

Headteacher's Headline 4th June 2009 - No 10



Barbados's Appeal

Thank-you all so much for your support of the Barbados's appeal. The children's beans were fantastic and we managed to raise over £650 for the appeal. All the children who brought in their beans were given a Bear keyring with two children from each class awarded a special fluffy bear keyring for the tallest or most unusual bean. Finally all the envelopes returned were put into a box and one was drawn as the winner for the Barney Bear teddy. Well Done to Joshua Golliker who won this award and thank-you again for your generosity.



Sun Safety



The school is concerned about protecting children from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. We would like your help and support in this matter. We will be encouraging your children to avoid over-exposure to the sun by:

- Seeking the shade, particularly during lunch breaks
- Wearing a sun hat at all times during play - otherwise they will have to play under the canopy, out of direct sun
- Using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 25+) before they come to school, which they should top up if necessary at lunch time
- Reminding the children to drink lots of water

Could you help us with this by providing your child with a sun hat, a named bottle of water with a sports cap to avoid spillages and by putting sun screen on your child before they come to school. There are now some sun screens which last all day - these would be preferable because we are not allowed to apply sun cream onto a child and they can end up very slippery and messy when they do it themselves! Many thanks!

Gardening Club



Firstly I would like to thank Reigate Garden Centre for their continuing support. The compost, plants and gloves they have provided this term have been very useful!

In the Reception garden the children have planted and eaten radishes, carrots, lettuce and soon courgettes. They have picked sweet peas for the classroom and are looking forward to eating the broad beans, runner beans and mange tout.

In the Year 1 and 2 Garden they have had great fun watering, weeding and thinning out the plants. In Friday's gardening club radishes, carrots, lettuce and nasturtium leaves have been eaten in the playground. We will be picking our first yellow courgettes this week.

We need help! Could you spare an hour on Friday lunchtimes to help the children garden or know someone who could (a grandparent?). Please tell either the school office or Mr Wilkes in the playground.



Breakfast Club

Could I please remind parents who use the Breakfast Club to pay their bills promptly. Mrs Penman, the school bursar needs to be able to tally each month as quickly as possible. Again, many thanks.

Art Week

The Art week (6th to 10th July) this year is based on the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' programme. Each year the National Gallery chooses one of the paintings from its collection as the focus for cross-curricular learning. Renoirs' 'Les Parapluies' is this year's focus and we are planning a full week of activities across the year groups to enrich the curriculum and engage the children in their learning. There are opportunities for speaking and listening, drama and hot-seating in Literacy; shape work in numeracy; learning about impressionist art, costume and children's games in history as well as so many art activities. Each class will create a mural in the outside areas and the week will culminate in our own 'gallery' of work displayed in the Hall and throughout the school.

There will be further information nearer the time, but if you are able to help during that week, please keep it free!



Playground Rules

In order to keep the playground safe in the mornings and at the end of the day, could I remind you that scooters should be left either in the scooter park or on the slope, but should not cross the yellow line into the car park. Could I also ask you to ensure the children do not enter the taped off area by the stage. Mr Sears has re-seeded the grass area to stop the dust from flying around, but this area will be out of action until the end of the term.

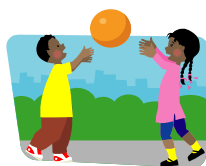


Tesco and Sainsbury Vouchers

As you are already aware we are collecting vouchers from Sainsbury and Tesco. However, if you are able to help count these vouchers and put them into bundles of 100 we would be really grateful. Please just see Mrs Danbury in the office if you are able to help. PLEASE REMEMBER THE VOUCHERS WILL BE COLLECTED BY TESCOs on WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE, SO ALL VOUCHERS MUST BE IN AND COUNTED BY THIS DATE.

Many thanks!

Sports Week



Sports week this year is from 22nd June - 24th June culminating in their Sports Day which will be at 1.45pm on Wednesday 24th June. Children will be competing for their house, so please do support their house colour. On Tuesday (June 23) we are asking that your son/daughter comes into school in football gear to help us support the Bobby Moore Fund. The charity is

sending a team of volunteers to South Africa next year to renovate a dilapidated school and a football pitch in partnership with the local population. The project will give the local children and their parents the chance to continue their education in their own village, close to their families, rather than being obliged to move away. We are tying this mufti day in with our sports week because as I am sure you are aware one of Bobby Moore's biggest claims to fame is being the only England captain to have lifted the World Cup. We are asking each child to bring in 50p to give to the charity.

