



18th July 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 38 Newsletter

Year 6 has treated us to wonderful performances this week of their production 'Cloned Classics Park'. As usual Mr Tutt's script, enhanced by the children's additions, entertained us all. The children's performances were superb and they certainly showed their audiences that they were ready to take on the world, after leaving Bishops Down of course!

Jamie's Friendship Stop

Jamie Russell's brother, Kyle and I officially opened Jamie's Friendship Stop this afternoon in the presence of his family and Key Stage 2. This memorial area was funded by sponsored bounce contributions and donations to create a memorial to Jamie that summed up his character. It will also provide so many happy memories and times for the children and staff at Bishops Down now and in the future. Year 6 children decided that a friendship area on the playground would be the most appropriate tribute to Jamie, who was very well known for his friendship skills, his ability to help solve friendship problems, his support of anyone in need of a friend and enjoyment of playtimes! The friendship stop means Jamie's legacy will continue to be part of Bishops Down's future.

Class Visits

Final class visits took place recently. Class reports follow-

Nursery Zoolab Visit

I liked the snake; it felt all soft and not prickly! The little crawly thing tickled my hand.

Alfred

I liked the chocolate millipede because I like chocolate.

Oliver

I liked the snake, because he was hard, and he wiggled.

Mattie

I liked the snails; they were gooey and really big.

Jamie

I liked the snake, it felt soft.

Euan

I liked the snails, they were slimy.

Constance

Year 2 Visit to the Lighthouse

It was very exciting at the lighthouse and everyone enjoyed it so much. My group did the tour of the light first every time. We all took one more step and we got higher and higher. When we got to the top we were higher than the houses. Everyone had a go with everything. My

best part was scrubbing the windows but you didn't have to climb the lighthouse as there was plastic glass.

Lousia

Year 2 looked around the lighthouse. It was really fun and my favourite part of the school trip was when I saw the teddies go down the rope and fall on to the floor. My favourite part of doing the lighthouse keepers jobs was when I washed the windows and did the fishing with the rod. The next thing my group did was we had a bug hunt and that was really fun. Next my group went up to the top of the lighthouse and that was really fun.

Jemima

We went to the lighthouse and we put our teddies in the sack and the height was scary and we all walked through a mucky bucky place.

Lola

My best bit at the lighthouse was searching for the bugs. It was fun and you would find out more information about bugs than ever.

Celine

First we went to Coniston Avenue and got on the coach. Then we drove to the lighthouse. We had to walk down a long path and at the end of the path we could see the lighthouse. Next we went in the lighthouse – it was cold. After that we did lighthouse keepers jobs. Finally we did the bug hunt. Then we went to the toilet. Last but not least, we went back to school.

Jake

Bronze Award

KENT ACCREDITATION FOR PRIMARY LANGUAGES

It is with great pleasure that we are able to tell you that Bishops Down School has been awarded the BRONZE level of the teaching of Modern Foreign Languages.

This is an award which is recognised in schools throughout Kent and designed to recognise quality of provision.

In order to achieve this level of attainment, assessors must be satisfied that criteria are met in all of the following areas:

- Timetabling & Staffing
- Planning
- Teaching and Learning
- Inclusion
- Assessment & Reporting
- International links / Cultural awareness
- Development planning and staff training opportunities

Please look out for our certificate in reception and for our ACCREDITATION logo on future MFL related communications.

Lorraine Smith

School Books

Please can you return all school reading books to school by Wednesday 23rd July. Children will not be changing their books from today. The reason we need to collect books is to mend broken books and stock take. Local libraries are running lots of events throughout the

holidays and we would encourage the children to visit these or read books from home to keep up their reading.

Story Boxes

If your child made a story box for the book fair competition, they may collect them before Wednesday. They are in the main corridor near the office.

Clubs in September

The clubs which will be available in September are listed below, together with the days they will be taking place. The application form for places will be issued in September, and all clubs will start week commencing 15th September.

Chess	Y2-6	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 20
Football	Y1 & Y2	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 20
Football	Y3 & Y4	Monday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 20
Gardening	KS1	Tuesday	3.15-4pm	Max 12
(September to December)				
Football	Y5 & Y6	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Max 20
Gardening	KS2	Wednesday	3.15-4pm	Max 12
(September to December)				
Art	KS1	Wednesday	3.15-4pm	Max 16

Please note that there will be a non-refundable charge of £1 per child per week for Art Club to pay for art resources, payable in advance for September to Christmas, once you have confirmation of your child's place.

Netball	Y5 & Y6	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Max 20
(September to Easter)				
Recorders, intermediate		Wednesday	Lunchtime	Max 10
Choir 2-6		Thursday	3.15-3.45pm	Max 20
Do4KidzDanceworks	Y2-6	Thursday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 20
Gym	KS1	Friday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 25
(September to December)				
Gym	KS2	Friday	3.15-4.15pm	Max 25
(January to Easter)				
Recorders, beginners		Friday	Lunchtime	Max 10

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher on the following dates:

Monday 8 th September	3.30pm	Y3 and Y4
Wednesday 10 th September	3.30pm	Y1 and Y2
Thursday 11 th September	4pm	Reception
Monday 15 th September	3.30pm	Y5 and Y6

This is an opportunity for you to find out about your child's new class such as the curriculum or routine, and ask the teacher questions. These meetings are for parents only and children should not attend. We therefore ask that you put your children into After School Club or double up childcare with friends from other classes.

Class Reps

A huge thank you to our excellent team of class reps this year who provided a parent forum for the school to consult with and get ideas from as well as help with a variety of organisational issues from voluntary readers to PSA events. If you would like to volunteer to be next year's class rep please complete the slip below and return to the school office by the end of term. One class this year had 2 class reps which was very useful so we welcome more than one nomination!

Lost Property – Last Chance

Lost property will be on display this afternoon, and on Monday morning and afternoon. Any unclaimed lost property will be donated to charity or given to the PSA as appropriate.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	The Whole Class	
Year 1	Will	Beth
Year 2	Edward	Mia
Year 3	Kyle	Yasmine
Year 4	Amy	Sam
Year 5	Sam	Sophia
Year 6	The Whole Class	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage

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Class Representative Nomination 2008/9

I would like to put my name forward to be a class representative for Year

Name (Please print)

Child's Name Class

E-mail address

Signed