



17th October 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 7 Newsletter

Building Learning Power!

Building Learning Power is all about helping children become better learners by teaching them all about their brain and everything that it can do!

In our classes this term we have been looking at what it takes to be a good learner and identifying particular skills that we need to continually practice and develop.

We have been looking particularly at the area of Resourcefulness. This has led us on to think about Questioning, Making Links and Imagining.

This week we have been talking and thinking about Reasoning and how to use logical and rational skills to work things out methodically.

Read about how we have shown these skills in our learning this week.

Emma Bonwick

Reception

In Reception we have been working on sustaining focus on our chosen activities during 'Plan Do Review' time. Sometimes this can be hard to do if we are finding something difficult, or if we fall out with the other children we are working with. The adults in our classroom have been helping us to keep on task and persevere even if we are finding something hard.

Year 2

Year 2 have come up with some fantastic ideas for their thinking skills homework this term.

'Q. How could you travel to school? A. Steam roller, booster rockets.'

Some children made detailed labeled drawings of what they would wear in 100 years time. They also made very detailed descriptions and designs for a device that wakes them up in the morning and gives them breakfast.

Year 3

In Year 3 we have been making logical links in our Numeracy this week. For example, we have been looking at addition and multiplication, making the link that if $4+4=8$, then $40+40=80$. We have used our knowledge of double 4 being 8, to work out double 40.

Year 4

Year 4 have been planning and making electrical games. We have been using reasoning and logical skills to investigate how to create a game that works using an electrical circuit. We have designed a variety of games from steady hand games to question and answer matching games and have used many skills to create the circuits that power them.

Year 5

BLP means Building Learning Power. It's how we learn best. We've been looking so far at questioning, making links, imagining, and this week is reasoning. Last week Tom got Head Teacher Award for his most imaginative instrument.

Alice

Year 6

BLP means Building Learning Power. It is sort of a little project which each class works for, each week we have a different focus and this week's is reasoning. The teacher every week chooses two pupils to go in the golden book if they have achieved best in that capacity.

Amy

Holiday Playscheme

Don't forget that the holiday playscheme will be open every day of the autumn break from 8.30pm until 5.30pm. Please contact the school office if you wish to book a place.

After School Club

Next week (20th October- 24th October) After School Club will be running a special Pirate and Princess theme week. There will be lots of activities on offer such as craft night, fabric painting/design and paint a pirate bandana. Friday night will be Pirate and Princess party night.

Class reps meeting

There will be a class reps' meeting on Friday 24th October at 9am. If you have anything for the agenda please can you forward it to your class rep or the school office.

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Just a reminder that the shoe boxes need to be in school by 20th November.

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

The PSA will be holding a secondhand uniform sale on MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER from 3.00pm in the school hall. A range of items will be on sale including sportswear, all priced at £1. If you have any school uniform in clean, good condition which you would like to donate, then please leave it at the school office. As well as school uniform the PSA would also welcome donations of football boots, shin pads, plimsolls and plastic macs. Please could you remove your child's name from any donated items.

British Flying Association

We have been contacted by one of the gentlemen from the British Flying Association who helped the school with our very successful flying day earlier in the year. He would like to make parents aware of a class being held at the Angel Centre, Tonbridge, on 25th October where children are invited to come, with a parent, to build and fly a model craft. There is also a national competition being held at the Angel Centre in November, together with a smaller competition for children who build a model at their monthly club. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Keith Miller direct on 01892 534974.

Photographs

The proof photographs went out in book bags on Wednesday this week. If you wish to place an order, please return the completed proof photograph with payment in the plastic wallet provided. If you are writing a cheque to cover payment for more than one photograph, please put all relevant proofs and the cheque together in one plastic wallet, with your child's name and 'Bishops Down Primary School' on the reverse of the cheque. The proofs have to be back at school by the end of term as they are being collected immediately after the holiday, or you will incur the late surcharge of £3.50.

Parking

A reminder to parents: please do not park at the bus stop in Coniston Avenue. This causes the bus to stop in the middle of the road endangering passengers getting on and off the bus. Thank you.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Ryan	Alex
Year 2	Ben	Daniel
Year 3	Holly	Keira
Year 4	Ollie	Milly
Year 5	Lucy	Harry
Year 6	Milo	Rebecca

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell