

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - April 19thth 2016



The Big Pedal

Each year our school participates in the Big Pedal, where we try to encourage as many children as possible to come to school by bike or scooter. Each day the numbers are counted, and we enter these results into the Big Pedal website, to compete with other local schools. We would be grateful if you would encourage your child to scoot or cycle to school over the next two weeks until May 6th, thank you.

Basketball tickets

We have been sent some complimentary tickets for Newcastle Eagles home game this Friday 22nd April at Sports Central in Newcastle. The Eagles are playing in the quarter final, with tip off at 7.30pm. The tickets offer complimentary entry to a pupil, and up to 4 discounted tickets (at £6.50 each) for the friends and family to this game. Please call in at the office if you would like a ticket thanks.

If there are any children who wish to take part in basketball clubs outside of school, please see below for details of local opportunities:

NORTH SHIELDS BASKETBALL CLUB

Home Venue: Sports Hall, John Spence Community High School, Preston Road, North Shields, Tyne & Wear NE29 9PU - Tel: (0191) 2001252, **Head Coach:** John Walker

Training Schedule

U12s - Thursday - 4.30pm - 6.00pm, U14s - Wednesday - 5.00pm - 6.30pm, U16s - Wednesday - 5.00pm - 6.30pm, U18s - Wednesday - 6.30pm - 8.00pm

TYNE MET BASKETBALL CLUB

Training Venue: Tyne Met College, Coast Road Campus, Battle Hill Drive, Wallsend, NE28 9NL

Head Coach: Shaun Malone - Tel: 0191 2453881 Email:

s.malone@eaglescommunityfoundation.com **Training Schedule**-Tuesday 5.00 - 6.00 U12s

Tadpoles in Reception



This half term, Reception class are learning all about growth, including life cycles of plants and some animals. Mrs Davidson has brought some tadpoles into the classroom, causing a great deal of excitement! The children will tell you all about how they change and develop I am sure. Here are some pictures of the tadpoles so far.

Safety Works visits

Each year we take two classes of children up to Safety Works in Newcastle. At Safety Works, there are separate sections within a building, set up as different scenarios, for the children to learn all about safety in places such as: the home, safety on the metro, road safety, first aid, accidents for example. The classes also work with the police, and take part in a role play 'arrest' and visit a mock police cell.

The visit for Year 2 will be on Wednesday 27th April, and the visit for Year 5 is on Monday 25th April. Both visits are in the afternoon. Thank you in advance to the parents who have offered to accompany the visits.

Key Stage 2 Science

On the last week of Spring term, Year 4 used coloured clay in order to demonstrate the water cycle, which they had been learning about in Science.



Year 5 children have been doing some investigative Science in class this term, and this photo shows a Science experiment in which the children were testing the depth of craters made by different sized balls (golf balls, marbles, blue tac balls). Please find some more



pictures under 'galleries' on our school website.

Garden party

As you are aware, on Friday 13th May in the afternoon, we are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a garden party. We will be having a non-uniform day that day, and encourage the children to come into school dressed in either red/white/blue, or dressed as prince or princesses, kings or queens.

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the reply slip and sent in a voluntary contribution towards the Queen's 90th birthday garden party that we will be having in school on the afternoon of May 13th. Thank you also for the extra offers of help.

Mobile phone numbers

Please remember to let the school office know the current contact and emergency contact numbers for your child. Also please inform the school office if you move house or update your mobile phone and the number changes. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Reception class baking

Every Tuesday Reception class bake with Mrs Spowart, and there are delicious smells wafting down the corridor in school. The children are becoming really good at baking and have made a wide range of cakes, scones, bread and buns over the first two terms. This week they made treacle tarts - they were delicious!



Healthy week

We will be having a focused 'Healthy School' week in school during the week beginning Monday 23rd May. The children will be taking part in Science, Personal Social Health Education and healthy living activities in the afternoons of that week, and on the Wednesday we will be having a sponsored sports event (more details to follow from Mr Burgess). On the last day of that week for the children (Thursday 26th May), we will be having our Sports Day afternoon from 1-3pm. This is a change from when we have previously have done this in July - at least this date in May gives us plenty of time to re-schedule, if the weather is bad.

Forest School

We are working with Mark Stutt from ScoutEd over the next 6 months in school. Mark is a Forest School leader, and he delivers courses both in school and at Kirkley Hall in order to inspire children's love of outdoor learning. We have arranged for each class to spend a day up at Kirkley Hall with Mark leading forest school activities for the children. Then, in Autumn term, Mark will be working in school with each class, linking the topic that the children are doing, with forest school skills. Finally, in the second half of Summer term, Mark will be running a Forest School after-school club each week, which will include activities such as: environmental art, story-telling, model making, fire making, toasting marshmallows and making hot chocolate.

Penguin Pig E-Safety show

Tomorrow there will be a theatre company in school. The company will present the Penguin Pig E-Safety show to Reception, Year 1 and 2, and then they will deliver interactive workshops for each class. The aim of the puppet based show, is to teach young children about safety on the internet. The fun-filled show is for EYFS and KS1, and is based on the best-selling picture book by Lincolnshire author and teacher Stuart Spendlow. The play is told with puppetry and catchy songs, but has an important safety message for the children. Please ask your child about the show afterwards. We are sure that they are going to enjoy the play, whilst also learning about internet safety.

Dates for your diary

Thurs 21st April - Penguin Pig E Safety show for Key Stage 1
Fri 22nd April - Girls football trials (lunchtime)
Mon 25th April - Year 5 visit Safety Works (pm)
Wed 27th April - Year 2 visit Safety Works
Mon 2nd May - Bank holiday
Mon 9th May - SATs start for Year 6
Tues 10th May - Year 4 out at Kirkley Hall (forest school)
Thurs 12th May - last SAT for Year 6!
Fri 13th May - Queen's 90th birthday garden party (pm)
Mon 17th May - Year 6 out at Kirkley Hall (forest school)
Fri 20th May - class photographs (am) - Tempest Photography
Mon 23rd May - Healthy week in school
Wed 25th May - sponsored event (pm) - more details to follow
Thurs 26th May - Sports afternoon (1-3pm)
Fri 27th May - school closed-Teacher Training Day
Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, April 19th 2016