



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th May, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Year 6 Super Stars!

I have been extremely impressed with the hard work, determination and positive attitude demonstrated by each and every one of our Year 6 pupils this week as they've completed their SATs. They've conducted themselves impeccably and set a wonderful example to the rest of the school. We are all very proud of these children and they thoroughly deserved their treat day, today. The water fights were great fun, although I am going to bring a bigger water pistol next year, and the breakfast BBQ really got the day off to a fantastic start. Well done, Year 6 and well done to the Year 6 teaching team. You are all SUPER STARS!

Dancing Star!

I was delighted to be told that one of our children had been selected to be part of a specialist dancing troop this summer. Jessica Pitt will perform with the Chorley Dance Academy at the opening and closing ceremonies of this year's Lancashire Youth Games. Jessica went through a rigorous audition process (much tougher than Britain's Got Talent) and became one of only 18 dancers to make it into the final team. A wonderful achievement, Jessica. Well done.

Greenslate Farm

Today, Class 1 & Class 2 went to Greenslate Farm in Wigan. During the visit, the children observed lots of different animals and learnt about their lifecycles. The children were extremely well behaved and loved seeing the adult animals with their babies. A big thank you to Mrs Keane, Miss Hughes and the rest of the staff for organising such a wonderful trip.



Fencing Demonstration

Our popular fencing club will finish on Tuesday 16th May and Wayne has said that parents are welcome to join him and his fencers for the final session. If you would like to see the next Zorro then please come along to the school hall at 4:00pm on Tuesday.

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been on the life cycle of a butterfly. In order to observe this first hand, we have our very own caterpillars in class. Using these, our chick egg set and seeds which we planted, we began to record our observations in our Life Cycle Diary. We will continue adding to our diary over the coming weeks. After sharing *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, we wrote our own versions of the whole or part of the story. In our Maths, we have been exploring doubling up to 5, halving and sharing. How could we split the playdough, apple, cake so that it is equal? Could we share the carriages between the three trains so they had the same amount? We also visited Greenslate Farm to continue our work on lifecycles and minibeasts. What a jam-packed week!!!

Class 2- This week, Year 1 have been learning about finding halves and quarters and Year 2 have been practising mental and pictorial strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They have also been practising the 2 and 10 times tables. We have been learning about minibeasts and this was topped off with a fabulous school trip to Greenslate Farm where we got to look at habitats other than our school.

Class 3- In Science, we have been looking at three basic types of food- food for growth, food for energy and food that keeps us healthy. We are continuing to build our throwing skills in PE and in RE we have been exploring rules for living from other religions. In English, we have been learning about poetic techniques. We have practised similes, imagery, personification and onomatopoeia. In Maths, we have continued to look at data handling. We have presented information in bar charts, pictograms, tables and Year 4 have looked at continuous data in time graphs.

Class 4- This week, as well as working incredibly hard in their SATs, Year 6 have been preparing a PowerPoint all about their favourite hobbies. They will be presenting these as part of a Year 6 Show & Tell next week. Year 5 have also been working on their computing skills alongside their historical enquiry skills. They have been planning and designing a PowerPoint all about the origins of the Olympics. In Maths, Year 5 have been working on addition and subtraction through the context of problems. In PE, all the children have been enjoying the fine weather on the field and playing a variety of games.

Bag2School

Please remember to fill your Bag2School bag with any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties or soft toys and return them to school on Wednesday 17th May at 9:00am. These items will be used to support families in need and our school PTFA will also receive a donation for the items we collect.

Christian Aid Week

I'd like to say a big thank you to Ysabel Green, Olivia Green, Holly Shinkfield and Alice Shinkfield for making and selling decorative stones in order to raise money for Christian Aid. Our Ethos Club will also be raising money for this important charity by baking cakes for a cake sale on Friday 19th May. Cakes will be 50p each so please send in money with your child on that day if you would like them to have a cake. Please let me know if there are any special dietary requirements I need to be aware of.

St. James The Great will also be kicking off Christian Aid week with a special Sunday Brunch in the church hall on Sunday 14th May after the 10:30am service.

Heskin Pemberton's Netball Team.

Our netball team travelled all the way to Ecclestone St Mary's yesterday to participate in a tournament against other schools in our local area. The team played amazingly well in all their matches, making Mrs Cowie very proud. *Netball Squad: Jessica Pitt, Harry Clarke-Tomlinson, Holly Shinkfield, Millie Georgiou-Finch, Ben Carrier, Tegan Charfe-Turner, Ysabel Green, Ben Morris and Sophia Robinson.*



PFTA Copper Boxes

The clash of the coppers is well under way! Class 3 are currently in the lead and the teachers are way behind in last place! Remember, the class with the most copper coins will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 26th May. All the coins collected will be used by the PTFA to support our children in school.

Important Dates

- 14.05.17: Christian Aid Sunday Brunch.**
- 16.05.17: Fencing Club demonstration.**
- 17.05.17: Bag2School deadline.**
- 19.05.17: Christian Aid Cake Sale.**
- 25.05.17: Copper Box Competition deadline.**
- 26.05.17: School closes for half term.**
- 05.06.17: School reopens.**
- 16.06.17: PTFA Fathers' Day Breakfast.**
- 23.06.17: Sports Day & Summer Fayre.**
- 30.06.17-03.07.17: Patterdale Residential Visit**
- 07.07.17: Waring Treat Day**



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Isabel Leadbetter

**Class 2 – Y1 Florence Smith
Y2 Robert Shinkfield**

**Class 3 – Y3 Thelia Wallwork
Y4 Spencer Buglar**

Class 4 – All of Year 6

Joke of the Week:

This week's joke comes from Mrs Tasker in Class 3:

A man walks into a bar with a newt in his top pocket.

He points to the newt and says to the barman, 'A drink for me and a packet of crisps for Tiny!'

The barman says, 'Why do you call him Tiny?'

The man replies, 'Because he's my newt!'

Please, please, please send me some more jokes! I really don't want to use another one of Mrs Tasker's jokes next week!!!

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

