

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - June 5th 2015

Well done

Last half term, Nina in Year 2 raised another £27 by making keyrings and items made from hama beads and selling them to friends at school. This means that she has raised £54 in total for Maggie's, which is a fantastic achievement. She has also made a further £10.86 along with Issy, through selling stickers and keyrings. Well done to both girls! Our justgiving page has been updated with this extra fundraising.

Information regarding Free School Meals

Please can we remind the parents of Year 2 pupils that from September 2015 when they become Year 3, they will no longer be eligible for Universal Free School Meals, but may meet the requirements for Free School Meals if they are on a qualifying benefit. Parents/carers can apply or register for Universal or Free School meals using this web link: my.northtyneside.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

With regards to other year groups, any claims for Universal School Meals that have already been made for Reception and Year 1 children will automatically move up with the pupil, parents do not have to re-register.

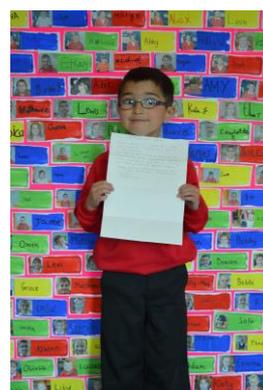
All parents of children due to start Reception in September, should have received either a link in their school offer email or a letter containing a registration form to complete and return to the Local Authority by 22nd May 2015. Parents are also able to call 0191 643 2288 option 2 to register a claim.

Parking outside school

We are aware that parking outside our school gates is limited, although we would be grateful if all parents could park considerately for our residents. The Police have informed us that the camera car will be doing regular 'swoops' around our school, so would ask parents not to park over driveways or on the road markings. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

Fantastic fundraising !

We are really impressed with the efforts and kindness shown by our children in their individual efforts to raise money for Maggie's by themselves. Daniel in Year 1 felt raising money for Maggie's is very important, so chose to do a sponsored bike ride from Cullercoats Bay to the amusements and back. Daniel completed his bike ride on May 16th and raised



a total of £35 for Maggie's. We are really proud of Daniel for choosing to fundraise for Maggie's and proud of his achievement !

Daniel in Year 2 is also fundraising for Maggie's, and is selling little figures made from loom bands at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please send your child to school with some small change if they would like to buy one. Once again, we are very proud of Daniel for choosing to do this for our Maggie's fundraising.

Bands for Hope

Some of you may have read about the 3 year old who lives locally, called Hope. She was diagnosed with stage 4S neuroblastoma which attacked her head, stomach, liver, legs, bone marrow and blood cells. She has already had over 800 treatments and chemotherapy too, but right now it hasn't made her better. Hope's parents are fundraising so that they can access a ground breaking treatment she needs for this rare form of cancer.

We are very proud of Chanelle in Year 4, who is fundraising for Hope's charity and will be doing a sponsored walk on the roof of St. James's Park shortly to raise money. She is also going to sell 'bands for Hope' which cost £1 each. Chanelle will be selling these each day in school (from Monday 8th June), so please send your child to school with £1 if you would like to support Chanelle with her fundraising. Thank you for your support.

Scholastic book orders

Mrs Royle is sending the Scholastic book magazine home with the children today. If you would like to order any books, please send your order and payment into school by Friday 12th June at the latest thanks (cash or cheques payable to school thank you.)

The Big First Aid Lesson

Next Friday, we will be taking part in the Big First Aid Lesson. This is free from St John's Ambulance, and the lesson will be streamed into all Key Stage 2 classes for the children to learn about first aid. In order to give something back to St John's Ambulance, we are asking that the whole school come to school that day in non-uniform and wearing yellow and green- the colours of St John's Ambulance. Please see <http://www.sja.org.uk/sja/young-people/schools/the-big-first-aid-lesson-2015.aspx> for more details.

Design & Technology club

This week Mrs. Wright started a Design and Technology after-school club for Year 5 and 6 children. The children were applying skills that they have learnt in the classroom, and had a fantastic time cutting wood to make picture frames. Thank you to Mrs Wright for running the club, and thanks to Mr Conaty for his help during the session. The children had a really productive and enjoyable time.



The children are busy with their D&T projects in the classrooms too. Year 1 who have made insects from wood, Year 4 are making motorised cars, Year 5 are making toys for younger children and Year 6 have been making fairground rides. Please see the website for the galleries of photos.

Year 5 class assembly

Thank you to all of the families who came along to the Year 5 class assembly this week. The children planned and delivered an amazing assembly, recapping on the range of topics they have covered this year. The children shared Literacy work, Geography work and History work amongst many other subjects. Very well done to Year 5, it was very informative and great fun to watch. Thank you to Mrs Blackett for her hard work in preparing the children for the assembly.

Sports Day

A reminder that it is Sports Day next Wednesday 10th June, starting at 1.15pm and the children require a coloured t-shirt for the afternoon - if you did not receive the earlier letter about Sports Day, please inform the school office thanks. Coffee, soft drinks and refreshments will be available at Mr Conaty's refreshment stall (Cafe René !) like last year.

Dates for your diary - please see the school website for the school calendar, thank you.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, June 5th 2015

