

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd May 2014

Dear all,

Well, for such a short half term, we've certainly packed a huge amount in!

Looking back to last week, we had a brilliant 'tent day'. The children from Blue class got set up in the morning, and spent the rest of the time writing stories for the afternoon. After lunch, pupils from Green and Red classes joined them and sat in their tents, listening raptly to the brilliant stories read to them by the older children. We were also joined by the Y6 pupils from Melsonby school, who were celebrating the end of SATs – these children have been working alongside our Y6s in revision club for a few months, so it was a lovely opportunity to have some fun together!

The tent day also saw our first archery session – initially just for the year 6 pupils. They had a really good go, and met with plenty of success! We've got some natural archers I think... young Bailey Proudlock commented (having just struck gold) "Well, it's just like football isn't it? Ball curves down as it goes through the air. Same with the arrow." Fantastic! We're really looking forward to archery club next half term.



Then, of course, on Monday we had the fantastic 'Box2bfit' and 'Skip2bfit' course running at school. The children spent the day doing circuit training and skipping challenges, developing their muscles, fitness and resilience. As I'm sure many of the parents would testify who attended the club – it was hard work! Dave, our coach, commented about the amazing turn out of parents and pupils for the after school club – many thanks to all. He also commented to the children in Collective Worship, that they were the most well behaved pupils he'd ever delivered the programme to. Huge credit goes to our pupils for this – well done to all. Mackenzie Monteith won the children's 'skip off' and Mrs. Alison Brooks romped home for the adults! Check out the new '[Video](#)' tab on the website to see us all in action!



Finally, we had a great tag rugby festival at Richmond school on Wednesday. I'm afraid that both myself and Mrs. Brooks who had come armed with cameras were so engrossed in the games that there's not many pictures to share! Blue class, however, did us proud. We came in third place in the heats, missing out on qualifying by just 2 points. What was most impressive however, was the way in which our children consistently followed the rules of the game and maintained their sportsmanship, in the face of a bit of somewhat 'creative' play by some of their opponents!

'48 hours' – may I just remind all parents that we have a 48 hour rule following sickness / diarrhoea cases. Please do not allow your children to return to school within this period, to prevent the spread of 'bugs'. Thank you.

Sainsbury's Vouchers – a quick reminder, the deadline for Sainsbury's school vouchers is 6th June, thanks for all those already donated.

Website – as well as the Box2bfit video, you'll also find a new selection of photos on the website. Mrs. Monteith, one of our governors, is kindly helping to upload our huge archive of pictures to the site. There's a number of galleries from this year now online, with more to follow next half term – I do hope you'll enjoy sharing these with your children.

Photos – Tempest photography will be in on Tuesday 3rd to take class photographs. Combs and shiny shoes at the ready!

Transition Teachers – teachers from SFX and Richmond School will be visiting the Y6 pupils in the first week back to discuss their transition to secondary school in September. If you have any questions, please contact me and I can direct these to the appropriate staff.

Dates for the Diary:

Clubs this half term: Tues - Performing arts; Weds - Archery; Thurs – Multiskills / Football

Monday 2nd June – School Re-opens

Monday 2nd June – SFX transition teacher visit

Tuesday 3rd June – Tempest Photography in School, Class Photos

Wednesday 4th June – Y3/4 Cricket Tournament

Thursday 5th June – Richmond School transition teacher visit

Tuesday 10th June – Messy Church, 3:15-5pm

Thursday 12th June – 7pm, New Starters' Induction Evening

- Looking ahead! Friday 18th July – School Friends' Summer Barbeque.



And Finally...

Mrs. Richmond has just left the office with a breezy smile – looking forward to her half term holiday on a beach on a Spanish island. I'm going to visit my family in Grimsby. Hardly seems fair...

Have a wonderful break.

Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

