



13th February 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 21 Newsletter

Yet again we have reached the end of another exciting week. One of the strengths of Bishops Down School is the strong sense of community and involvement with our locality, so it has been exciting to have visits from drama students at TWGGS and drama workshops led by 'Perform'. Today Year 4 treated us to an exhibition of their Victorian Inventions. Well done to all the children (and helpers at home) for producing such a range of well made models.

Walking Bus

Following an exciting meeting yesterday of interested staff and parents, we are planning a range of activities to promote walking to school in the coming months. If you would be interested in your child joining an existing walking bus, or becoming part of a new one (possibly coming from the direction of Culverden Down), please let us know by passing your comments via the school office. Alternatively you may wish to talk to one of our bus leaders, Alison or Maria. Please remember that we are always looking for extra helpers to join the buses, even if you can only do one morning per week/every other week. Again, please contact the office if you are interested.

Walk on Wednesday

Don't forget 'Walk on Wednesday'. If you drive to school, please try and park a little further away than usual and walk the rest of the way.

School Meals

We appreciate that some parents may be facing difficulties due to the national economic recession. Your children may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of **one** of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income not exceeding £15,575.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.

Please see Carol Eglise in the school office, to discuss this confidentially, if you would like advice concerning free school meals.

From The PSA

Another date for your diary from the PSA! The Summer Camp Out will be held on Saturday 11th July 2009 - more information to follow. The Sponsored Bounce will be held on Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March. Please see below or look in book bags today for sponsor forms.

Printing Person Required - Are there any parents who are printers or know printers who could help with the printing of our Summer Fair programme. The PSA have no real budget for this. If you can help, please contact Nicky via email on n.awheeler@btinternet.com

KS1 Drama Workshops

Yesterday we went to the drama room to see a wizard called Merlin. We had to make a magic potion and say your own magic words. When Merlin said 'Broomsticks', we had to freeze. We had to get a sword out of the stone. My favourite part was when we had to pretend we were pieces of furniture to trick the dragon! At the end we sang a cat song. Then Merlin gave us stickers and we had to make a magic wish to help someone. It was fun, exciting and fandabidosy!

Year 1

Victorian Great Exhibition

Year 4 had our Victorian Great Exhibition on Friday 13th February. We enjoyed showing our models of Victorian Inventions that we have been learning about and worked so hard to create over the past weeks. We have displayed our inventions of telephones, steam trains, steam ships, cameras, post boxes, typewriters and many more. Thank you to our parents and the rest of the school who came to visit us. Our parents were impressed with how much information we had found out about our inventions. All the classes came and asked us lots of questions and we enjoyed answering them all. Photos will be on the Internet shortly and if any Year 4 parents missed the exhibition the inventions will be displayed in the classroom and entrance hall from next week.

Miss Reader and Year 4

Performance of 'Macbeth' By TWGGS

On Wednesday 11th February, girls from TWGGS who won a Shakespeare competition came from their school to perform to us. This included Lady Macbeth, Macbeth, the king, ghosts and much much more!

We watched Lady Macbeth and Macbeth go crazy and we were frightened by the witches. Overall, we all enjoyed it.

Rebecca and Maizee, Year 6

Lost Property

A watch has been handed into the office. It was found in the turning circle at the bottom of the drive. If you think it may be yours, please contact the office.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Harry	Rosie
Year 2	Hannah	George
Year 3	Molly	Lola
Year 4	Daniel	Hebe
Year 5	Levi	Philip
Year 6	Thomas	Maizee

Have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Regards

Dan Turvey

