

KERR MACKIE PRIMARY SCHOOL

29th April 2016



**DON'T FORGET TO COME TO OUR SPRING FAIR
WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 3.30PM**

Dear Parent/Carer

The final term of the school year has already got off to a great start. I am sure many of you were really impressed with the transformation of your child's classroom in preparation for their new project. Walking through school I have been 'wowed' by how fabulous they all look. I have seen dens, beaches, a rainforest and a cinema!

The children are already becoming immersed in their new project and I can't wait to see the product they will present towards the end of this term.

Year 4 children had the opportunity to exhibit the learning they had done last term on Water in the centre of Leeds. It drew in many members of the public and parents. We got some great feedback and it was tweeted.

Next week, Year 2 will show their Lego movies to their parents at a real cinema-Hyde Park. We are very proud of the vibrant and relevant curriculum we teach at Kerr Mackie.

Today we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Linda Watson, our Reception teacher. Mrs Watson has been at Kerr Mackie four years and certainly brought a sense of magic. Children experienced a fantastic start to their education as Mrs Watson enthused such a love of learning. I would like to thank Mrs Watson for the significant contribution she has made to the school and her commitment and drive to ensure all children achieved their best. She will be greatly missed.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ronicle,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary are below:

May

Monday 2nd April – Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 3rd May – Year 2 Hyde Park Picture House
Wednesday 4th May 2016 – School Spring Fair
Thursday 5th May 2016 – Year 4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park trip
Monday 9th May 13th May 2016 – Year 6 SATS week
Friday 27th May 2016 – School Closes
Monday 6th June 2016 – School Opens

NEWSLETTER

CURRICULUM

NURSERY

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have Dr Cat Davis from the University of Leeds, in Nursery. She ran a short workshop for parents about child language development. Lots of parents attended the session and had an opportunity to talk about ways they could help their child at home. Cat was very pleased with the response and invited parents to find out more and take part in her research at the University. If you would like more details, please pick up a leaflet from the Nursery entrance.

RECEPTION TRIP TO TROPICAL WORLD

On Wednesday, Reception had a wonderful trip to Tropical World. We explored a range of mini-beasts, the colorful butterflies swooping as we walked, the giant sting-ray, the deadly python and the cute meerkats.

We had a fun time in the park despite cold weather, playing ball and team games.

YEAR 4 Learning Exhibition

On 20th April, the Year 4 classes took the public bus into the centre of Leeds to exhibit their work in a Pop-up shop. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to showcase their learning to friends, family and members of the public. Amongst the work on display, were some informative videos the children created with tips on how to save water around the home, as well as some lovely Monet inspired artwork. The day was a great success. People were enthusiastically shown around and educated by the children, everybody who left commented that they had learnt something new.

The children were real ambassadors for the school, Mr Allan and Ms Pascoe and all of the other teachers who came along felt extremely proud.



RRSA Logo Competition

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Year 1	Uzayr Rahmen in Oak Class
Year 2	Zulqurnain Azim in Maple Class
Year 3	Yasmin Fargin in Alder Class
Year 4	Safa Hussain in Lime Class
Year 5	Ruby Hirst in Lilac Class
Year 6	Sydney Whyte in Cherry Class

Thank you to all the children who designed a logo for the Rights Respecting Schools Award; there were so many wonderful entries. On Monday 25th April, Kat Newton from Oakwood library came to judge the competition. She was very impressed by all the entries and enjoyed learning more about children's rights and what being a Rights Respecting School really means. There is a winner from each year group and one overall winner. The overall winner is **Zulqurnain Azim in Maple Class. Congratulations!** Kat Newton thought that Zulqurnain's logo represented RRSA well because it includes the globe and a rainbow family on top – children's rights apply to all children all over the world. Thanks to Oakwood Library who have provided beautiful books as prizes; we appreciate your support. The winning logos will be displayed in the school hall very soon.

Look out for Zulqurnain's logo on article of the week and on our website...



YEARS 5 & 6 FOOTBALL

Year 5/6 Girl's FA Football Festival

A group of girls from Year 5+6 will be heading over to Roundhay on the 28th April to take part in a football festival! This is an exciting opportunity for our girls to try the sport of football and take part in an outdoor tournament on grass. They will also receive coaching from local FA coaches and take part in some fun games and activities too.

Year 6 Football Team Falkingham Cup

Kerr Mackie 2 – 0 Corpus Christi Primary

Year 6 boys yet again put in a strong performance in their latest cup game. They were 1- 0 up at half time and kept their composure to see the match out with another goal after halftime. The boys displayed excellent teamwork and communication throughout. This was a well-deserved win against a very good and organised team. A big thank you to the parents, who came to watch and for their support on the sidelines. They now progress to the semi-final stage against **Newlaithes Primary on the 3rd May on Rounday field at 3.30pm.**

KERR MACKIE SPRING FAIR

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY 3.30PM – 5PM



- Cakes
- Face painting & Mehndi
- Bouncy castle & bouncy slide
- Games
- Chocolate treat cups
- Asian food
- Refreshments



Put the date in your diary now and if you are able to help out on the day please contact Beccy Rayner 07962 359217

Please note – It's not too late to bring in your donated chocolate bars for the Wednesday Spring Fair.

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.

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.