

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

27th May 2016



Dear Parents and Carers

I love this time of year with the lighter evenings and the trees all in leaf. Everything always looks so fresh, and we might even get some barbecue weather in the holidays next week.

As always it's been a busy half-term with our exhibitions, including Year Four putting on an exhibition of their learning in Leeds City Centre and Year Two screening their very own Lego movies at Hyde Park Cinema!

The parents and carers who were able to attend the exhibitions gave us fantastic feedback.

There will be even more opportunities for parents and carers, and the public, to see children's learning next half-term.

Reception are to show their learning at Tropical World.

Year One will be holding a 'Den' exhibition.

Year Two are selling the bags children have made on e-bay.

Year Three are creating a computer game.

Year Four are having their very own Natural History Museum in the school hall.

Year Five have planned an opening ceremony for our Sports Day to link with this year's Olympics and Year Six will have their leavers' concert.

We will let you know the dates for all the above as soon as possible.

In the meantime, there are lots of other events happening next half term. Please see the Diary for dates below.

June	Date	Event
	8/6/16	Parents' Evening for children starting Reception September 2016
	9/6/16	Open Day Nursery
	9/9/16	Year 2 Trip to Robin Hood's Bay
	15/6/16	School Council Fair
	22/6/16	Reception Trip to Scarborough
July	7/7/16	Transition
	7/7/16	Year Six Leavers' Disco
	8/7/16	KS2 Sports Day
	11/7/16	Residential week begins
	14/7/16	KS1 Sports Day

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ronicle,
Headteacher

NEWSLETTER

GARDENING AND COOKERY UPDATE

This half term we have had all types of weather to garden in; snow, hail, wind, rain and beautiful sunshine. We have appreciated all the spring flowers such as cherry blossom, bluebells and apple blossom.

In the polytunnel, we are growing salad vegetables including lettuce, mustard, radishes, tomatoes, cucumber and sweet peppers. We have tasted the lettuce and given some to the dinner ladies to use in our dinners.

We have a variety of fruit outside including strawberries, raspberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants and rhubarb.

In the wildlife garden we have been watching the tadpoles grow and some have their back legs now. Nursery and Reception were able to see a frog in their classroom.

In the kitchen, we have busy cooking and baking. We have made tasty pizzas and fruity flapjacks.



Roundhay Music

Last week we welcomed Mrs Hayes and Mr Field from Roundhay School Primary Campus. They were addressing our Year 2 – Year 5 pupils about a music group, Unison Music, at their school which runs on Thursdays. The group, which caters for pupils from our local schools, is for instrumentalists and there is also a choir. The choir links with other children under the umbrella of a group called Young Voices www.youngvoices.co.uk. In Sheffield every year, 5000 children join together to put on a concert for family and friends. The children saw a film that Mr Field had made and it looked incredible!

Pupils from Kerr Mackie who are already part of this music group really enjoy the sessions and it has been great for their confidence, too. If your child didn't get a green flyer from Mrs Hayes and you would like one, please contact P.Hayes@RoundhaySchool.com

CURRICULUM

RECEPTION

Reception have had a fantastic half-term learning about Mini-beasts, they have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and are bursting with knowledge! This week we have seen our class caterpillars finally hatch into butterflies, we studied the life cycle of a butterfly closely and were lucky enough to watch this occur in real-life. From this the children have created their own drawings to show the stages of the life cycle for a butterfly. Children have drawn either an egg, a caterpillar, a cocoon or a butterfly. The children have worked extremely hard to make these drawings as life like as possible and have experimented using chalk to blend the colours. Some of these drawings will be displayed in Tropical World in the near future.

YEAR 3

On Thursday, 19th May Year 3 set off for an exciting day of learning at The National Media Museum in Bradford linked to our Project Based Learning topic and Science learning. We took part in two workshops. We investigated shadows and we also made our own speakers as we were exploring sound and how it travels. After lunch, we had great fun looking around the museum itself finding out about so many things. Here are some of the comments the children made.

"I loved being in The Magic Factory when we looked around the museum" Mahir

"We had great fun being in front of the camera in the TV room!" Maariyah

"It was like being in a real film". Syka

YEAR4 & 6

On Saturday 14th May, two teams from Year 4+6 headed over to Roundhay High School to take part in the Primary Roundhay Tournament. The Year 6 and Year 4 teams both put in excellent performances in two very difficult groups. Year 6 managed to draw 3 of their games ,but unfortunately lost their last game so didn't progress through to the knockout stages.

Year 4 won all of their group games, scoring 11 goals in the process and only conceding 1! They progressed through to the semi-final, which they won 4-0, to get themselves to the final. In the final, Year 4 played Talbot Primary in a very close match. Even though Year 4 hit the crossbar and post, they unfortunately lost the match 1-0. All of the teaching staff are very proud of how well they played and the team are already looking forward to getting back and winning it next year!

YEAR 6

When we went on the road with the Bikeability instructors we first were put into groups. One group at a time was taught how to handle cars when they are on the road. After that, we got in a circuit and went around the block. We used our cycling skills by starting off with the position of power, then we looked behind and set off and we had to do indicators and look before we turn into a different lane. When we finished, we went through the woods, it was bumpy but fun, Bikeability was great!

ADDDITIONAL INFORMATION

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have had two items of lost property handed in to the School Office this week, a pair of Specsavers purple child's glasses and a Puretone recorder. If you have lost either of these items, please come to School Reception.

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.