

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - 26th November 2013



Masterchef World War 2 style!

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard learning about the causes and effects of World War 2. Many interesting and precious items have been brought in by the children, for which we are extremely grateful. Recently, Y5 as part of their homework assignment, have had to research some WW2 recipes (bearing in mind the constraints of rationing). Many pupils not only researched a recipe but

set about cooking up some delicious, tasty delights to share among the class. We have sampled carrot cookies, date and walnut cake, cheesy pudding pie, shortbread, honey biscuits and bread & butter pudding. Pictured are Millie with her honey biscuits and Emily with her bread & butter pudding. We are extremely grateful to the pupils and the parents who have supported them with this.



School website

We have launched a new school website, at the same web address www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk Over the next few weeks we will be adding to the website, and we have uploaded all past newsletters from this term so far and also information about our consultation to join the North Tyneside learning trust on the website. Please note that in line with our safeguarding policy, no children will be named alongside their pictures on the website.

CCTV on the school site

Further to me informing parents at the start of term that we would be installing CCTV on the school site, I can confirm that our cameras will go live as of Monday 2nd December. We have uploaded our CCTV policy onto the school website and have appropriate signage inside and around the school site itself, informing people where the cameras are sited. I would like to make parents aware that there is no visible monitor showing constantly streamed images around the school site, anywhere visible. We have a control room where only authorised staff may view the CCTV images, and I can confirm that this would only be done as and when there was ever a need to look at these, should there ever be an incident which required us to access the images.

Solar panels and our Eco Warriors

Last term our Eco Warriors submitted an application to have solar panels installed on our school roof. Last week, we had a visit from two surveyors who met with our Eco Warriors after inspecting our school roof for the suitability for solar panels. This picture shows the surveyors explaining to the children where the panels will be fitted, and informing them what the benefits of solar panels will be. Our Eco Warriors as usual had plenty of questions for them!



We are very proud of the Eco Warriors who have recently set up a lunchtime club for younger eco-warriors. Many thanks to the Eco team for their hard work in creating activities and resources for the younger children to do at this club.

29th November

November the 29th is a very busy day! We have asked that the children come into school wearing a moustache to celebrate the end of Movember month.

Also on the 29th November, is our Friends of Preston Grange crazy Christmas craft afternoon. The Friends have circulated letters to parents explaining all of the lovely crafts and items which are available for the children to choose to make. It will be a fantastic afternoon for the children. Huge thanks to the Friends for their time and creative ideas. After school on that day there will also be a tuck shop outside the Key Stage 1 entrance. Please send your child to school with some small change should you wish them to buy some items at the tuck shop after school.

Please can you send your child into school on Friday with their money in separate marked envelopes: 'Christmas craft money' 'tuck shop money' and 'Movember' donation, should you wish to donate. Otherwise we will not know what the children are to spend at the various activities. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Finally, the 29th November is National Teaching Assistant Day. We would like to celebrate the work which our teaching assistants do across our school. We have a fantastic team of teaching assistants who work relentlessly with groups of children on intervention programmes, Read Write Inc and working with individual children on a one-to-one basis. A huge thanks to all of them, we appreciate and value the work they all do immensely: Thank you to Mrs Wright, Mrs Royle, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Brown, Mrs Ratcliffe, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Kewin, Mr Jamison and Mr Connor.

Thank you !

We raised £173.60 for Children in Need this year, many thanks for your kind donations.

Free Panto tickets

First Class, the teacher supply agency which we use in Whitley Bay have very kindly donated 8 free tickets to see Mother Goose the pantomime at Seaton Delaval Arts Centre on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm. We are asking for families to enter into our draw for the two sets of tickets (there are two separate sets of 4 tickets) by submitting their name to

the school office by Friday 29th November at the latest. We will pick the winners out of a hat and notify the winning families by the end of school on that day.

Well done !

We would like to say a huge well done to the Year 5 and 6 netball team, who have been training at King Edward's Primary after school for the last few weeks, and we would like to wish them good luck for the upcoming competitions.

Reminder

For the pantomime trip tomorrow (27th) please can your child come into school with a Santa hat or festive headgear to wear for our trip to the Theatre Royal. Please remember that the children need to be collected at **5.15pm from John Spence High School**, after the whole school pantomime trip. Thank you again to the Friends of Preston Grange, who bought drinks and snacks for the children for the pantomime. Please collect your child between 11.45 and 12.30, if they are not going to the pantomime, depending on whether you would like them to have school lunch or not.

Thank you !

We would like to say a huge thank you to the Aitken family, for their generous gift of providing school with medals with our logo on.



These will be awarded with a certificate explaining why the children were awarded the 'Outstanding Achievement' medal. We think they look really impressive and the children absolutely love them. Thank you team Aitken, including Matthew in Year 2 and Daniel in Reception, for the lovely medals.



Tracey Taylor, Headteacher
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