

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down

Newsletter no. 19

Tunbridge Wells Community Art Project

Over the past two weeks the whole school has been participating in a community art project, in collaboration with the Tunbridge Wells museum and Heather Zeal, a practicing artist.

The museum and its collections were the initial inspiration for the artwork. The project explores the theme of textiles old and new, and how this relates to sustainability. It gives the children the opportunity to learn about contemporary art and craft from first-hand experience, and to gain a greater understanding and appreciation of their local heritage. Each year group has been working with a variety of media and techniques to produce details such as buttons, tassels, bows and buckles. The artwork will culminate in an exhibition at the Trinity Arts Centre, Church Road, on view to the public from June to August 2010.

Violin Assembly

There will be an assembly this Wednesday, 12th May, in which the Year 4 violin players will be showing what they have learnt to the current Year 3 class, as Year 3 will be starting Violins in September. All Year 3 and Year 4 parents are invited to come to this assembly at 10.10am.

Please can all Year 4 children bring their violins into school on Monday 10th May so that they can be tuned ready for the assembly.

Year 1 Class Assembly

A reminder that Year 1 are holding their Class Assembly on Thursday 13th May. All Year 1 parents are invited to come and watch at 9.15am.

From the PSA

Nursery made an amazing £80.41 from the cake sale on Friday. THANK YOU to the Class Reps, all the Nursery parents, and children for organising the April cake sale, and to everyone who purchased cakes. Yet again there was a great atmosphere and the children and adults seemed to really like it.

Our recent sponsored bounce event raised £734.51. Thank you to all of you who returned their sponsorship forms. Please note that only a minority of pupils returned them, so if you have a form at home and have not returned the money it is not too late.

Many thanks

Nicky Wheeler

Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 28th April some Year 5 and Y6 children took part in the Tunbridge Wells Primary School Swimming Gala. The events included diving, freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, open heats, medley, and relays. There were a lot of very skilled swim teams from different schools, but we are very proud of ourselves as we won 3 awards. These were for 'Best Small School' (most points), 'Small School 2nd place in B-League', and 'Girls Relay B-League'. We have good hopes for next year.

Sarah and Lara

Netball

On Saturday 24th April 2010 the A-League played netball matches against Claremont, St James and St Augustine's Schools. We were also supposed to play another school but they didn't turn up so we won! We won one match, lost two, and drew two. We also did a shooting competition. The whole team are star players for playing well.

Lucy and Nathaniel

On Saturday 24th April the B-League played 5 matches against Paddock Wood, Southborough, Langton Green, Claremont and St Augustine's Schools. The first match didn't go as well as we wanted, but another two went well and we won both. We think that Sam and Lara were the stars of the match.

Isobel and Joe

Chess

On Sunday 2nd May Toomas Hanso (Y5), Arran Hopper (Y6) and Levi Lee (Y6) took part in the 'Mega Final' of the British Land UK Chess Challenge 2010. They all had a very enjoyable day. Toomas and Arran winning four of their six matches qualifies them for the 'Giga Final' which takes place in July.

Mrs. Paget

Tesco School Vouchers

Tesco school vouchers will not be given out by stores after Tuesday 11th May. In order to have enough time to count them and send in our request for equipment before the deadline, please can you ensure that any vouchers you may have at home are put into the collection box in the school entrance by Monday 17th May.

Lost Shoe

A brand new shoe belonging to a child in Year 5 has been misplaced after attending Netball Club. Please can you check, or ask your older child to check if they have a shoe which doesn't belong to them in their bags. Please contact the office if you find it. Thank you.

Class Reps Meeting.

The next Class Reps meeting will be on Friday 14th May at 9am. Please can the Class Reps confirm to the office if they will be attending this meeting.

Regards

Dan Turvey

TERM DATES 2010- 2011

INSET DAYS: WEDNESDAY 1ST SEPT, TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2011, TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2011. (Three more INSET days have yet to be arranged as the DCSF have announced an additional INSET day for curriculum planning)

TERM 1

INSET DAY

WED 1ST SEPT 2010

Start: Thursday 2nd September 2010

Finish: Friday 22nd October 2010

Holiday Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2010

TERM 2

Start: Monday 1st November 2010

Finish: Friday 17th December 2010

Holiday Monday 20th December 2010 – Monday 3rd January 2011

TERM 3

INSET DAY

TUES 4TH JAN 2011

Start: Wednesday 5th January 2011

Finish: Friday 18th February 2011

Holiday Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2011

TERM 4

Start: Monday 28th February 2011

Finish: Friday 8th April 2011

Holiday Monday 11th April – Monday 25th April 2011

TERM 5

INSET DAY TUES 26th APRIL 2011

BANK HOLIDAY MON 2ND MAY 2011

Start: Wednesday 27th April 2011

Finish: Friday 27th May 2011

Holiday Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2011

TERM 6

Start: Monday 6th June 2011

Finish: Friday 22nd July 2011

Holiday Monday 25th July – Wednesday 31st August 2011