For more information about the project visit

www.cancerresearchuk.org/bobbymoorefund/getinvolved/events/projectsouthafrica/

Parents' Forum

The next meeting is Friday 10th July at 2.15 pm. All parents are welcome and we can accommodate pre-schoolers, so please come and join us. It is an opportunity to help the school move forward by making suggestions and giving a parent's perspective on school matters. It is chaired by the head teacher and a representative of the governors is usually in attendance.

Science Evening

Our science week took place recently - having been rescheduled due to snow! The mad scientist workshop came in and ran a superb assembly as well as workshops in each class. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and learned a lot. The science evening with Ron Bibby was a huge success and all the feedback so far has been incredibly positive - so many parents have gone out and bought items to use at home with their children! If you were unable to attend, we are currently waiting for Ron to send us a leaflet on the ideas he discussed. As soon as these arrive we will be sending them out. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Henry for organising such a successful week.

Table Manners Again!

We are going to talk to the children about good manners at lunch time again, whether they have a school lunch or a packed lunch. For the rest of this term we are going to encourage the children to try their best by giving stickers for good effort and having a go. I understand that families have different expectations and habits, but I think most people would wish their children to have the basics.

Our golden rules in the hall at lunch time are:

- Use your knife and fork - not your fingers - please encourage this at home as many of the Reception children still struggle immensely using a knife and fork
- Cut up bigger bits of food - don't nibble them from the fork
- Have a go yourself before asking for help from a grown up
- Don't talk with your mouth full!
- Sit down before you start eating
- Finish your mouthful before you get up
- Sit quietly at the table when you have finished

Celebration Assembly

<p>Caterpillars Cameron Mackie Cody Chitty Edward Hookway Niamh Chavasse Angelique Sidir Lucas Sanderson Evie Pettitt Lily Collman Zak Hammond</p>	<p>Grasshoppers Jack Ives Matthew Hills Lucas Evans Archie Walker-Merrison Freya Biggs Courtney Danbury Abbie Williams Edward Simms Adam Tarrant</p>	<p>Ladybirds Jasmine Foster Carmen Eastwell Archie Adams Jake Davis Amber Labanya Alfie Jenkins Lodovico Edwards Riley Griffin Patrick Brown</p>
<p>Butterflies Alexander Salmon Sam Parker Millie Minns Roman Binedell Millie Jones Matthew Thompson Jamie Cowhig Joshua Golliker</p>	<p>Honeybees Joshua Lumsden Poppy McAllister Emilia Ashby Tom Crouch Niamh Fletcher Ellie Hamilton-Miller Luka Peacefield Maisie Hughes Jasmine Birch Emma Masters</p>	<p>Dragonflies James Craske Keela McCullen Ella George Jason Ford Elle Cowen Grace Quantick Rebecca Lilley Charlie Lebby Davis Zephyrin</p>



Diary Dates:

SUMMER TERM 2009	
W/c 25 th May	HALF TERM
5 th June	Globe Players perform Rapunzel
10 th June	New parents Coffee morning
11 th June	Brilliant bugs roadshow visiting each class
w/c 15 th June	Golden Boot Challenge week
15 th June	Sports for schools assembly
18 th June	Prayer group meeting 9.00am
19 th June	Last day for handing in Tesco vouchers
w/c 22 nd June	Sports week
22 nd June	Visiting gymnast assembly
24 th June	1.45 pm Sports Day Tesco vouchers collected from school
Thursday 25 th and Friday 26 th June	School Closed - INSET training
1 st July	Year 1 trip to Bay Pond -
	Year 2 trip to Lookout Discovery Centre, Bracknell
2 nd July	Year 1 trip to Bay Pond -
6 th - 10 th July	Art Week
7 th July	Reception trip to Gatton Park - Butterflies class
9 th July	Reception trip to Gatton Park - Ladybirds class
	Litter free award ceremony
	Year 1 and 2 to Reigate Priory to see Production of The lion the witch and the wardrobe
10 th July	2.15 pm Parents' Forum
14 th July	Open Morning for prospective parents
17 th July	Open Afternoon for existing parents
21 st July	Leavers' Service (Mrs Wombwell is hoping to attend)
22 nd July	Term ends at 1.00pm