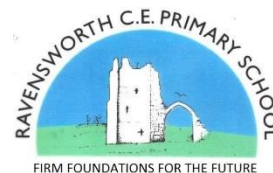


Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 4th March 2016

Dear all,

Thanks to the fact that I put out last newsletter out on Tuesday, I thought this edition would be a slightly 'slimmed down' version. However, we've had an exciting few days, so they are definitely worth sharing!

We had the first stage of the Year 5/6 Football Tournament this week, at Richmond. We had a slightly mixed performance, thanks largely to the difficulties of playing in the sports hall with no 'outs', 'corners', or 'goal kicks'. I think our lads struggled to adapt their game from the controlled 'tap and pass' approaches that they've learned so well to the more wild 'wallop from the back and hope for a bounce back' that seemed to bring success playing inside! However, we won one of our games against St. Mary's and the boys are gearing up for the next few weeks to take on the other teams! Thanks to Stephen Wardle and to parents who stepped in to help the boys out in the absence of PC.



Then, yesterday, we had the joys of World Book Day. Some brilliant 'radical reading' photos came in to us in the preceding days – I've shared a small selection below, but the children saw them all in assembly! We then had some *fantastic* costumes of characters from favourite stories – everything from Willy Wonka to Puss in Boots, Prince Caspian to Claudine from Monster High and the BFG to Sleeping Beauty! We also had some lovely stories shared by parents – thanks to Liz Routh, Rachel Hegarty and Rebecca Dixon for their input. The pupils in Class 3 were telling me this morning about how they are going to keep their favourite books to read to their own children one day – the love of reading is certainly alive and well at Ravensworth!



Online Videos – I was creating a video for our World Book Day last night and I realised that last summer, I had produced another video of our Summer BBQ which I'd never actually published to the website! So, if you care to log on to the website and check out the 'Videos' tab, you'll find two new films – one of the great [School Friends' Summer BBQ 2015](#) (a nice bit of sunshine on a rainy winter's day!), and one showing off the costumes and fun from our [World Book Day](#) yesterday! Enjoy the bonus – two in one!

Sainsbury's Vouchers – a reminder that we are collecting the Sainsbury's Sports Vouchers for schools, so please save these and send them in.

Messy Church – the next Messy Church will take place on Thursday 17th March, all themed around Easter. After the holidays, the Messy Church team intend to move the day back to Tuesday, since this seemed to be easier for most people to attend.

Easter Lunch – deadline for dinner orders is 14th March, letters have gone out, so if you've not received yours, please do contact the office.

Awards – as you'll know, each week we give out our 'Stars of the Week', along with three other awards in our Friday Celebration Assembly. These three are given out based on nominations from pupils and staff, and are given for the following:

- The Carpenter's Cup – for living like Jesus, showing our School Values
- Badger's Award – for 'being the best you can be' in any part of school life
- The Sportsmanship Award – for a great sporting attitude and care, not only in PE, but in all areas

The newsletter is often jam packed and we can't always share the winners, but I thought it would be nice, since we have some space, to share some of the winners over the last few weeks – well done to all of you (and to all who have been nominated – too many names to share!)

- The Carpenter's Cup: Owen Wardle, Thomas Smith, Ollie Cooke, Lucy Taylor, Matthew Cooper, Daniel Vaughan
- Badger's Award: Amy Calvert, Bertie Morris, Zach Wardle, Thomas Smith, Mary Hoskyns-Abrahall, Robert Dawson, Adam Smith
- Sportsmanship Trophy: Fraser Proudlock, Toby Antoncich, Francis Nicholson, Henry Watson, Freddie Millns, Ava Causer, Emmaly Smith.

Dates for the Diary: [Club this half term (3:15-4pm) – Thursdays, Football, Y3-6)

Monday 7th March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School

Tuesday 8th March – Y5 Cycling lessons

Thursday 10th March – KS2 Cross Country

Monday 14th March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School

Thursday 17th March – 3:15-5pm, Messy Church

Monday 21st March – Reception and Y1 Height and Weight Checks

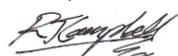
Monday 21st March – 4-5:30pm, Football Tournament, Richmond School

Thursday 24th March – 10:30am, Easter Service, 12pm, Easter lunch, 1pm, School Closes.

And Finally...

We had a great moment at Y6 SATs club this week. Mr. Watson (headteacher at Melsonby) was working with a group and getting them to come up with descriptive language. Across the room, I was working with a group selecting vocabulary cards for antonyms. Mr. Watson said to his group: "Mr. Watson is really..." at exactly the same moment as Amy Potter found the (totally unrelated) antonym she was looking for, and called out "UGLY!" at the top of her voice! Not quite what our host wanted to hear I think!

Every blessing (enjoy Mothers' day – breakfast in bed?!)



Rob Campbell

