

Preston Grange



Newsletter - March 12th 2014

Class Assemblies

Please find below a list of dates showing when each class will be doing their class assembly over the next few weeks. Parents and families of each class are invited into school to watch the classes doing their whole class assembly.

Tuesday 18th March - Year 1

Tuesday 25th March - Year 2

Tuesday 1st April - Year 4

Tuesday 29th April - Year 3

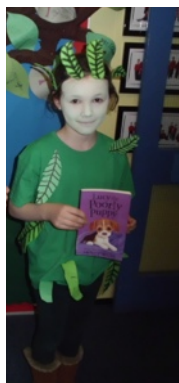
Tuesday 6th May - Reception

Tuesday 20th May - Year 5

Please note each class assembly will start at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing as many parents and families in school at the class assemblies.

World Book Day

Last week on World Book Day, we were so impressed with the range of traditional book character costumes which the children came dressed in, thank you all very much for your support. There were some absolutely amazing costumes! The children enjoyed a fun day,



with Literacy book based activities and creative activities planned throughout the day, and a special assembly by Mrs Blackett. Please find some extra photos on the website.

Dove Marine Laboratory

This Sunday Dove Marine Laboratory is running a family event, which they have asked if we highlight with parents.

Rocky Shore Ramble and Dove Marine Laboratory tour

DATE: Sunday 16th March 2014

LOCATION: Dove Marine Laboratory

TIME: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

AGE GROUP: Family Event

EVENT DESCRIPTION: Join Marine Biologists on the rocky shore and explore life on our coasts. This hands-on session will be followed by a guided tour around our Victorian-built laboratory and aquarium. If you are interested in going along, please email annie.russell@ncl.ac.uk for more details of this and other events, and/or to book your **FREE** places.

Basketball

Last Friday, our Year 6 basketball team competed in the North Tyneside Hoops for Health final at the Newcastle Eagles match, and we are delighted to say that they won! In the final, they drew with South Wellfield Middle, and the game went to sudden death, with Jessica



Brown scoring the golden goal for Preston Grange. Amazing news, we are all really proud of our team, who now go on to compete in the Champion of champions game on March 21st against other winners from different local authorities. Congratulations to our Year 6 team: Jessica Brown, Oliver Marshall, Josh Te, Megan Sanderson, Jaden Bell, Toby Sabil, Jason Davies, Grace Garfoot. Thanks to all of the parents for the fantastic support for the team. Please find more photographs on the website form this event.

The Big Pedal

Thank you SO much for the wonderful effort for The Big Pedal! We have been blown away by the increased numbers of children cycling and scooting to school over the last two weeks. Please keep up the amazing effort! The last day for counting is this Friday. Apparently we are in second place in our local pyramid of schools and we would love to win! Each day at school Megan in Year 6 has been counting the numbers of bikes and scooters and registering these on the Big Pedal website. Each class teacher has been keeping a record of numbers of children in their own classes. Here are our school winners on a day by day break down:

Mon 3rd March - Year 2

Tues - Reception

Wed - Year 2

Thurs - Reception

Fri - Reception

Mon 10th March - Reception

Tues 11th - Reception

Wed 12th - Reception

We have also been impressed to see some of our parents cycling! Well done to Quinn's Mum and Violet's Dad. You have been spotted!



Superhero Day

To mark the end of the Big Pedal fortnight, we are holding Superhero Day this Friday. Children are welcome to come into school dressed as a superhero, with a suggested donation of £1 for Sustrans, who sponsor the Big Pedal. Many thanks for your support with this.

ADHD

Do you know parents / carers of a child who is in the diagnostic process for ADHD?

A Pre-ADHD Diagnosis Pilot Group will be running in May. It is three sessions of two hours to be held at The Riverside Centre. The aims of these sessions are to:

- an introduction to ADHD
- a parental perspective
- opportunities for participants to explore and share together the emotional impacts on themselves and the family
- identifying priorities and sharing ideas for strategies
- linking the scheme of work for the ADHD Parent Factor programme and where appropriate signposting to other supports and services.

If you know a parent / carer who you think would benefit from this pilot contact:

Marie Cowcher - Integrated Disability Social Worker (643 4147)

or June Allen - Keyworking Development Officer (643 4169)

or Children's Disability Team general number (643 4151)

Grace's chicks

Grace has now raised over £200 for brain tumour research through selling her Easter crème egg chicks. Thank you everybody for your support. The chicks continue to be sold in school each day for £1.50. In addition to supporting Grace in fundraising for brain tumour research, our school will be taking part in Wear Your Hat Day on Friday 28th March. This will also be to raise money towards brain tumour research. Children may come into school wearing any type of hat they choose. More details to follow.

Sports Relief Friday 21st March

Friday 21st March is Sport Relief, and we would like to ask the children to come into school in sports or PE clothes for the day. Mrs Udberg will be organising activities for the children to participate in during the afternoon session.

Netball

We are incredibly proud that our Netball team came 2nd place yesterday in the North Tyneside final ! Well done to the team: Olly Marshall, Megan Sanderson, Milly Longstaff, Jamie Roll, Jessica Brown, Leah Reed-Evans, Josh Te who now go through to a further competition. Another amazing result: thanks to the hard work and teamwork from all of the children. Thank you to Mrs Brown and Miss Butson who accompanied the children to the event.

Thank you

Thank you for the parents and Grandparents from Reception class who came along to the arts and crafts afternoon last week and made dinosaurs with your children. It was lovely to see so many of you in school again working with your children. Please find more photographs on the website from this event.



What a busy week last week was.....

As well as World Book Day, last week was a very busy week in school. Reception class made pancakes with Mr Jamison and Mrs Gibson.....



Year 1 were learning all about the journey of a seed and how it is made into flour. Then they made their own dough, kneaded a ball of dough each and then made their own bread rolls. Even Mary Berry and Paul Hollywood would have been very impressed!

Year 2 made a gingerbread house, in their book based work

around traditional tales on World Book Day.....

Please see the website for more photographs of all activities.

NTLT

Further to the letter which was sent to all parents, I would like to confirm that

The Governing Body of Preston Grange Primary School has decided that our school will become a Foundation School, with The North Tyneside Learning Trust, with effect from 1 April 2014. Governors wish to record their thanks to everyone who took the opportunity to comment on their proposals, which assisted them in making their decision. This is an exciting time for our school and we look forward to working with our trust partners in North Tyneside Learning Trust.



Handball

Year 5 are enjoying coaching in the Olympic sport of Handball from expert James Carron (pictured). This fast paced game has been picked up quickly by the class and they are learning new skills each week. Some rising stars have already been 'talent spotted' by the coach. Ultimately, the School hopes to send a team to the Handball festival held at our key secondary school, John Spence Community High.



Thank you

A big thank you to Mrs Snell and Jasmine, for the kind donation of reading books for our school library.

Get well soon

We would all like to send get well wishes to Margaret Metcalfe, Grandma of Matthew in Year 1 and Governor at our school, following an operation on her back. We wish her a very speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her when she is up and about.



Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, March 12th 2014