

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - July 17th 2014



## Thank you

We would like to say a HUGE thank you to the Friends of Preston Grange, for their hard work and organization for our recent Summer family BBQ event. Everybody had a wonderful evening, and the event was a huge success. Thank you to the Friends for their time and commitment, which enables our school to be able to provide resources or opportunities for our children through fundraising, that we wouldn't ordinarily be able to do (for example, Leavers books for Year 6). Special thanks to Elaine Holroyd, Eve Reid, Julie Tanner, Sarah Hetherington, Lorraine Harrison and Jackie O'Brien and everyone else who made the event successful. If there are any parents interested in becoming involved in the work of The Friends, please come along in the Autumn term.

## Show Racism the Red Card

This week, the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card' have been working with our Year 4 and Year 5 children. The charity campaign uses top footballers to educate against racism, and every year they work with our children in school as part of our work on promoting race equality.



The morning workshop talked to the children about preconceptions about racism, and the afternoon session involved the children working with Olivier Bernard (ex Newcastle payer) in a sports session.

Our children were complimented on the mature way in which they were able to discuss and debate this sensitive subject. If you would like to know more about the work of Show Racism the Red card, please see their website: <http://www.srtrc.org>.

## September

I would like to remind you that we have two Teacher Training days in Autumn at the beginning of term. The children do not come back to school until **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. If you have ordered new school uniform, you should be able to collect your order from the school office, but we suggest that you ring first to check that it has arrived.

## Well done !

Well done to Holly Waugh who recently came 1<sup>st</sup> place at a judo competition and won a medal.



We are also proud of Matthew Betham, who not only received an award for the U10s Ice Hockey Junior Development team, but also received a second trophy for 'Most Valued Player' Award for the U10s team. He now moves up to the U12s team and is



looking forward to next season.

At the Newcastle United family football presentation on Wednesday night, we were absolutely delighted to hear that Leon Bell had been awarded the Child Learner of the Year. Leon was awarded this out of approximately 600 children across the North East. We are SO proud !

## School medal table

At the end of the academic year, we receive an update on how our school has achieved in the competitive sports that we take part in across the school year. We are over the moon that we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 39 schools in the league table. A bronze medal is a huge achievement; well done to Mrs Udberg who works incredibly hard to promote and develop PE and Sport in our school.

## Dyslexia Friendly School Award



This week Norma Redfern, Mayor of North Tyneside came to school to present our school with the Dyslexia Friendly School award. We are one of only three Primary schools in North Tyneside to have achieved this award. Pictured with the mayor, are Margaret Metcalfe, Governor at our school and Yvonne, Mum of DJ. Both have been involved with our school in the work leading up to our award. Please see our photo in the News Guardian today.

## Year 6 end of year show

For those of you who came along to the Year 6 end of year show, I know that you will agree when I say that the show was absolutely magnificent ! The children were amazing; the confidence, acting and singing was superb. We are very proud of all of the children for their hard work in learning the play in a condensed amount of time ! We are very grateful to Mr Burgess, who has done an amazing job putting on such a brilliant show. Thank you to all families for coming along and the feedback that you gave. Please see the website for pictures from the show.

## Current Year 5

As our Year 5 are about to enter Year 6, we would like to make parents aware that SATs dates for next year have been released, and are the week of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Burgess would also politely ask parents who would like to practise at home with their child, if they would avoid using the last 5 years of SAT papers to practise with the children. This is because we use the papers of 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 for assessment purposes. Thanks for your support with this matter.

## High Borrans

Last week Year 5 and 6 went to High Borrans, near Windermere for a week long residential. They had a fantastic week, taking part in a wide range of outdoor activities. There are some photos on the website, but obviously we only put a sample of pictures - if you would



like to drop off a pen drive at the school office, we are happy to put the photos onto parents pen drives. I would like to thank Mr Burgess, Miss Minto, Mr Young and Mrs Brown for going on the residential. As you can imagine, it is not a holiday for staff; they give up their week at home with their families to be able to give our children this opportunity and I am extremely grateful for them doing so.



## New staff

In September, we have two permanent Teaching Assistants who will be working mornings in school. We would like to welcome Mrs Robinson, new to our school and Mrs Brown, who currently works in school.

## Thank you

We have had a fantastic school year, with many achievements and successes. On behalf of the staff, I would as always, like to thank the families and parents for their continued support, their generous gifts at the end of term, and for the lovely cards and cakes that we have received into the staffroom. I know that the staff are held in high regard by parents, and I am extremely proud of every one of them. I would like to thank the staff for their hard work and everything we have achieved this year, and would like to wish them a very relaxing break over the Summer.

Thank you to all of our Year 6 children, who we will miss so very much. They are absolutely amazing as a class; they are well-rounded, mature individuals and we are very proud of their achievements over the years: they are the North East basketball Champions, winners of the football league, they have achieved the best ever SAT results, as well as having achieved many personal achievements. They are ready to move on to the next stage in their lives, and we hope that they take some very happy memories of our school with them.

It is also a sad time as there are those families who also leave us as their child leaves Year 6. We would like to thank you for all of your support over the years. Please keep in touch with us, and check our website to hear what we are up to !

Finally, we would like to wish DJ (and Mum Yvonne) good luck for September, at his new school.

Have a lovely Summer holiday everybody,

Tracey Taylor

Headteacher, July 17th 2014