

St Botolph's Church of England Primary School

January Newsletter 2010

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Environmental Awards

We are delighted to be short listed for the Peterborough Environmental Education Awards for 2010. This year is the first time these awards have taken place and we have been nominated for two categories: The Green Supporter Award which focuses upon the input and support we have received from Bryony Farrow in setting up our garden and helping to run the weekly garden club; and the Small Spaces Garden Award which celebrates our garden and the hard work of Mrs Cronin and members of our Gardening Club. The garden has been a project that was first started by Mrs Cronin and a large number of volunteers long before I became Headteacher of St Botolph's. Through the commitment, hard work, and the giving of many hours of labour, we have a garden which not only harvests a range of produce but is enjoyed by the children. We would not be in this position without the support of many volunteers, who have freely given up their own time to dig the ground, build paths and donate building and plant materials. The garden is a large educational resource which teaches the children many skills as well as an understanding of sustainability and environmental issues. A few of us are attending the Environmental Awards ceremony this coming Thursday at the Town Hall.

Leighton v St Botolph's

On Tuesday 19th January, St Botolph's played a football match against Leighton at Leighton School. Playing for St Botolphs was: Jamie Homden, Ben Laughton, William Pierce, Tarantino Renecke, Thomas Crowson, Declan Greene, Bryony Fox and Jessica Driscoll.

The first half kicked off with Leighton getting a first goal but not long after that Bryony got St Botolph's a goal followed by another goal from Leighton then that was the end of the first half.

The second half kicked off with Leighton getting 2 goals but not long after that Thomas Crowson got a goal from St Botolph's. Finally Leighton got a last goal which made the final score 5 - 2 to Leighton but the important thing is that we all had fun.

Report by Jessica Driscoll

School Council Young Writer's Award Autumn Term 2009

The winners were:

Reception:	Joshua Houchen Lucy Gibson
Year 1:	Ellie Smith
Year 2:	Matthew Doran
Year 3:	Marta Synowiec
Year 4:	Freya Larter
Year 5:	Olivia Corley
Year 6:	Jenny Hargreaves

Well done to all our winners. Their work will shortly be on display in the corridor.

Reception Appeal

We are urgently in need:

- Clothes in good condition, (school uniform) age 4 – 6, plus underwear!
- Unwanted toys aged 3 – 5. Indoor / outdoor in good condition.

Check our school website to see photos of our recent visitors – Martin King, world champion ice carver and the Cat Lady!

New Dictionaries for every Year Group

We are thrilled to be able to purchase new dictionaries for every year group throughout the school - one dictionary between two children, plus sets of Thesauruses. This is a huge bonus to our school as our old dictionaries are getting really tatty. We are grateful to the Friends of St Botolph's for all their fundraising and to you for supporting events such as the school fair. Every penny raised is used to purchase equipment and equip the school in areas that we would not normally be able to. If you have an hour or two to spare and want to support the school in this way, please do get in touch with the 'Friends'.



A Second language for every child in KS2 by September 2010

The Government set out a new referendum for schools that every child in KS2 (that is years 3 – 6) should be taught a foreign language by September 2010. We are pleased that we have been offering a second language for the past two years, but recently we have been fortunate enough to be able to offer a third language. Children in years 3 and 4 are taught Italian once a week, and pupils in years 5 and 6 are taught French. In addition, we have just introduced Latin to some of our Gifted and Talented children in the upper school. Do ask your children how they are getting along. Hopefully, you'll be impressed!

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR REQUIRED

Start immediately

Tel 01733 231313

7 ½ hours per week. 12.00pm – 1.30pm Monday to Friday.
Interested? Contact the School office for an application form.

Packed Lunches

I have noticed that some children have been bringing in chocolate such as Mars Bars and chocolate buttons with their packed lunches. As a health promoting school we strongly encourage that all packed lunches are nutritionally balanced. For this reason the Governors do not consider that a bar of chocolate forms part of a balanced lunch and we discourage putting chocolate into a child's lunchbox.

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 3rd February

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Thursday 4th February

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Tuesday 9th February

Wednesday 10th February

Wednesday 10th February

Wednesday 10th February

Thursday 11th February

Thursday 11th February

Friday 12th February

Tuesday 23rd February

Tuesday 2nd March

Wednesday 3rd March

Thursday 4th March

Parents Coffee Morning 8.50am – School Nurse

9.45am 4VB Swimming

1.30pm Year 3 Open Session

1.45pm – 8.15pm 'Sing Up' Chorister Outreach Programme at Cathedral

5.00pm – 8.00pm Parent Consultations (everyone except Y3 and 5NF)

9.45am 4VB Swimming

3.15pm – 5.45pm Parent Consultations (RRB and 6NM only)

5.00pm – 8.00pm Parent Consultations (5NF only)

9.00am 2FW Class Assembly

3.15pm – 5.45pm Parent Consultations (everyone except RRB, 6NM and Y3)

1.30pm Year 1 Open Session

9.00am Founders Day Assembly

5.00pm – 8.00pm Parent Consultations (3JC and 3MR only)

3.15pm – 5.45pm Parent Consultations (3JC and 3MR only)

9.00am 4VB Class Assembly