

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter - February 25th 2013



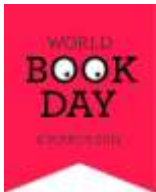
Big Pedal

Further to the letter that has been sent out this week, I would like to remind parents that next week sees the start of The Big Pedal. Please encourage your child to cycle or scoot to school during the two weeks between March 3rd and March 14th. There are some great prizes to win if we can get significant numbers of children pedalling to school during this time! Our school gets additional points for adults cycling or scooting to school with the children as well, so the more cycling the better! Thanks for your support.

Plus.....during the Big Pedal, Doctor Bike will be visiting school on Thursday 6th March, to give all bikes in the bike racks a 'check up'.

PE specialist teaching

This half term, Adam Pilkington, the specialist PE teacher from John Spence High School, will be teaching Year 3 QuikStick Hockey and teaching Year 4 Gymnastics each week.



World Book Day

I would like to remind parents that on Thursday 6th March we are celebrating World Book Day. This year we will be focusing on *Traditional tales*. As always there will be two prizes for the best traditional tales costumes in each year group. This year we will be looking for the best costumes that represent our theme of traditional tales. Your child is also welcome to bring in their favourite book (traditional tale or not) to share with, and recommend to the rest of the class. Thanks for your support.

Choir in the news

Please watch out for a photo of our school choir in the News Guardian. The choir had their photo taken with Mr Chappell in their new school choir sweatshirts, which were provided by First Class Supply Agency in Whitley Bay. They look really smart, and the choir are looking forward to wearing them when they perform as a school choir.

Teacher Training Days

Please note that in September, there are two consecutive Teacher Training Days in school, on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September. This means that the children do not return to school until Wednesday 3rd September. One further training day is to be allocated for later in the academic year. I will update the website once this is confirmed.

Easter chicks

Grace's family have been very busy with their knitting needles ! Grace is now selling her chicks in school each day, to raise money for brain tumour research, for £1.50 each. Please send your child into school with their money in an envelope, clearly marked with their name, if they would like to buy one thank you.

Good Luck

We would like to congratulate again our Year 6 basketball team who are through to the semi-finals of the Hoops for Health tournament next Friday 7th March, when they play ahead of the Eagles game. Good luck Year 6 !

Sainsburys vouchers

We would love families to keep collecting the Sainsburys vouchers for school. Please send any that you may have into school with your child, thank you.

Scholastic book orders

If you would like to order any books from the next Scholastic books catalogue, please send payment into school by 14th March, please make cheques payable to Preston Grange Primary School.

Lunchtime clubs

Key Stage 1 lunchtime clubs start next week. A very big thank you to young leaders and Eco Warriors for doing a super job of running the clubs for the younger children. Lunchtime Art club starts tomorrow.

Craft Afternoon

Next Tuesday 4th March, there will be a Reception craft afternoon starting at 3.00pm. The last one was extremely well attended and we hope to see you all again next week.

Dates for your diaries

Mon 3rd March - Image Musical Theatre Company in School

Wed 6th March - World Book Day (please see above)

Wed 6th March - Bollywood family event (5.30-7.30)

Fri 7th March - Basketball finals at Eagles game, details TBC

Tues 11th March - Netball finals at the Blue Flames, Longbenton (Y5&6)

Tues 11th March - Rec & Y6 heights and weights

Thurs 13th March - Year 4 to Wallsend library, poet Craig Bradley

Fri 14th March - Superhero Day (dress up day to mark the end of the Big Pedal)

Wed 19th March - Year 5 & 6 River trip

Thurs 20th March - football team to JSCHS (3.45-5.00)

Fri 21st March - Sport Relief Day (details to follow)

Wed 26th March - Vocal celebration at Whitley Bay Playhouse (choir)

Thurs 27th March - Year 3 at Skipping Festival, JSCHS

Mon 31st March - Reception hearing and vision re-visits

Fri 4th April - Break up for Easter