



PARKHEAD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 1st April 2011

Science in your food basket!

Year 5 and 6 were visited by Newcastle and Northumbria University this week and took part in a workshop learning all about food and chemistry discussing common chemicals in foods and shopping items. All children were given electronic voting pads to answer questions and could see how many people voted for each answer. They took part in several experiments making ice-cream, filling balloons with 'dry ice' and they froze flowers and a banana. Finally they discussed what jobs they could do with a chemistry degree. The children all enjoyed the session and we hope to follow up with a visit to the university forensic laboratory.



LOST PROPERTY

We have a lot of Lost property in the KS2 main office. This will be displayed in the KS2 hall on Monday, Wednesday and Friday next week after 3.20pm. We welcome parents to come and look through for any missing items.



Attendance and Lunches

Class 5 s had excellent attendance last week with 98.6% attendance. Year 1 s followed closely behind with 97.6% attendance. Please remember if your child has a medical appointment to bring in the appointment card to Mrs Hunter at the main school office. Please remember children must not change over from packed lunches to school dinners within each half term. Please can you inform the school office at the beginning of each term your child's dinner choice.

Achievers Awards

Achiever Awards were presented today to the following children:
Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.

Year 1S: Jake Tindale
Year 2T: Brody Scott
Year 3AJ: Maddison Reid
Year 4J: Benjamin Hynes
Year 5K: Kieron Mordue
Year 6L: Shannia Chapman

Year 1M: Sarah Davis
Year 2B: Aaron Hart
Year 3S: Natasha Elkington
Year 4M: Amy Youngman
Year 5S: Jessica Kelly
Year 6S: Liam Mordue





WHAT'S ON?

EASTER

Parents of children in year 1 and 2 are invited to St Paul's for an Easter church service on the 15th April 2011. The service starts at 1.45pm and children will be performing songs.

Year 3 and 4 will be performing an Easter production on Thursday 14th April in KS2 hall starting at 2pm. All families are welcome.

We will be holding several Easter egg decorating competitions in school. We kindly ask that all families bring in their competition entries to school by the morning of Tuesday 12th April for judging in the hall! Children will also get to take part in egg and bonnet decorating in school and mini competitions will take place during the week.

Parents of children in Foundation Stage are invited into school on Thursday 14th April to help their child decorate an Easter bonnet.

SATS

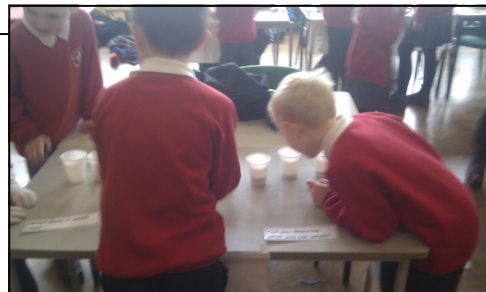
There will be a SATS information session for parents of children in year 6 on Wednesday 6th April. This starts at 5.30pm in KS2 hall. A letter containing further information will follow on Monday.

FUNDRAISING

Due to the success of our marathon challenge last year we are running the event again for the whole school to take part to raise money for leukaemia and school funds. The marathon challenge will take place week commencing 16th May 2011. Children will be bringing home sponsor packs during the coming weeks.

SPORT

14 children from year 4 are taking part in a football tournament at Newcastle racecourse with many schools from all over the North East! The event is sponsored by Greggs and Newcastle United and takes place on the last day of term 15th April in the afternoon. Good luck!



ROYAL LUNCH!

The school meals service are preparing a special themed lunch for the 'Royal Wedding' on the last day of term -15th April, for children taking school dinners. The lunch will be a union jack box and will be a picnic style packed lunch.

FAMILY LEARNING

St Thomas Moore school Blydon are hosting a 4 week family cookery programme starting Tuesday 3rd May between 5.30 and 7pm. It is suitable for children aged 5+ and is free! Families can learn how to cook nutritious meals and explore areas such as health and safety in the kitchen and 5 a day ingredients.

NUFC COACHING



If you would like to secure your child a place on the Newcastle United football coaching sessions at Parkhead between 18th and 21st April please can you pay the £35 to the school office before Monday 11th April 2011. If you require childcare please book your sessions as soon as possible with our club staff or call them on 0191 433 4145.