

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - June 20th 2014



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Athletics

Jessica Brown in Year 6 has qualified for an athletics event at Gateshead Stadium, after coming 3rd in the 800 metre race at a recent competition. On June 28th, Jessica will represent North Tyneside in their athletics team ! We are very proud of Jessica's achievement.

Fables from Five

Pictured are some of our Y5 writers. They were set the task of writing a fable for a younger audience. Marc, Millie, Sophie and Megan were among others selected to show their fable PowerPoint presentation to KS1 during their assembly time. The younger pupils were a great audience and rewarded the Y5s with a resounding round of applause.



Joinos - On-line School Meal payment

We would encourage all our parents to register on Joinos (www.joinos.com). Joinos allows you to manage your school meal account on-line, see the days your child stayed for lunch, pay for meals online by debit/credit card, view the menu and receive information from our catering service team in relation to free school meals. Pupils who are not yet registered will be bringing home registration code letters to enable parents to access this site. We would like to reduce the amount of cash being brought into school and would therefore encourage all our parents to pay on-line if possible, please use your registration code to access the website.

Y5 Young Leaders

Adam Pilkington, Sports leader from John Spence Community High School is a regular visitor to our school and forges very good links between Preston Grange and the feeder school. Presently he is working with Y5 pupils, training them in the skills to become Young Leaders.

This includes skills around organisation, planning, discipline and assertiveness. These attributes are already emerging after only 2 weeks of coaching. Further sessions before the summer holidays should really see Year 5 blossom.

Year 4 Robinwood residential



For Year 4 parents, I would like to confirm the arrangements for Monday morning. We would be grateful if you could arrive at school with your child and their luggage, but *not before 8.45am*, as staff will be in a briefing meeting. If your child is dropped off at breakfast club, their luggage will need to be left with Mr Conaty in breakfast club. At 8.45am, Mrs Udberg will let parents into the hall, after we have moved breakfast club into the ICT suite. There will be 'stations' or tables in the hall staffed by Mrs Udberg, Mr Jamison and Mrs Brown: a bag drop (which needs a Robinwood luggage label, handed to you on the morning), a table for dropping off £2 tuck shop money (which must be in a named sealed envelope thanks) and a table for dropping off medicines. We would ask that all of your child's luggage is inside their bag, and that there are no items (including teddy) to carry by hand or tied to the outside of the luggage. This makes it easier for the children to carry their own luggage at the other end when they have to walk the last part of the way to Robinwood. Once you have dropped off your child and their luggage, the children will be directed to the classroom. Please feel free at this point to wait outside beside the coach parked outside school, where you will be able to wave off your child when they leave at 9.20am.

Summer reading challenge

As you know, each summer North Tyneside Libraries deliver a Summer Reading Challenge programme. The theme for the 2014 Summer Reading Challenge will be 'Mythical Maze' created by top illustrator Sarah McIntyre.

'Mythical Maze' challenges children aged four to eleven to find their way around a labyrinth that introduces them to fantastical creatures from the world of legend and mythology, collecting stickers of each character along the way.

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge on their website:

<http://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/>

On the website children can also find competitions, challenges, author interviews, news, and the book sorter which recommends what children might like to read next on the Summer Reading Challenge website throughout the year. Parents can also visit the Summer Reading Challenge facebook page to chat about the theme and getting children excited about reading.

Year 6 class assembly

Thank you to all of the families who came along to see their children in their class assembly. This was of course the last class assembly that Year 6 will do at our school, and we are so very proud of the whole class for putting on such an amazing assembly.

The assembly described many of the childrens' own happy memories of their time at our school, and provided smiles, laughter and tears (quite a few !) for everybody.

As a class, they also shared their many achievements and their rendition of 'Don't stop



Believing' was brilliant ! A big thank you to Mr Burgess for planning the class assembly as well as the end of year show that the children are currently rehearsing.

Please see a selection of family photos on the main front page of the website. Thank you again for so many families turning out to see the assembly. We look forward to seeing everybody again at the end of year show on July 16th (1.30pm) or July 17th (5.30pm).

