

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - December 10th 2014



Magistrates in Year 6

The magistrates have visited year 6 recently. They discussed the consequences of different crimes both to the victim and to the criminal. The children learnt how a magistrates court is



run and they held a mock trial where all the children decided when the defendant was guilty or not guilty (they let him off this time !) They learnt about the different punishments that magistrates can give and which crimes would get which punishment.



Well done

We are pleased to hear that Andrew Caygill's Dad has been taking part in 'Movember' and has raised a staggering £2500 for Macmillan Cancer ! He is also cutting his 20 year old ponytail, in order to donate it to the 'Little Princess' charity, to make a wig for children suffering with cancer. This is a very generous act, and we are really impressed to hear about his amazing generosity. Well done Mr Caygill !

Panto

Last week the whole school and over 40 staff and adult helpers went to the Theatre Royal to see the pantomime Snow White. This is our annual trip to the panto, and we look forward to going each year. Thank you to the Friends of Preston Grange for their hard work in fundraising, subsidising the cost of the pantomime and buying drinks, snacks and sweets for the children.

Thanks to all of the staff and helpers for giving up their time after school in order that we can give our children this fantastic experience. We all had a fantastic time and look forward to going again next year ! Please see under 'galleries' on the school website for some pictures of the pantomime visit.

Christmas decorations

Mr Conaty has excelled himself with his Christmas decorating this year ! He was in school until nearly midnight one night, getting the school ready with Christmas decorations for the children. We have a new 10ft tree in the hall with 2000 lights, and a woodland scene at the foot of the tree. He has also been the 'Christmas Police' by checking all classrooms look Christmassy enough for the children ! We would like to thank Mr Conaty for all of his

hard work and time that he spends making the school look special for the children. Thanks also to Mr Young for helping.

Christmas productions

If you would like any spare tickets for the productions, please contact the school office as soon as possible. On the day of the performance, there will be a list of all of the family names that have been allocated tickets for that performance. If someone arrives who is not on the ticket list and there are no tickets left, unfortunately we will not be able to admit them due to our maximum number for the hall being reached. Please ensure that you request tickets at the school office as soon as possible in order to guarantee a seat. Thank you.

Keyboard lessons

Keyboard lessons resume on Tuesday 6th January. Mrs Richardson has asked that all children bring their music book/folder and notebook to *every* lesson thank you.



Christingle service

Last night our children took part in a Christingle service at Christchurch in North Shields, along with other school in the pyramid. The feedback has been excellent and the children sang beautifully. Thank you to Miss Wright for all of her hard work and practising with the children ahead of the event. We hope that all parents enjoyed the service. Well done to all of the children involved in the service.

Carol singing

It's a busy time of year ! Our choir will be performing at North Shields Christmas Victorian Fair on Saturday 13th December at 1.10pm. A letter has been sent out to all children in the choir about the arrangements. Please see the school office if your child is in choir and hasn't received a letter. Some of the Christingle children will be visiting Redesdale House with Miss Wright on Thursday 18th December, to sing some carols for the elderly. The choir will be singing at Rake Lane hospital with Mr Chappell as part of our annual visit, on Wednesday 17th December. The children enjoy singing to the elderly patients on the ward, and receive a warm welcome each year.

Netball

We are very proud that our Year 5 & 6 netball teams were so successful in the recent netball competition. Preston Grange 1 and 2 (red and blue teams) will be playing in the forthcoming trophy league. Preston Grange 3 (green team) will be playing for the



Christmas sweets hamper. Good luck to all teams !

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher
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