

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th October 2014

Dear all,

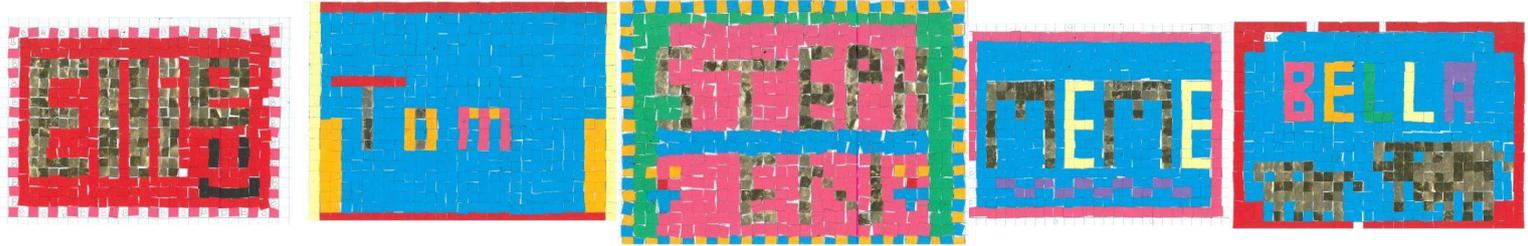
It's that time again, the children have worked extremely hard and have once more filled our 'jewel jar' and earned themselves a treat! This Friday afternoon, we've given a huge 'extended playtime' as a reward for all their endeavours.

We've also introduced a new weekly award – the 'Sportsmanship Trophy'. We have a number of very keen sportsmen and women in school, particularly our footballers who play every break and lunchtime. But we've been teaching the children that skills on the pitch is only half of what being an outstanding player is about; that treating one another with respect, modelling the school values and handling both victory and defeat with grace is just as important. Mike Layfield, our sports coach, came and delivered a special assembly about this on Monday, and has gifted the school with this trophy – which is to be awarded according to pupil nominations. We'll spend a bit of our Friday awards assembly each week listening to who *the children* have seen showing great sportsmanship. Our first winner is Owen Wardle, whose name was mentioned by no less than five other pupils as being an outstanding example of this quality – congratulations Owen!

Parents of older pupils should have received a letter recently re: Cello lessons. Mr. Andy Wardale came and gave a demonstration yesterday and is offering lessons for pupils in Class 3. There were a lot of eager children wanting these, but many claimed that their letters had got lost on the way home (I think we need an 'organisation' award next...!). Rather than picking through who has and hasn't still got their letters, please find them re-attached for Class 3. The demonstration really was excellent, and Andy even let some of the children have a go!



Red class have been busy model making this week, and are currently beavering away writing 'perfect sentences' about their models, for display on the wall. Caitlin and Grace have both made fantastic 'fish bowls', complete with their incumbent goldfish! Class 2 have been journalists this week, working in the Press Office of our Mantle Museum. Apparently, Roman artefacts have gone missing, and the current suspicions rest upon the local headteacher who may have stolen them for use in his children's topic work... Then again, there's a rather dodgy looking cleaner who may have been selling things on e-bay, and a night watchman who thinks he's seeing ghosts... Class 3 are learning all about BIDMAS in maths (many of our Year 4's are studying upper Year 6 material!), and have been producing some stunning mosaics, composed of no less than 629 tiny tiles! Ellie Brown's, Thomas Potter's, Stephen Vaughan's, Amelia Rowland's and Isabella Watson's are overleaf – great work!



Congratulations – many congratulations to our neighbours at Holmedale Pre-school, who had an Ofsted inspection recently and secured an ‘outstanding’ judgement. Fantastic!

Uniform Ordering – just a brief note to say that we have been looking into online ordering for school uniforms. This would not only have saved time for us, but a number of parents have asked about this possibility, since it would be easier for you too. However, in order to do online orders, the price to parents of every item would rise by about £1. We have therefore decided not to pursue this further at this time; however, if a sufficient number of you come forward suggesting you’re happy to increase the cost, we would consider it in future – just thought you’d prefer to save some money!

Morrisons Vouchers – it’s the last day that Morrisons will be issuing their ‘Let’s Grow’ vouchers on 24th October. Please can we get these in asap for counting! Thank you.

Coats – a reminder that it’s now definitely autumn, and we’re rapidly cruising towards winter - Max mentioned that he’d seen Jack Frost painting the grass the other morning! Please could *all children* bring a coat to school every day. We often do work outside or go out at cold playtimes, and it’s a real problem if children don’t have that extra layer. In addition, it would really help if every child brought a bag to school for reading books, letters, slips etc. So, coats and bags are essentials please!

Parents Evening – thank you for returning your slips, please could any remaining ones be returned by Monday at the latest. Unfortunately, we have an unavoidable scheduling issue re: Mrs. Jackson on the first evening (she has to be in Sheffield that day for school!); we will see if we can make this work, but for those parents who have asked for this ‘slot’, we may need to make other arrangements. We will be in touch soon to confirm your times. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for the Diary:

Clubs this half term: Football, Archery

Friday 17th October – Key Stage 1 Multiskills Festival at Richmond School

Tues 22nd and Weds 23rd October – Parents’ Evenings

Friday 24th – Harvest Service, afternoon, time TBC. School closes 3:10pm.

And Finally...

Being a violinist, Mr. Wardale and I were jovially disagreeing about the most challenging instrument to learn, whether violin or cello. All I can say is that good things come in small packages, as evidenced by the fantastic children of Ravensworth!

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell



Owen's Sportsmanship Trophy!