Briardene Fair at the Briardene pub

1-5pm Saturday 21st June 2014

Charlie & Chloe's Mam Sarah Hetherington and Violet's Mam Nicola Wilson, have set up a new cake business called Goodness Gracious Cakeballs of Fire. They will be at the Briardene Fair launching their new business with lots of yummy cakes to buy all based on 1950's favourite flavours such as key lime pie, lemon meringue pie all made into cupcakes!! It would be lovely to see you there. They'll even be dressed in fancy dress...a sight you have to see !

Girls football

The girls football team made a fantastic start to their tournament tonight. They lost their first game 3-2 to Bailey Green but won their second game 6-0 against Burradon. Jessica and Milly L both got hat-tricks. Grace and Jasmine also scored goals. A special mention goes to Jessica Yip, who kept a clean sheet in the second game with some fantastic saves as goalkeeper. Well done to all of the girls !

Poetry competition winners !

Recently our school entered a Young Writers Poetry competition. The competition received thousands of entries from all over the UK, and we are delighted that a selection of our children from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have been selected as winners ! The children are: Lily (Year 4), Tasnima (Year 6) and Robbie (Year 5), Harry (Year 1) and Ethan (Year 2) were selected.



The winners poetry will be published in one of two special anthology books; 'Monster Poetry - Fearsome Friends' (KS2) and a second book entitled 'Poetry Adventures - Little Poets' (KS1). A copy of which, will appear in the British library and further libraries across the UK. School will be sent a complimentary copy of the books.

We are extremely proud of the children, whose work was selected based on perception, expression and the creative use of the childrens' language. This is brilliant news, as it acknowledges the standard of our childrens' writing. Well done to all of the children who were winners !

Hit the Surf

This week, Year 6 spent an afternoon with the lifeguards at Longsands participating in lifeguard and beach skills. The weather and sea was slightly warmer than last year when the children went ! Please see the gallery of photos on the school website.

Loom band club

Two of our young leaders, Alice and Jess have started a lunchtime club where two children from each class can make a variety of loom bands. We are happy that the children share their expertise in making the loom bands, though we would ask that the maximum number of bands that the children wear is 2. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Bling your bike and Bike It Breakfast - Friday 4th July

On Friday 4th July, we have planned with Lucy, our Bike It Officer, to have a themed event to celebrate the start of the Tour de France. Please see the attached letter for details.

Dates for your diary - it's a busy half term !

Mon 23rd - Wed 25th June - Year 4 to Robinwood (residential) **Drop off at 8.45am Monday**

Mon 23rd June - TSB fun run (JSCHS) Years Rec- Year 3 am, Years 4-6 pm

Wed 25th June - Tynemouth Volunteer life brigade in school (pm): Drowning Prevention week

Thurs 26th June - Year 5 & 6 Rounders (JSCHS) 3.30pm

Fri 27th June - Pirate day at John Spence (Year 5)

Mon 30th June - Year 4 'Murder at the Lighthouse' day (JSCHS staff at our school)

Tues 1st July - Meet your new teacher afternoon

Wed 2nd July - Year 5 visit to Beamish

Wed 2nd July - STEM day at JSCHS (Year 6)

Thurs 3rd July - Sports Day (starting 1.10pm)

Fri 4th July - Bling your bike & Bike It breakfast (more details to follow)

Fri 4th July - Party in the Park (choir) am

Fri 4th July - Friends of Preston Grange family barbecue (5.30pm- more details to follow)

Mon 7th - Fri 11th July - Years 5 & 6 at High Borrans (residential)

Mon 7th July - book fair starts after school

Mon 7th July - Year 1 & 2 football festival

Tues 8th July - Year 4 skipping final (North Tyneside) more details to follow

Wed 9th July - Languages day JSCHS (Year 4 & some Y5)

Mon 14th July - Show Racism the Red Card in school (Years 4 & 5)

Mon 14th July - Annual reports to parents

Mon 14th July - Fire Safety visit to school (Year 1 & 5)

Mon 14th July - Mayor presentation of Dyslexia Friendly School Award (pm)

Tues 15th July - Open afternoon (2.45pm) more details to follow

Wed 16th July - Year 6 production (1.30pm)

Wed 16th July - NUFC Family Football event at St James' Park (5.30pm)

Thurs 17th July - Year 6 production (5.30pm)

Fri 18th July - break up for Summer

Please note, the children return to school on Wednesday 3rd September due to two teacher training days.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, June 20th 2014