

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2015

Dear all,

It's a beautiful day here at Ravensworth, and we're counting our blessings with the weather over the last week. The children have been playing on the field, and it's felt much like summer – although I'm reliably informed that the 6 weeks' holiday is still rather a long way off...

I thought I'd share some more photos from Class 2's Viking Boats project this week. The children built and floated their boats (with varying degrees of success!), and discussed the science of materials and buoyancy. Then, they moved on to create a replica boat that they could do drama in using the blocks in the hall – so the raiders are well and truly set!



Last week's Jeans for Genes day raised a fantastic £125 – many thanks indeed for all your donations. The children certainly had fun!



Governor Update – significant changes are afoot among our Governing Body. Our wonderful Chair of Governors, Julie Cooke, has had to resign after serving 5 years and leading the Governors so well during this time. Julie is undertaking a degree course in Respiratory Medicine, and simply doesn't have the time any longer to continue to commit to the role of a Governor. She has been a wonderful servant of the school, and we are so grateful for all she has done. Julie's letter noted: "I have relished the opportunity to work with the school, and have seen some amazing changes in the last two years"... we wish her all the very best, and extend our very grateful thanks for all her work.

I'm very pleased to be able to tell you, however, that our previous Vice Chair, Alison Brooks, was elected this week to be the new Chair of Governors and we are sure she'll continue to build on all the strengths of our Governing body. Many thanks to her!

In addition, Richard Smith, another of our Governors, has had to resign this term. Richard has been our resident buildings expert, and Health and Safety Governor for many years - his input in this area (and many others!) will be sorely missed.

The Governors have registered their great gratitude to both Julie and Richard for all they've done to support and challenge the school during their time on the Governing body.

This leaves us with a number of vacancies on our board – including a Parent Governor and Co-opted and Local Authority Governors (appointed by the LA). We will be holding elections for the Parent Governor position shortly (letters to follow) - please be carefully considering whether this is an area in which you would be able to support our school.

Pirate Painters – a massive thanks to all those who have been helping with the painting of our pirate ship before the winter weather – particularly the 'two Jos' who were here all day! It's looking ship shape and Bristol fashion, and the help is much appreciated.

Trading Rubbers – I understand that a new craze has hit the shops (and, therefore, parents' pockets and our classrooms!) in little tradable erasers. I'm not sure of the details, but a number of the staff have commented that these have become tradable commodities in school and are (as is so often the case with such items) causing issues between children, and are presenting a significant distraction in lessons. Please don't permit your children to bring these rubbers in for trading etc., which will hopefully eliminate any tensions caused by distracted pupils, unfair swaps, and unhappy children!

Ravensworth MacMillan Coffee Morning – held in Ravensworth Village Hall on Saturday 10th October, 10am-12pm. Any donations of raffle prizes, bric-a-brac etc. will be gratefully received, please contact Corinne Bell on 01325 718920. Thank you.

Fire Presentations – just to let you know that the fire department will be visiting school next week (9th) to talk about fire safety with the pupils.

Car Park – could I please remind parents to try to avoid coming into the school car park? As you will know, we have very little space, and we are meant to preserve full access at all times for emergency vehicles, deliveries etc. Many thanks.

Celebrating Success – congratulations to Monte Andrew who has been flying about on his trials bike again! Monte won his class in the Richardson Trophy Trial – and the photographer caught him 'hanging in there' as he exited a huge incline! Well done Monte!



Dates for the Diary:

[Clubs this half term (3:10-4:15pm): Thursdays, Football, Y3-6]

Sat 3rd Oct – 7:30pm, School Friends Comedy night, Newsham Village Hall

Thurs 8th Oct – 6pm, Y5/6 Residential Information evening, Melsonby School

Monday 12th Oct – Scholastic Book Fair for 1 week

19th-22nd October – Y5/6 Residential Trip.

23rd October – 12pm Harvest lunch and afternoon Harvest Service (details to follow!)

And Finally...

It's someone's birthday in Class 3. I know this, because I've just heard an incredibly loud rendition of the song through at least 3 solid walls, so, happy birthday from me too...

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

