

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 3rd October 2014

Dear all,

I must start with a couple of apologies; firstly for the lack of a newsletter last week (I was out on Friday), so this week's is a 'bumper edition'! Secondly, to Stephen Vaughan – you may remember in my last newsletter that I concluded with a sentence or two celebrating some of the children's achievements. I was in a real rush to get the newsletter printed before the end of the day, and, when I read what I'd put about Stephen's award, I realised it made absolutely no sense – sorry Stephen! I've used this as a lesson with the children about the importance of checking and editing one's work...

Last week, Class 1 had a wonderful trip to Harlow Carr. The children came back full of stories of plant dyes and stepping stones, and we've been following on their projects through weaving and writing. Thank you to all our parent helpers once again. I was sorry not to have been in for their presentation assembly which I heard was lovely. There is a pdf copy of their presentation on the website in the 'Gallery' section if you'd like to download it – definitely worth a look!



This week, Class 3 have been continuing their work on the Romans and have constructed their own 'Roman roads'. The children researched the methods and materials used, and recreated cross sections of the roads, along with detailed instructions on how the Romans constructed their great highways. In the meantime, Class 2 have been using all kinds of materials to construct Roman models, we've got the Colosseum, the Forum and some Temples made from Lego, wood, and clay!



Our children have also been excelling themselves again out of school. The Andrews boys have, once again, been meeting with success on their bikes. Monte came third in his class of the Ripon Summer Series Championship, whilst Conrad won his class in the same competition and was also featured in the newspapers! Well done! We also have a number of talented dancers who attend Mrs. Richmond's Saturday dance lessons and had the Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy presentation morning Saturday 27th September – a 100% pass rate with 95% of pupils attaining the



Conrad Andrew comes top in the Small-wheel May Course as Ripon holds the seventh annual round of the Acklam's Motorcycle Society

top two marks of Commended & Highly Commended! Well done to Cecelia and Isabella Watson and Emmaly Smith who all took exams! New pupils are always welcome, contact Mrs. Richmond.



Medical Conditions – please note we have updated our procedures for managing children’s medical needs in school. The most important changes relate to the requirement for parents to complete forms for the administering of any medicines on school premises. This includes children who carry their own inhalers. There is now a dedicated section on the website under the ‘School Office’ tab with all the details and forms available to download. Alternatively, please contact the office and forms can be provided.

School Friends Comedy Night – this will be held in Newsham Village Hall on 22nd November. Tickets are £8 each, and doors open at 7:30pm. I’m told that it’ll be run by a professional comedian, so you don’t need to fear a collection of my ‘And Finally...’ comments all night long! More information from Jo Metcalfe, Joanne Wallis or Amanda Antoncich.

Football Cards – a note to ask that football cards not be brought into school please. Whilst we know that the children love to share and trade their cards, there have already been a number of issues around these, including someone’s precious and carefully ordered portfolio being dropped and the cards scattered to the wind, with the ensuing upset for all concerned. Please keep them for out of school, and hopefully there will be fewer arguments and ‘dodgy deals’! Many thanks.

School Friends Logo Design Competition – congratulations to our winner, young Zach Wardle who has created the new logo for the Ravensworth School Friends Association (RSFA). It’s brilliant! Further congratulations to our runners up from the three classes, Oscar Lawson, Clara Metcalfe and Emily Astwood for their brilliant designs. I am a particular fan of Emily’s pot of ‘school money’ at the end of the rainbow... if only I could find that rainbow! The judges (thanks to Pam Braithwaite and Laura Walton) commented on the high level of all the entries and said it was a very hard task!

Dates for the Diary:

- Clubs this half term: Archery (Weds), Football (Thurs)
- Tuesday 14th October – Messy Church
- Friday 17th October – Y1-2 Multiskills Festival, Richmond School
- Weds 22nd October – 5-7pm Parents’ Evening
- Thurs 23rd October – 3:30-5pm Parents’ Evening
- Friday 24th October – Harvest Service, time TBC



And Finally...

I was told Class 2 wanted to ask me a few questions about the Bible the other day in their RE lesson – I was happy to oblige, anticipating questions about how many books there are, which my favourite verse was etc. Their opening question: “Mr. Campbell, how do you know if God is real...?” Nice, light theology there then!

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

Zach’s winning logo!

