

# Ravensworth School Newsletter



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Dear all,

It's a soggy day here, but the inside of the school is bright and colourful for Comic Relief! What a brilliant array of 'funny faces' we have in school today – representative of some very artistic parents I suppose! Many thanks for all your donations, these are still coming in and are already at £56.28.

Last Friday saw our Girls' Football Team enter the tournament at Leyburn and they were absolutely tremendous! They won game after game, clearing the group stage, the quarters and the semis. The final went down to a nail-biting 'golden goal' in extra time, and we were just 'pipped' to the championship spot by a (very) lucky goal by the other team that just 'snuck in'. The girls were brilliant though, and took their silver medals with great pride, and not an ounce of resentment. Well done! Our thanks to all who helped out, particularly PC Godfrey, who gave up his time again and really pushed the girls through.



There's been lots going on in the last week. Class 2 and 3 started the week with an amazing Multicultural afternoon. We visited a Hindu Temple to learn about their religion and beliefs, and then went on to Le Cateau school for a series of workshops and activities based around different cultures. Le Cateau has children from 18 different countries, including Nepal, Jamaica, India and Thailand; their pupils showed ours traditional Nepalese dances and food, explained the role of the Kukri to their culture, and even gave us a chance to dress up in their culture's clothing etc. It was a really excellent afternoon. I must give our apologies again for the late return of the bus. We do always try to ensure that things run smoothly, but I'm aware that the issues on Monday will have caused inconvenience for a number of you. We will, of course, endeavour to ensure this isn't repeated.



Then we had the Key Stage 2 Cross Country competition at Catterick. This is a massive event and involves dozens of local schools, and hundreds of children. I must say, our team really did us proud. Every child who ran gave it their all, and they were a real credit to our school, both in terms of their behaviour and their performance in the races. We've got no less than 8 pupils moving on to the next stage of the competition who came in the top 12 of their races (remember, this is against approximately 150 children in each category!): huge congratulations to Thomas Smith (4<sup>th</sup>), Emmaly Smith (11<sup>th</sup>), Fraser Proudlock (8<sup>th</sup>), Isobel Brooks (5<sup>th</sup>) and Emily Riley (3<sup>rd</sup>). Also to Mr. Roycroft who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the staff race (go Ravensworth!) and Mrs. Shazell who ran the course no less than 3 times supporting different pupils! Well done!



**Y3/4 Football Tournament** – next Wednesday we've got our 3/4 Tournament taking place at Richmond School. We've been asked to remind parents that these will be played on the Astroturf, so children need trainers, *not* studded football boots please. Many thanks.

**Cook Vacancy** – unfortunately, our newly appointed cook has had to step down (she was at pains to point out this was nothing to do with our school!). Therefore, there is a vacancy again for this position, please see NYCC website or contact County Caterers for details.

**Chickenpox** – as you'll know, we have a number of children off with chicken pox at present. Obviously, this is simply par for the course at this age, but please be aware if you are in a vulnerable category re: this disease.

**Governor Update** – the governing body is meeting on Wednesday when we expect to reconstitute under new regulations and with some new members. The first of these is our newly elected staff governor – Mrs. C. Stanwix, who we look forward to working with!

**Swimming** – just to offer some clarification re: swimming lessons, my apologies if there has been some confusion. Where other events (e.g. trips / competitions etc.) have taken place, the swimming lessons have been rescheduled to amount to the same number of lessons as originally planned. We will be swimming on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> March, making up the full block of teaching.

**Congratulations** – to Emily Astwood, who has achieved Stage 9 in her swimming awards – well done to her!

**Easter Service and Lunch** - hopefully you've all received letters about this, and we hope to see many of you for our traditional walk up to the church on the last day of term.

**Dates for the Diary:**

- 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
- Tuesday 24th March – Messy Church
- Thursday 26th March – 6pm Class 2 Production
- Friday 27th March – 9:45am Walk to Church, 10:30 Service, 12pm Lunch, 1:30pm, School Closes



**And Finally...**

I tried to play a joke on Owen Wardle this morning; he looked up at me cool as could be and announced – “don't even try it Mr. Campbell, I heard you play that one on someone else, you can't fool me...”! Well, that's me told!

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

