

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - March 7th 2017

World Book Day

A huge thank you to all of our families for the AMAZING Roald Dahl costumes you sent the children into school wearing. We were amazed at how many of Roald Dahl's characters were represented in school that day! Please see below, a few photos from the day: Leo as Mike TV from Charlie & the chocolate factory, Paris as Miss Trunchbull from Matilda and then a photo of the children with winning costumes from each class. The children were awarded a book as their prizes. Please also see



our school Twitter account for more photos from the day. Once again, thank you SO much for your



support in making it such a fantastic World Book Day for the children! Thank you to all families for your donations, which have raised another £90 towards our reading tipi.

The Big Pedal

Get set... we're taking part in The Big Pedal 2017, the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school. The challenge runs from 20th to 31st March. It's free to enter and we would love all of our families to be involved.



On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. We'll be competing against other schools right across the UK, and if we clock up the most bike and scooter journeys we'll win!

It's a great way to get more of our pupils travelling to school on their bikes and scooters. We will be competing to become one of the UK's top schools for two-

wheeled journeys, and will be in with a chance to win prizes including bike and scooter stunt shows and fantastic cycle and scooter storage.

All you need to do is encourage your child/ren to cycle or scoot to school every day during the event, and join them on their way - parent and sibling journeys count too! For more information about the event go to www.bigpedal.org.uk, and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Superhero day

On Friday 31st March we'd love our children to be involved in Sustrans' Superhero Day by dressing as their favourite superhero as an event to mark the end of The Big Pedal. This gives every child the chance to be involved in the Big Pedal even if they don't scoot or cycle to school.

Reading Challenge

Thank you to all of the completed sponsor forms and money that we have received. So far we have collected £719.55. Thanks so much for your support. Should anyone have any outstanding sponsor money please can you send it into school by the end of tomorrow thanks as the Usborne book rep will be visiting school to see how many books we are able to buy through taking part in the reading challenge.



Dance Festival

Our Year 2 children performed at the North Tyneside Dance Festival last night at The Parks. We were so very proud of them all, they were absolutely fantastic! If any parents ordered a DVD of the dance festival, the office will inform you once we have received them. A big thank you to Miss Knowles & Mrs Wright for accompanying the

children to the event.



Shakespeare week

Wherefore art thou? It is Shakespeare Week from 20th-26th March. This is an annual, national celebration, which aims to inspire the introduction of Shakespeare's work to younger children. To mark the occasion, on Thursday 23rd March, we have Bigfoot Arts Education coming into school to work with Years 2-6. They will carry out an age-tailored drama workshop, based on Romeo & Juliet, with each class. We can't wait to see the children getting into the Shakespearean spirit. Thank you to Miss Daley for organising the drama workshop!

Preston Grange Has Talent

Each year the children request that we run our Preston Grange has got talent competition, which culminates in the final being just before Easter. The competition involves Year 3 to Year 6 children, and each week there are three acts battle it out

in assembly, with the School Council voting on all three acts. The winner for that week is announced in well done assembly on Friday that week. A huge well done to winners of round one, Harry & Krzysztof from Year 6, who amazed the children by playing guitars and well done to Owen from Year 4, who sang a Justin Bieber song very well, and John from Year 5, who impressed everyone with his amazing football skills. It's always a tough one to judge for the School Council!



Scholastic book orders

You will already have received the latest Scholastic book magazine. If you wish to place an order, please return the order form and money to school by Friday 17th March at the latest thank you. Please send either cash or cheque and make cheques payable to Preston Grange Primary School.

Dates for your diary

Tues 7th March - Year 5 visit to the mosque

Tues 7th March - The Jungle Book, theatre production (pm)

Wed 8th March - parents evening

Fri 10th March - Year 5 basketball team in NT semi-finals at Sport Central (5.45pm)

Mon 13th March - Science week starts (more detail to follow)

Tues 14th March - parents evening

Thurs 16th March - football team to JSCHS 3.30-4.30pm

Mon 20th March - The Big Pedal starts (more details to follow)

Thurs 23rd March - Romeo & Juliet theatre production in school (pm)

Fri 24th March - Red Nose Day (non uniform)

Fri 31st March - Superhero day to celebrate end of The Big Pedal

Tues 4th Apr - Year 4 badminton tournament at JSCHS

Thurs 6th Apr - final of Preston Grange Has Talent (more details to follow)

Fri 7th Apr - Break up for Easter holidays

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, March 7th 2017