

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 6th March 2015

Dear all,

The calendar is a veritable mass of entries in the forthcoming weeks, with sporting fixtures, trips and events rapidly filling up our days.

On Friday, I was away with our Y5/6 Boys' football team (with a few Y4 recruits to make up our numbers) at a training afternoon and mini-tournament. There were some coaches from the Football Association there too to put our team through their paces. The lads played some great football against very strong competition – we won 3 of our games in our group, and, when we played the eventual tournament champions, we only lost by 1-0! Congratulations to all our players. All good training for the upcoming tournaments later this term and next...

While we were standing on a windy and cold football field, the children back at school were having a fantastic Literacy afternoon. As mentioned in last newsletter, the children in Class 2 and 3 have been composing some brilliant '500 Words' stories. We wanted to give them a chance to share these with the younger pupils; nothing stimulates children's creativity and confidence in writing more than seeing their peers' fantastic work. So the classes all joined up with one another and spent the afternoon sharing and discussing the stories together, older children working alongside younger pupils – a favourite comment from one of our Y1 pupils was that the stories "just blew me away!". It was also a great chance for our less confident older pupils to read their work aloud, learning the speaking and listening skills of performance and inflection – a brilliant afternoon all round!



There is now a dedicated 500 words section on the website – go to 'Curriculum' and find '500 Words' in the list. All the entries are published there, a great showcase of our children's creativity. Do log on and see what talented writers we've got!

Red Nose Day – next Friday (March 13th) is Comic Relief, and the theme this year is 'Make Your Face Funny For Money'. So, we're going to have an own clothes day, with the invitation to the children to 'decorate' their faces somehow to raise some money for this great cause. Please bring a donation. On top of this, we might even let the children get some make up involved on some of our staff members...! There's also going to be a red nose day lunch, so fun and games all round!

Library – our school library is thriving, and children will be given increasing opportunities to take home reference books over the coming weeks. We're continuing to seek donations of sport books if anyone has any to spare!

Terminology – I've been made aware that there is sometimes some confusion about year groups etc. when I put information out in the newsletter. Sorry about this, in the world of education, we're so surrounded by acronyms that we sometimes forget that it can be a foreign language to many! Please find below a little guide which I hope will help those who are confused:

Age	Year Group	Key Stage
4-5	Reception (R)	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
5-6	Year 1 (Y1)	Key Stage 1 (KS1)
6-7	Year 2 (Y2)	Key Stage 1 (KS1)
7-8	Year 3 (Y3)	Key Stage 2 (KS2)
8-9	Year 4 (Y4)	Key Stage 2 (KS2)
9-10	Year 5 (Y5)	Key Stage 2 (KS2)
10-11	Year 6 (Y6)	Key Stage 2 (KS2)

Football Club – I'm pleased to say that football club will be starting again on 19th March - letters will follow. Let the training commence!

Class 2 Performance – one of the things we're working on as a school this year is introducing more drama and performance into our curriculum. Obviously, 'Mantle' is a key part of this, but we're also giving each class a chance to put on a play. Last term was the Nativity by Class 1, and this term, Class 2 will be putting on a production of 'The Selfish Giant', a story of redemption and transformation – perfect for Easter. This will take place on the evening of Thursday 26th March at 6pm – all parents and friends welcome!

IKEA Trip?! – as part of our library development, we're hoping to get a few small items from IKEA. The postage on these costs more than the items (!) so this is a quick plea in case anyone is heading that way any time soon – if there's a volunteer who could pick these bits up, please contact Mrs. Richmond! Many thanks.

Congratulations – a big well done to Clara Metcalfe and Emily Wallis who have just been promoted to 'Yellow Belt' in Martial Arts – keep up the training girls!

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 9th March – Multicultural Trip, C2&3, pm
 Tuesday 10th March – 1pm, KS2 Cross Country, Catterick Racecourse
 Wednesday 11th March – Debating Competition (debating team)
 Friday 13th March – Comic Relief, Own Clothes and Funny Faces!
 Wednesday 18th March – 1pm – 4pm, Y3/4 Football Tournament
 Wednesday 18th March – 3:10pm, in school – School Friends AGM (all welcome)
 Tuesday 24th March – KS2 Tag Rugby Tournament (details to follow)
 Tuesday 24th March – Messy Church
 Wednesday 25th March – Last KS2 swimming lesson
 Thursday 26th March – 6pm Class 2 Production
 Friday 27th March – 12pm Easter Lunch, 1:30pm, School Closes



And Finally...

The staff have been doing some first aid training recently. Looking at Mr. Roycroft's handiwork, I think I'll ask Mrs. Stanwix should the need arise...

Every blessing,

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