



3rd October 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 5 Newsletter

As we move into autumn the children have been thinking about Harvest time. Please visit our hall boards to see the wonderful displays that the children have been doing.

Hall Boards

Nursery Beetroot Board

We decided to look closely at beetroot for our display. We looked at raw beetroot from Sue's garden and looked at how big and beautiful the leaves were and we felt the muddy roots.

We licked our finger and wiped the mud away from the beetroot and saw that it wasn't brown underneath but purple! We tasted some cooked beetroot and they were nice. They even turned our tongues purple! We tried printing with the beetroot and it was all watery and purple so then we dipped the beetroot in purple paint using a fork and it was a much better colour! Come and look at our giant beetroot – can you guess how we made them?

Reception

In Reception we have been finding out about carrots. We have used our senses to explore them and have come up with some descriptive carrot words. We used scrunched up orange plastic bags to help make our big carrot and used long and short carrots to print with. Basically our board is 24 carrot gold!

Year 1

We decided to explore how broccoli gets into the shops. To make our broccoli tree we used newspaper and mudrock. It was very mucky! We then painted the broccoli and used bits of broccoli to do broccoli painting as the background.

Year 2 - French Onion Soup

'I liked cutting the onions up, even though it made my eyes cry.'

Saara

'It was fun making onion soup. I liked peeling the skin off the onions and seeing the ingredients change colour'

Olivia

'When I poured the stock in it turned into soup. I liked tasting the onion soup because it was superb.'

George

Year 3

'We made patterns with apple halves'

Freya Bowden

'We made pips to go around the outside. We wrote down how it feels and looks'

Cameron Finch

'We made our prints into a giant apple'

Maia

Year 4

We investigated all the different types of peppers and where they were grown. We were surprised at how many different varieties there were and all the bright colours. We wrote a short paragraph on 'If I was a pepper I'd be...' and we had to be very creative. We then saw what we'd look like to be that pepper by sticking a pepper body on a photograph of ourselves!

Year 5

Our hall board links to our literacy, cookery and science curriculum. We have been looking at the work of Roald Dahl and created a recipe for 'Snozzcubers'! We then made the snozzcubers following our class hygiene rules and cutting techniques. The tasting session gave very different reactions (and interesting descriptive words!) Finally we left the remainder of 3 snozzcubers in different environments to see what would happen to them. The one in the fridge looked ok but the one left in the sun had grown extra decoration – YUK!

Year 6 – The Humble Potato

On Monday 9th September until Friday 12th September (with a break on Wednesday!) 9 pupils from Year 6 made the Humble Potato hall board! We all did some research and then we contributed our ideas and started creating! We did a variety of things like tables, facts, recipes and pictures. On the last day it all got put on and now looks amazing! It took a lot of hard work but it's all worth it!

Amy and Tanya

Harvest Festival

This takes place on Thursday, 9th October. Due to an overwhelming response we are going to hold two celebrations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Details of the time you have been allocated will follow in a separate letter. We hope this does not cause too much inconvenience but for Health and Safety reasons we are just not able to accommodate everyone in the hall at the same time. As we have had a request for over 140 tickets, we are unable to give out any extra tickets.

Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage Phonic Workshop

A workshop has been arranged for all parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to find out how we use phonics to teach reading and spelling. The evening will give you the opportunity to see some of the activities that the children do in class and also to find out how you can support your child at home. The evening will also see the launch of the spelling games which children will be bringing home on a weekly basis. The workshop will take place on Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm. Further details to follow.

Welsh Brass Trio

'It was funny because they did fun things with the instruments – there was a man who was asleep. The other man had a trombone. It made the other man wake up!

Callum

'I liked it when the man said 'I like children with chips'. It was like he was going to eat us'

Keira

'They asked people to play instruments'

Miriam

'They were funny because they played 'The Simpsons' and 'Star Wars'

Edward

Class Assemblies

Please note that Year 3 class assembly has now been planned for Friday 6th February 2009.

Lunch Menus

The lunch menus for weeks ending 17th and 24th October have been sent out early this week and need to be returned to the office by 9.30am on Wednesday 8th October at the latest. Thank you to all those parents who have already returned these to the office.

Scooters

I have had several complaints from parents about children riding scooters dangerously and bumping into people along Rydal Drive and Coniston Avenue. Please can I remind all parents of children who use scooters to keep an eye on their children and remind them to be aware of other users on the pavement.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Leya	Ellison
Year 2	Felix	Louis
Year 3	Lola	Mia
Year 4	Ross	Tom
Year 5	George	Arran
Year 6	Phoebe	Cameron

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell