

St Botolph's Primary School

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May 2009 Newsletter

Once again our Year 6 pupils did themselves proud as they sat their statutory tests in Science, Maths and English last week. They had been working incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the tests and, without exception, they all did their very best. We could not have asked any more of them and I know that all their parents are thrilled with their attitude and commitment to do their very best. I know that we were! They have some exciting weeks planned for them as they prepare to leave us at the end of term and move onto their secondary schools. We all wish them every success in the future. My upmost appreciation goes to all my staff, both teaching and non-teaching, who gave up their own time freely to support the children in class during this week and feed forty plus hungry children with a breakfast at 8.00am each morning.

School Council Young Writer's Award

The school council is responsible every term in choosing a piece of writing submitted by each year that meets the criteria set and where the pupil has exceeded in producing an excellent piece of work. All the children are involved in choosing the piece of work that will be put forward to the full council for judging. The executive committee of the school council carries out the final judging and awards the prizes to the winners. The following children were judged the best for the spring term 2009:

Reception - Leanne Lau
Year 1 - Anita Wong
Year 2 - Catherine Elliott
Year 3 - Daniel Bonsor
Year 4 - Luke Ward
Year 5 - Hannah Adams
Year 6 - James Chalmers

Pedestrian Training

Is anyone able to help us by being able and willing to undergo some short training and then be able to deliver to our children a 'Safer Cycling' course? We want to be able to encourage our children to cycle to school but it is so important that we ensure that the children are safe and have an understanding of safer cycling techniques and an awareness of the dangers of traffic. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, then please get in touch with the school office and I will pass your details on to the local authority that will provide the training. Many thanks in advance!



Parents Coffee Morning – Wednesday 3rd June

Come and join us for a free cup of coffee/tea and a biscuit. Learn about the way your child is taught science in school and simple steps you can take to help them.

Swine Flu – Following government guidelines we are encouraging children and adults to: use tissues when sneezing, to then throw away the tissue and wash hands thoroughly. All toilets are checked daily for soap and paper towels.

Moon Walk – I would just like to say a huge thank you to those people who were kind enough to sponsor me last weekend. The walk went well – all 26 miles of it and I ended up with only a few blisters. The whole experience was breathtaking, at times emotional, and certainly one I will remember for a long, long time. Between the 5 of us, we have raised at last count £6,000 all of which will be used for vital breast cancer research work. Thank you again – Mrs J Cronin

Blue Peris



Three Year 5 children were very fortunate to be chosen to represent the school and attend a weeks residential outward bound course over the Easter holidays at the Blue Peris centre in Wales. Madeline Wallace, Will Pierce and Jamie Glasby had an exciting but equally challenging time. These three children will go on to represent our school at Orton cluster events with other schools across the Orton area. They will attend further events and will ultimately be the ‘voice’ for our school as they move into Year 6. It is planned that next year new children will be selected. Here is their report:

On Sunday 19th April three children in every Year 5 class around Orton went on a trip to Snowdonia in Wales. The trip would last one week and we would be getting back on Friday 24th. By the second day everyone had done a night time walk, orienteering, shelter buildings, sea traversing, rock climbing and problem solving. (We had to jump into the sea off a cliff).

On the third say we went canoeing on Lake Padarn. Most of us got very, very wet but in the evening we all got hot chocolate and cake which of course we all deserved. On the fourth day we walked to the top of three different mountains, all of them were at least 500m high and all three groups had to walk 4km.

On Thursday evening we had to pack and do a few cleaning up jobs, but after that we had a talent show with a few comedy acts. At last it was Friday and time to leave. On the bus we watched a film so that passed the time but it still took 6 hours. When we got back we shook hands with all the teachers, one other adult and the sixth formers. We all enjoyed it very much.

Attendance for May 2009

Key Stage 1

Miss Evans	Reception	93.33%
Mr Balaam	Reception	97.95%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	96.50%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	98.33%
Mr File	Year 2	94.72%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	90.80%

Key Stage 2

Miss Noble	Year 3	98.28%
Miss Murrell	Year 3	95.26%
Miss Brittain	Year 4	97.17%
Mrs Cronin	Year 4	95.11%
Mrs Richardson	Year 5	93.59%
Miss Hicks	Year 5	97.12%
Mr Binmore	Year 6	93.45%
Mrs McCay	Year 6	97.84%

Forthcoming Dates

Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term
Monday 1 st June	Return to school
Wednesday 3 rd June	Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.15 – Science
Thursday 4 th June	Uniform Shop 3.00pm
Monday 8 th June	Y2 to Long Sutton Butterfly Park
Tuesday 9 th June	Reception to Hunstanton
Thursday 11 th June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Storytime Visit – New Reception
Friday 12 th June	Y4 Parents Open Morning
Tuesday 16 th June	1.30pm – KS1 Sports Day – weather permitting
Wednesday 17 th June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Storytime Visit – New Reception
Thursday 18 th June	Y1 Sponsored Walk
Thursday 18 th June	1.30pm – KS2 Sports Day – weather permitting
Thursday 18 th June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Storytime Visit – New Reception
Friday 19 th June	Y6 Parents Open Morning
Friday 19 th June	Mufti Day
Friday 19 th June	Sponsored Walk
Friday 19 th June	Y1 to Linton Zoo
Wednesday 24 th June	Reception Class Assembly
Thursday 25 th June	2.00pm – 3.00pm Storytime Visit – New Reception
Saturday 27 th June	Summer Fair – 1.00 – 3.30
Monday 29 th June	Y6 to Wicksteed Park