

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - April 25th 2018



Basketball

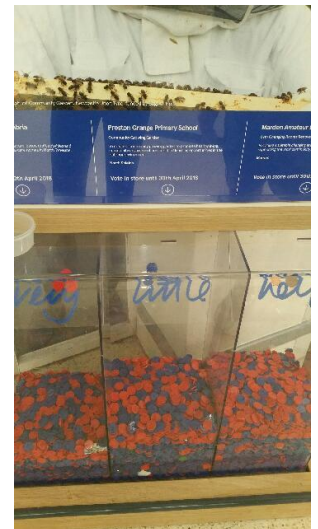


On Friday May 4th, our Year 5 basketball team, who won the North Tyneside overall Hoops 4 Health tournament last month, will be playing in a North East Champion of Champions game. If you would like to come along and support our team, there are tickets available at a cost of £6 each. Please ask at the school office for the booking form.

Grant funding

If you remember, our Early Years staff team submitted an application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme, and were successful so our project was put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores.

Our project along with the other two successful projects is now in a vote in Tesco stores, where customers will decide the outcome by voting for their favourite project each time they shop. Voting is taking place now until April 30th and we will be notified at the end of May 2018 the amount of funding we will receive.



The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4,000 the 2nd placed project receives £2,000 and the 3rd placed project is awarded £1,000. If we are 1st in the vote, we will receive the amount that we requested ie. £4000. Please tell all of your friends and family to collect the voting tokens (given to you at the till) and vote for us. We need lots of votes and the voting closes on April 30th! Thanks for your support.

Thank you!

A HUGE thank you to the Friends of Preston Grange for organising this week's Clubbercise event in school. The event was really well attended and raised £78 for school, as well as being active family fun. The Friends are currently organising another Clubbercise event in June, more details to follow.

Girls football

Last Friday the KS2 girls attended the Wildcats Football Festival at John Spence High School. It was



one of the biggest participation events in the country during National FA Girls Football Week with over 280 girls from the area participating.

The girls had a fantastic time following a carousel of fun, engaging football related activities delivered by a range of female footballers from North Shields, Tyne Met and John Spence.

All girls (aged 5-11) are invited to attend the Wildcats launch session at John Spence on Friday 27th April 4-5:30pm. The cost of each session is £2 per week but the first session is FREE! The sessions focus on building confidence, improving social skills and mastering movement through football based drills and fun games.

To register or for more details contact: NSJAFCTyneMetWildcats@gmail.com



Daily Mile

Preston Grange is proud to be a Daily Mile school. Since the start of 2018, we have been setting aside 10-15 minutes every day to dedicate to walking or running with the aim of improving our physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Last Thursday we took part in the North Tyneside Daily Mile along with over 40 other schools. With over 200 students and adults taking part we totalled 175 miles!! This will be added to the totals from other schools to give an overall distance for everyone in North Tyneside. Stay tuned for those details. To find out more visit www.thedailymile.co.uk

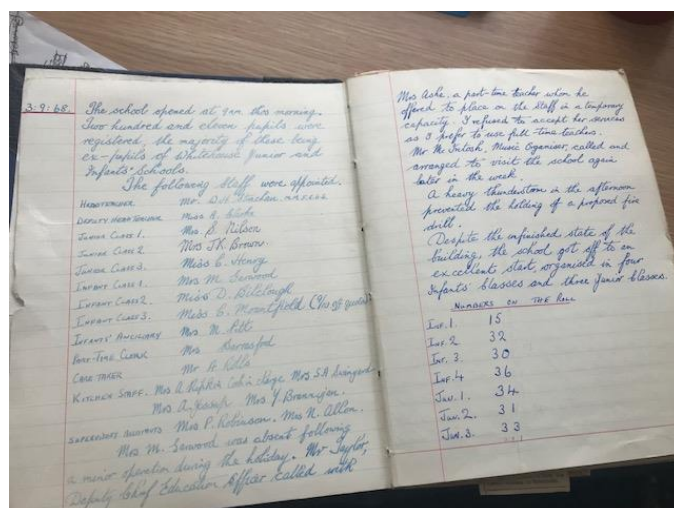
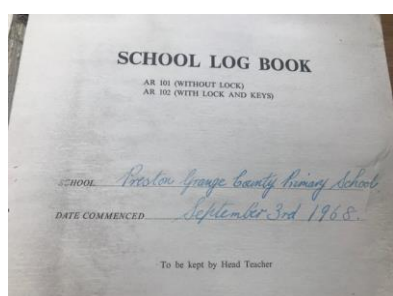
Safety on the school site

Governors discussed at a recent meeting the health and safety of pupils on site. We are aware that some children and parents are cutting across from the grassed area as you walk into school, over the car park towards the main entrance. It is a concern that this puts our children at risk, and we ask that especially with builders vans on site currently, that everyone uses the path to the main entrance thanks.

In addition to this, we are currently organising for the pedestrian gate onto site to be fitted with a buzzer entry system. Once this is in place, other than the times when the gate will be open: 8.50am-9.10am and 3.20pm-3.40pm, parents and visitors will have to press the buzzer in order to gain access onto site. There will also be no vehicle movement on the school site during these times. The safety of the children is our priority at all times.

Our 50th birthday!!

Thank you to Sophie's Mum in Nursery, for bringing into school



an article from the newspaper from 1969, which talked about the school's official opening. She pointed out that our school's 50th birthday was approaching.

Since then I have looked in the school log book, a book that Headteachers over the years used to record key events in the life of school across the years. It is fascinating reading! The first date that children started attending our school was 3rd September 1968, and the school was officially opened on 19th March 1969.

We are really keen to mark our 50th birthday in a special way, and would like to hear from those of you who attended Preston Grange yourselves, and also if you have any ideas about how we can celebrate this special event!

Building work

You will be aware that we are having a space (two old cupboards and an outside passageway) made into two rooms as we really struggle for space in school. Here is a photo showing where the work is taking place:



Nursery coffee morning

Thank you to our Nursery families for coming along to last week's coffee morning. The event was really well attended. Everybody really enjoyed hearing the children sing and spending time having a cake & drink with their child.



A reminder of the remaining class coffee morning dates:

Fri 27th April - Reception 9am

Friday 4th May - Year 1 9am

Friday 11th May - Year 2 9am

Friday 18th May - Year 3 9am

Friday 25th May - Year 4 coffee morning 9am

Friday 15th June - Year 6 coffee morning 9am

French Language Assistant

This term we have Manon, a French Language Assistant teaching French to Year 3 and 4 on Tuesday afternoons. In addition to this, she is also running the French club after school. Manon has worked with the children in the lead up to Christmas, when she worked in other classes. We feel that this is a great opportunity for our children. In the second half of Summer term, Manon will be working with Year 5 & 6.

Thank you!

Thank you for all of the generous donations of chocolate last Friday when we had a non-uniform day. The chocolate is going to be used by the Friends of Preston Grange for tombola prizes at future fundraising events.

Dates for your diary

Fri 27th April - Reception coffee morning 9am

Mon 30th April - Bikeability Level 2

Mon 7th May - Early May Bank Holiday

Mon 14th May - start of KS2 SATs week

Thurs 17th May - Year 2 visit to Safetyworks

Fri 18th May - Ice cream van visiting school to celebrate KS2 SATs being over!

Tues 23rd May - Year 4 tennis competition (JSCHS)

Thurs 24th May - Year 3 tennis competition (JSCHS)

Fri 25th May - Break up for half term

Monday 4th June - children return to school

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, April 25th 2018