

Bishops Down Primary School News

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16th October 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Newsletter No. 4

Many thanks to all of you who gave me such a warm welcome back this week. It is great to be back again. Today has been an eventful day with our footballers taking part in a competition at Hawkenbury. Well done to all the children. The team played well winning two matches, drawing one and losing two.

We also welcomed children from Broomhill Bank school who joined Years 4, 5 and 6 as they watched the Saltmine Theatre and took part in a workshop about e-safety and cyberbullying. In addition, BBC Southeast came to the school and filmed them and interviewed some of our parents, children and staff. As I write, the expectation is that the slot will be aired on BBC Southeast at lunchtime today and possibly this evening. If you miss it, I believe that you can view the latest edition of South East news on the BBC Southeast website.

E-Safety

In Year 4 we had fun learning all about e-safety this week. We performed plays showing how to be SMART (safe, meeting, accept, reliable and tell) when we are using the computer. We have created our own Cyber characters and they show us ways of being SMART online. We have learnt what information should not be given out online. We also know what to do if we are not comfortable or have a problem when using the computer by visiting www.thinkyounow.co.uk website. Year 4 all agree that we have learnt a lot about e-safety this week and will be thinking now how to use the computer much more safely.

Penny Logo - Nicky Wheeler

The PSA have launched a 5p challenge for every class. A board has been provided and the idea is that each class puts 5p coins (or any other silver coins) on the board until it is full. Once the board is full the class will be able to buy something for their classroom of their choice. The board is kept in the classrooms so if you have any spare coins your child's year will be most grateful to receive them.

Grandparent's Day - what the children said!

Year 5 - The grandparents came in at 9:15 and met us all and then we went into the hall to find out what our challenge was. It turned out to be building the tallest tower with marshmallows, spaghetti and an egg. My group won and then we went to break. When we came back, we read our stories to them and they read to us. We had great fun! Then sadly it was time for them to go.
Hebe

9:20 We had to find them in the hall. It was like spot the difference, they all looked the same!

9:25 We introduced all the grandparents to the children and the children to the grandparents.

9:30 We went to the hall and we had a challenge which meant we had to use spaghetti and marshmallows.

10:00 We showed how we did our ending to our stories.

10:20 It was finally time to say goodbye. We had an awesome time.

Kyle

Grandparents day was very fun. The day started at 9:15 and then we met them in the hall. After that we went back to the classroom briefly and then went back to the hall to do an activity. The activity was building a tower out of marshmallows and dry pasta. It was quite tricky but we did it and then we went back to do some reading to each other.

Ross

Nursery - We played with toys and Nonna played too! Nonna took photos of me with the playdough. Amber made a hat shop and I bought an alien mask and Nonna bought some flip flops! Nonna sang 'Frere Jacques' to everyone and I did too. I want Nonna to come back to Nursery for Grandparents Day tomorrow.

Oliver B

Year 3 - When my granny and grandad came in I was very excited because they are different, they are always there for you and I love them to pieces. It was very funny because he turned the rainstick and everyone went silent. I and my granddad sang a song and got everyone's attention and lastly we took a picture of my grandad.

Daniel S.

Grandparents come in big and small,
Some are wide and some are small,
They are fun where ever you go,
Just don't go too far or they might get slow.
They like to do loads of things,
So please share then other people will not stare

George S.

Harvest - In Reception we have been finding out about what the word harvest means. We watched a video showing wheat being harvested and we looked at some real wheat. We used a pestle and mortar to grind some wheat and discovered that flower comes out! We then used flower to bake own bread rolls and made up a song about our tasty bread rolls which we shared with the rest of the school as part of our harvest celebrations.

Scooters

Please can I remind parents that scooters are not to be used up and down the path by the drive as they can be a hazard to pedestrians. Children should dismount from the scooters at the gate and push them up or down the path.

Regards,

Dan Turvey

15th October 2009

Dear Parents,

The Internet is here to stay and simply restricting or even preventing its use will not support young learners to make the best use of this valuable resource.

As parents, we teach our children, from the youngest age how to cross the road safely and the meaning of "Stranger, Danger", however, as we did not grow up with the Internet our children are often far more aware of its use for running their social lives and gaming than we are. Parents often flounder at knowing how to keep their children safe when on-line.

In response to this all the primary schools in Tunbridge Wells have come together to teach staff, pupils and most importantly, parents how to keep themselves and our children safe when using the Internet and mobile phones.

As part of our E-safety week (promoting safer Internet use, mobile phone use and even games consoles on-line) we encourage you to get involved in your children's use of the aforementioned items.

Our E-safety week began on Monday 12th October in school and there will be a parent's meeting held at Bishops Down on Wednesday 21st October at 9:20am, hosted by a very experienced E-safety trainer. I sincerely hope you will all be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Clement



Free Family Fun Days



BRING YOUR MUMS, DADS, SISTERS AND BROTHERS
AND COME AND HAVE FUN!



Half term
Monday 26/10/2009
Friday 30/10/2009

12noon—4.00pm

The Skinners Kent Academy

Blackhurst Lane

Tunbridge Wells, TN2 4PY

A free family fun day to participate in sports such as Football and Dance. An opportunity to play on Charlton's Summer Slam inflatable pitch, take penalties in inflatable goals, participate in soccer skills events and dance your socks off in Dance workshops.

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