

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - March 6th 2019

## Scholastic Books

Mrs Royle has sent out this term's Scholastic magazine. If you would like to order any books, please return your order to the office by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March thanks. For every book that is bought by parents, it generates funds for school.

This month you will be able to use your World Book Day voucher (worth £1) towards the cost of the book. World Book Day vouchers will also be sent home. Thanks for your support!

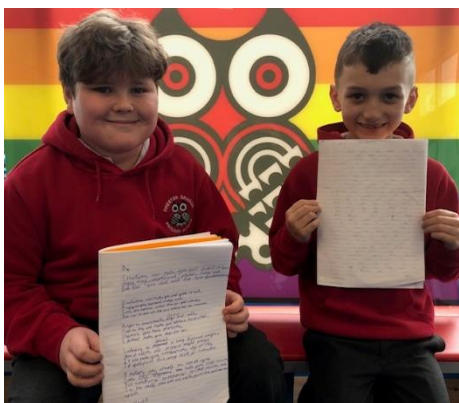
## Basketball

Our Year 5 basketball team are playing in the semi-finals of the North Tyneside Hoops 4 Health tournament, and will play their semi at 6pm before the Newcastle Eagles game this Friday night.



If they win their semi-final, they will play in the final at the half time of the Eagles game. If you would like tickets for the game, and would like to come along and support our team, tickets for children are free and adults are £7. Please contact the school office if you would like tickets, and let us know if you would be interested in coming on the bus which we are considering booking. If we get a coach, it will leave school at 5pm.

## Writing competition



Our school entered some pieces of children's writing into a writing competition between all schools in North Tyneside. Huge congratulations to Aiden Nish, who was Highly Commended for his prose in the Key Stage 1 category, and also to Matthew Metcalfe, who was highly commended for his poetry in the Upper Key Stage 2 category. We're really proud of them both!

## Parents evenings

This half term we will be holding parents evenings on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Royle has set up the online booking system and has sent a text out to all families to inform you that appointments are ready to book online. Please contact the office if you have any issues with booking thanks.

## Pancake Day

Today Breakfast Club had pancakes for breakfast, and Nursery & Reception have been cooking some. They had great fun making them from scratch and they were absolutely delicious!



## RNLI

Yesterday the children from Y1 to Y6 had visitors from the RNLI who taught them about water safety. Here are some photos from the day.

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March it is Red Nose Day. This year we ask that the children come into school in non-uniform, and wearing vibrant colours!

## World Book Day

Tomorrow is World Book Day and we would like the children to come into school wearing their pyjamas or onesies, ready for a day of celebrating reading

and listening to bedtime stories.

## Mobile phones

I have spoken to the children today about the use of mobile phones within the school grounds. We are aware that some of them are showing other children videos/photos and apps that are not appropriate.

Therefore we have made the decision that as soon as the children enter the school gates, their mobiles **MUST** be switched off immediately. We would appreciate parents reminding children of this over the next few weeks. Thank you for your support with this matter.

### **Read Aloud month - Volunteers needed**



March is Read Aloud month, promoting the sharing and reading of stories with children. We have tried to come up with a list of people that will read to the classes at different times of the month, but would love for any of our families to come in and read a story to a class in the tipi.

Please contact the school office if you would like to take part in reading a story to a class, thank you!

### **THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to the Friends of Preston Grange for all of their hard work in organising the Valentine's discos plus the monthly Clubbercise events. All of the activities they organise results in school being able to put on extra activities or buy additional resources for all of our children. These are luxuries, or items that we would ordinarily be unable to buy. Thank you so much

### **Active Lunchtimes**

Thank you to Mrs Udberg who has organised for a coach to come along at lunchtimes on Wednesdays and Thursday lunchtimes, in order to engage the children on the yard with games or sports activities. This is to encourage the children to be more active.

The children are really enjoying the active lunchtimes so far, and the range of activities and games on offer.

### **Twitter**

As you will know, much of what we share with parents is done via our school Twitter feed. If you are unable to create an account or need help in accessing our school account, please ask at the school office and someone will be able to help you! Thank you.

### **Junior Park Run**

Last Sunday, Preston Grange took over the junior park run along the seafront at Whitley Bay. THANK YOU so much for the fantastic turn out, it was fantastic to see so many of our families supporting the event.

Big thanks to Donna (Mum of Erin) and Dawn (Mum of Darcy & Jessica) for delivering an assembly to promote the park run with the children, and for suggesting that we participate in this great active, fun event!

### **Dance Festival**

Our Year 2 class and our Year 5 & 6 dance crew performed at the North Shields Dance Festival last night, and they were amazing! We are extremely proud of their confidence and smiles throughout. They made everybody very proud. Thank you so much to Laura Roberts, dance teacher who has spent many lessons teaching and rehearsing the dance with the children, and thanks to the families for the great turn out on the night.



### Year 4 Hockey results

Last week our Year 4 children took part in a hockey quick sticks tournament, and we are delighted to be told that our Team A have qualified to go through to the North Tyneside hockey finals! Well done Team A!

### Dates for your diary

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day - onesies/pyjamas  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>- Active lunchtimes with Coach Charlotte  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Football coaching with Simon Brown (lunchtime)  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Jess Hart, Read Aloud visitor in school  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> - Y5 basketball team in NT semi-finals  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - Parents evenings 3-8.45pm  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - Hockey finals @Marden Bridge Middle  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 to see The Magic Flute Opera, Theatre Royal (pm)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Nursery home visits (am)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 at Trail & Challenge orienteering event (pm)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Littleton League football @JSCHS 3.45-5.15pm  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Heights & weights Rec & Y6  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - Rob Lloyd author in school (KS2)  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y5/6 Hockey @The Parks tbc  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - The Big Pedal begins (more info to follow)  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> - Praise Party for Y2 & 3 (pm)  
Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Nursery home visits  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Challenge Day (Y5) Spanich City with JSCHS  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Skipping Festival (Year 3)  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Nursery home visits  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Badminton @JSCHS pm  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Superhero day, end of the Big Pedal  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Girls Football @JSCJ+HS  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - Y5/6 Girls Football tbc  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> - BREAK UP FOR EASTER

PLEASE NOTE: Children return to school on **TUESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

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