

Wednesday 8th June 2016 – Open Evening for new Reception parents
Thursday 9th June 2016 – Year 2 trip to Robin Hoods Bay
Wednesday 22nd June 2016 – Reception trip to Scarborough

NEWSLETTER



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS UPDATE

There are three important updates about our RRSA work to communicate today. The school RRSA film is completed and the children, staff and governors have seen it. It is now on our school website - just click on the purple Rights Respecting button at the bottom of our homepage. Thanks to the staff, parents, governors and children who star in it!

Secondly, every class has produced a wonderful Class Charter. They have chosen articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which are important to them and have agreed on actions the children and adults will take in order to make sure these rights are met.

Thirdly, all class teachers, teaching assistants along with office staff and lunch staff have received training about RRSA and how to encourage children to ask questions and to learn more about their rights.

For more updates please check our twitter feed: @KerrMackieP or @MrsHRCrowther

Remember to ask your child: 'What is your birthday right?' and 'What is article of the week this week?'

If you want any more information or would be interested in joining our steering group, please contact me for a chat.

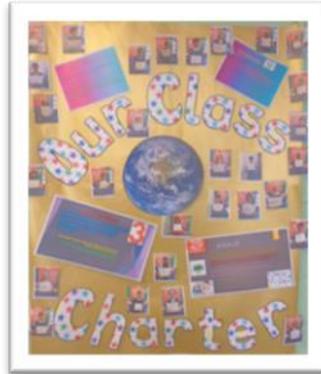
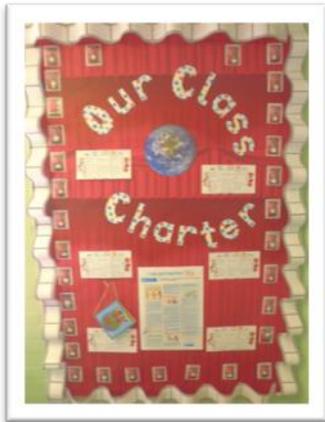
Mrs Crowther

RRSA Lead



ROC ACHIEVED: RIGHTS RESPECTING
SCHOOLS AWARD

OUR CLASS CHARTERS





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CURRICULUM

YEAR 2 HYDE PARK PICTURE HOUSE

On Tuesday 3rd May, Year 2 exhibited their fantastic stop-frame animations at the Hyde Park Picture House. The children had written the stories for the films as well as storyboarding each scene and then creating the films themselves. We invited parents who thoroughly enjoyed the premiere and were very impressed with the quality of learning. One parent commented, "We all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and enjoyed watching the wonderful animations come to life on such a grand scale! It was evident how much time and painstaking effort had gone into making such unique and impressive end products."

The children presented themselves and their films with great confidence and demonstrated their Robot dancing skills to perfection!

Many thanks also go to Spike Digital who were incredibly generous in donating the electronic robot kits that children put together during this topic. We are all so grateful for this support and the children really enjoyed putting their electronic skills to the test!

YEAR 4

On Thursday 5th May, Year 4 had a wonderful trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park near Doncaster. We observed a range of wild animals, the lemurs were being very cheeky, the giant otters were swimming about and we had a very informative talk about habitats from a local expert.

We were very lucky with the weather and I think the lions agreed!



YEAR 5 FIRE SAFETY TALK

At first we were upset because we missed P.E, but we talked to our teacher and found out that the firefighters were coming to school and so we were thrilled.

The firefighters introduced themselves and they were called Jason, Steven and Robert, they were from Moortown Fire Station.

They showed us some videos of how we should be safe around fire and about wearing your seat belt all the time in the car. The first video was about a family who did not wear their seat belts in the car and had an accident. Another video was about a boy called Jason who was three years of age and his house caught fire; his parents were saved but unfortunately he died. When it ended we wanted to learn more but, sadly they had to go and it was home time.

By Laiba and Saddiqua

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

Kerr Mackie Primary School has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between schools and West Yorkshire Police. It has been established to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. The initiative has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst he or she is in school.

We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally hurt, either by being present in the house or directly witnessing an incident of domestic violence. The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, so that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. We are keen to offer the best possible support to our pupils and we believe this is going to be beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk. Mrs Cambridge, Mrs Bourne and Mrs Lal have been specifically trained on this area.

FAMILY FUN RUN

The annual Roundhay Primary Schools Family Run for Fun takes place this year on Saturday 25th June.

This is a fantastic community event held in Roundhay Park involving 11 local primary schools including Kerr Mackie.

Entrants can take part in a 1km or 5km race. All details are included in the letter which has been sent home with your child.

For further information please speak to office staff or contact Catherine Scurrah email address - cathmalia@yahoo.co.uk.

Deadline for entries is Monday 16th May 2016.

SPRING AND SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS 2016

They offer a range of activities; Cricket, Basketball, Hockey, Football, Dodgeball, Drama, Athletics, Tennis, Dance, Netball, Bouncy Castle. The camps run for the following weeks:

Tuesday 31st May – Friday 3rd May 2016

Monday 1st August – Friday 2nd September 2016

Excluding Bank Holidays and weekends

A flyer has been given out to children but you can also visit their website: www.schoolsportscoaching.com for more information.

SAFEGUARDING

When signing a child in/out of school, please ensure you fill in all the correct details. You must include the child's full name, class, lunch and the reason for why you are signing them in/out of school.

PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please can you ensure you contact the school office on 0113 3368499 **BEFORE 9am** and leave a message on the attendance line. The message must include your child's name, class and reason for absence. Failure to provide a valid reason for your child's absence on the first day may result in us having to escalate the matter.

PAYING BY CHEQUE

Please can we remind parents that cheques for school trips should be made payable to Kerr Mackie Primary School. Everything else, i.e. milk, dinners, after school clubs should be payable to Leeds City Council.