

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 7th March 2014

Dear all,

Well, it's a little rainy in Ravensworth this morning – perhaps my 'spring has come' optimism of last week was a tad pre-emptive. Still, the weather hasn't dampened activity here – the children have been beavering away like, well, beavers I suppose...

Red Dragons have been busy this week learning all about where our food comes from and looking at maps of the world. Morgan told me that "spice comes from Brazil", and that is "a really hot country!". A few of the Reception children seemed sure that we live in Russia though – I think it's the size that they liked! Meanwhile, Will, Jake, Seb and Oscar were putting together an exciting dinosaur show and feeding Sam (the Tyrannosaurus) a strawberry or two!

In Green beans, the children have been writing stories this week – there's been some amazing work coming out of the Greenhouse. Here's a few extracts:

*One fine sunny morning, Train Driver Reece was travelling along the East Coast Railway, when suddenly he saw an old man lying on the tracks! He slammed on the brakes and stopped just in time. – **Scott Best***

*Moments later, a crab snapped by and asked, "What do you have there?" "A shiny wand, and it's all mine!" Sam replied angrily. So the crab snapped away into the rusty fog. – **Philip Wozny***

*Max the rhino had 3 spiky, shiny and glittering horns. – **Reece Edwards***

*When she got home, all that was left was Sophia, Flow and her mum's trident. "Mum, Dad, where are you?" Maria exclaimed, with tears in her eyes. – **Clara Metcalfe***

The Blue Smurfs have been learning all about ratio and proportion in maths, but through the means of, wait for it... pancake making. This sounds like an excuse for Miss Crisp and Mrs. Stanwix to enjoy some tasty snacks! They've also been creating clay pots, using techniques from the Stone age, and training for the upcoming Cross Country event!



Local Visits Forms – Red Dragons will be receiving their 'local visits' consent forms and Home School Agreements today. These need to be filled in and returned to school please. In addition, children in Green and Blue classes who haven't returned a form will also have a new one in their bags, in case their original copy has gone 'walkabouts'...please fill these in and return them.

Parking – another reminder, please, not to park in front of the school gates. Emergency access is needed at all times. Apologies for any inconvenience, but this is something that Health and Safety are very particular about.

Privacy Notices – please find enclosed the annual Privacy Notice for your records. These are a legal requirement which we must share with parents.

Lunchtimes – just a brief update on our lunchtime arrangements. We are operating a new system, in which the children sit in mixed age ‘family groups’ in order that the older children can take a really proactive role in modelling behaviour to their younger peers. The tables all have an allocated colour, and collect ‘pom-poms’ (!) during the week for good behaviour and manners. These are totalled up and the winners at the end of the week are named the ‘Golden table’, and given a special table cloth, cups and drinks on the Friday! Last week’s winners were the Green table, and this week was an incredibly close tie between Blue and Yellow. The Yellow table just pipped the Blues, through a bonus point awarded for exceptionally courteous behaviour from Bailey Proudlock. Well done to all!

Beading Club – cancelled next week for the Key Stage 2 Cross Country event.

PE Kit Thanks – just a brief thank you to parents who have been busy washing and dealing with muddy PE kit this week – in the words of Miss Crisp, the kits have been getting “hacky” (!), and I’m very aware that we’re not the ones who have to deal with this! It is great to see the children so fired up with their sport though – even if this does have muddy consequences!

Messy Church – due to timetabling, we’re having a Messy Church evening a bit earlier than usual, next one is on 11th March – it should be another great night of fun and feasting.

Dates for the Diary:

Mondays, this half term – 3:15-4:15pm, Football Club

Wednesdays, this half term – 3:15-4:15pm, Gymnastics Club

Thursdays, this half term (excluding next week) – 3:15-4pm, Beading Club

Tuesday 11th March – 3:15-5pm, Messy Church

Wednesday 12th March – 4pm, Year 5/6 Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Thursday 13th March – 1-4pm - Y3-6 Cross Country, Catterick Racecourse

Wednesday 19th March – 6pm – Full Governing Body Meeting

Friday 28th March – 7:30pm – ‘Emerald Thieves’ Night, School Friends

Wednesday 2nd April – 4pm – Girls’ Football Tournament, Brompton on Swale

Friday 4th April – Easter Lunch – 12:00pm, School Closes 13:30.

And Finally...

I commenced writing this at 7:30am; it’s now 10am (I’ve done other things in between!), and the sun is shining! Perhaps my optimism wasn’t misplaced after all... since I’m out doing Cross Country with Blue Class this afternoon, I’m rather delighted!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

