

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 15th May 2015

Dear all,

It's certainly been a tiring week. I have been sitting in the office this morning, moving from job to job, answering emails, collating data, preparing briefings etc., and all the while there was a nagging thought of 'something forgotten'... It was this newsletter, which very nearly slipped from my mind altogether!

Now that wouldn't do at all, because there's much to celebrate this week. For our oldest pupils (plus Mr. Roycroft and the staff of Class 3!), it's the end of SATs. The Year 6's have been working extremely hard towards these all year, particularly since January. Revision classes, extra interventions, focus groups, after school SATs prep and more practice papers than you can shake a stick at have been their experience over the last few weeks. They've tackled the tests with tremendous maturity and purpose, and we're really hoping that all their hard work will pay off. Their conduct throughout the week has been a huge credit to them, and the school.

A few words of thanks must be mentioned; firstly to the Y6 children themselves for giving their all. Also, thanks must go to the staff throughout the school who have worked to help them achieve the very best that they can. I also wish to thank the 'unsung heroes' of SATs time – the parents of our Y6 pupils, who have all helped with the extra homework, encouraged the children when they've felt low, and kept them all on track to do well. Finally, a word of thanks to the children in the other year groups and Classes – they've been brilliant this week, and have created a fantastic atmosphere for the Y6 tests to take place. Well done to all.

So, now to the celebrations – the Y6's are busy with 'tent day' already, and have their tents up in the sunshine. They'll be joined, later, by the rest of the pupils in the school for an afternoon of story-telling and fun in the tents. More photos will follow I'm sure, but here are a few tasters!



Messy Church – a quick plug for Messy Church next Tuesday. This will be Rev. John and Celia's final Messy Church before he retires – so do come along and enjoy the fun (and food) together, 3:15-5pm. All welcome.

Thanks – to Ravensworth Nurseries and Liz Routh for their kind donations of strawberry plants and buddleias – the borders have started to look a little more loved again!

Problem Solving Afternoon – many thanks to all who came along to our problem solving afternoon on Friday. I do hope you enjoyed it, I was sorry to only be able to make the first half. Obviously, it was a different sort of learning – very ‘hands on’ and working across the different age groups; the children seemed to really enjoy it, and got a lot out of it in terms of their team work and approaches. Thanks to all parents who came along to support.

Nepal Cake Bake – we were quite overwhelmed by the sheer volume of baked goods donated for this, and are so appreciative of the support from parents and children. I think this really shows our values in action. Thanks not only to those who gave cakes, but also to all who donated and bought them – we raised an incredible £230 which will, through Tear Fund, provide two months food, shelter and essentials for a whole family.

As an aside, please note, we still have a lot of cake tins / boxes and Tupperware – please collect these as soon as possible, or remind your children to take them home!



Congratulations – more fantastic ‘out of school’ achievements this week.

Firstly to the children of Mrs. Richmond’s Rhythm and Shoes Dance Academy, who achieved a 100% pass rate in their dance exams. There were lots of top marks in tap and modern, and many of our pupils took more than one exam – a very long day for all! Particular congratulations to Isabella Watson and Clara Metcalfe who achieved Honours. Showtime now... at the Georgian Theatre next Spring, date TBC!

Also to Lucy Taylor and Isobel Brooks who have been in two productions this week at the Georgian Theatre – Lucy in ‘Glint of Gold’, and Isobel in ‘Shakespeare Rocks’! They performed for two nights in front of a packed audience – well done to both!

Dates for the Diary:

- Tuesday 19th May – Messy Church 3:10-5pm.
- Friday 22nd May – School closes for half term.
- Monday 1st June – School reopens
- Monday 1st June – 1pm, Tempest Photography, group photos

And Finally...

I’ve just been on the playground and Lara gave me a pertinent joke for SATs week... “why did the children stare at the orange juice carton?... Because is said ‘concentrate’!” Here’s hoping they concentrated on more than the juice box!

Have a great week,
Every blessing,

Rob Campbell

