

# Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - July 19th 2016

## Handwriting competition

Mrs Wright has judged the Summer handwriting competition recently. We are delighted to have received over 100 entries, and the children had obviously worked extremely hard with their presentation. The winners and runners up in each class are shown below. Thank you to everyone who entered, and thanks to parents and families for support at home with the children's handwriting. Watch out for the Autumn competition in the new term!

Rec winner: Mia Flaschberger	Reception runner up: Jed Bell
Year 1 winner: Erin Ponton	Year 1 runner up: Joshua Fuller
Year 2 winner: Ellie Swinbank	Year 2 runner up: Daniel Gibson
Year 3 winner: Bobbi Main	Year 3 runner up: Deacon Blackley
Year 4 winner: Harry Wallace	Year 4 runner up: Ellie Barrass
Year 5 winner: Paris Stewart	Year 5 runner up: Matthew Connor
Year 6 winner: Emily Leadbitter	Year 6 runner up: Alex Gibson

## Goodbyes

We are sorry to be losing some staff at the end of this term: we would like to thank Mrs Davidson, who was maternity cover in Reception this year. We also thank Miss Bryant, who completed her NQT year (newly qualifies teacher year) as maternity cover in Year 4. Finally, we would like to thank Melanie Sanderson, who worked as a part-time Teaching Assistant on a temporary basis over this year. We wish them well for their futures.

A sad goodbye to some children who are leaving us at the end of term: Olivia Nguyen, Charlotte Robson, Riley Hefford and Adam Meridis. We wish you the best of luck at your new schools.

## Welcome

In September, we are welcoming Mrs Patterson who will teach our new Reception children, and Mrs Dyke who will teach our new Nursery children. We welcome them both to our school and look forward to them becoming part of our staff team.

## Water bottles

In September, we would be grateful if every child could have at school, a water bottle - either a school water bottle, which can be bought at the school office for £1.50, or a water bottle of their own. We don't provide cups for the children to get a drink from the water fountain, but they should be filling their water bottle and drinking from that. Thank you.

### Healthy School Award

We are delighted to have been awarded again, the North Tyneside Healthy School Award, having gone through a rigorous process and full school audit of what we provide in for the children. Thank you to Miss Knowles for her hard work in securing this award for school yet again.

### Girls football

A huge well done to the girls football team, who recently played games against other schools. Although they lost a few games, towards the end of the term they managed to draw in one game, and then they won their last game! Well done girls, and we are proud to hear that you never stopped trying. Here is a picture of them looking really pleased with themselves.



### Sports Day

We were absolutely gutted to have to cancel at short notice, sports day from last week. We simply couldn't let the children run on the grass once it was so wet in case of accidents. Thank you to the parents who helped us clear the chairs and mats away in the rain, we were very grateful. That was the second time that we have had to cancel Sports Day, and there was no time left on the school calendar to reorganise it before the end of the term. We will however, have a go at putting a date in the calendar for September; please cross your fingers for good weather!



Mr Jamison held an afternoon of sports activities for Reception children this week in PE time. The children had a fantastic time!

### Boys football

Well done to the boys football team for having previously won the Littleton league without losing a game. Last week they went on to play in the Champions league. They played Monkhouse in the semi-finals and were sadly beaten. Mr Burgess is not making excuses - but nothing went our way! They then played a third place game against Hadrian Park; they made a fantastic comeback to draw 3-3, after being 3-0 down. The game went into extra time and penalties, but again we were sadly beaten. Fantastic effort boys, we are really proud of you all.



### Year 6 leavers assembly

Our Year 6 put on an amazing leavers assembly. They wrote the script themselves, and within the assembly they shared memories from their time at Preston Grange as well as performed a funny sketch where they pretended that they were at a Preston Grange reunion in 20136. They ended their assembly by singing 'Seven

Years' by Lukas Graham with their own re-written words pertinent to their time at our school. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

Well done to all of Year 6, and thank you so much to Miss Daley for all of her hard work with the children this year. Good luck at High School!

### Autumn term

We would like to wish all of our families a lovely Summer holiday. The children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - please note, there is no Teacher Training Day.

### Nursery

In September, our new Nursery opens. We will put some photos of Nursery onto the school website when we return to school, so that parents can see what a lovely setting it is for our youngest children. The internal quad has been transformed with a new flooring and painted walls.

I would like to point out that whilst the Key Stage 1 entrance is strictly not for parent access, as of the start of September, Nursery parents will be bringing in children to Nursery this way and collecting them from that entrance. ***It does however remain strictly only for Nursery parent and children access from 8.45 am until 8.55am***, when they will leave the building in time for our Key Stage 1 children to come into school at 9am.

### Maths Games

Year 3 have been working very hard and making a range of Maths games this half term. Miss Reynolds says that she is super proud of them all.



### Beamish Wild - Year 6

Last Friday Year 6 went to Beamish Wild for a day of activities. They had a brilliant time on the ropes course, doing the crate stacking activity and archery. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the trip.

### Sponsored 100 event

The children who raised the most money in the sponsored 100 event were as follows:

Reception - Jessica Brandon

Year 1 - Oliver Falla

Year 2 - Arun Badwhal

Year 3 - Nina Field

Year 4 - Jed Mather

Year 5 - Charlie Hetherington

Year 6 - Daniel McHadden

All of these children received a pedometer and a bar of chocolate. Well done to them all.

## CSI detective day in Year 4

Year 4 arrived at school on Friday to a murder scene on the school yard. They worked hard analysing a range of evidence to find out who did it. We looked closely at our fingerprints, then we used a microscope to look closely at fibres and they also analysed the ink that had been used to write the note left at the scene. Finally they analysed what was used to commit the murder.

Thank you to staff and children from John Spence for planning and delivering such an exciting day for the children.

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, July 19th

