



Principal's News

We have finally made it to the end of term and have a wonderful cause to celebrate – a silver anniversary no less. There have been so many changes throughout the years, but still the original aims and objectives ring true; putting children at the heart of everything, wanting the very best for each and every one of them, finding enjoyment in their success.

There have been so many events this half term which are beautifully referenced within this newsletter. I must however say a sincere thank you to the 200+ parents that were able to join us during our Open Morning. I am not aware of any other school that opens their doors to enable parents to get such a first-hand experience of 'live' teaching and so there is also a personal 'thank you' to all the staff for providing such wonderful mathematical entertainment.

Easter eggs are calling and so I wish you all a super, sunny break and look forward to next-term joys, of play times on the field.

Regards

Wendy Moore

Closing the Spring 2nd Half Term

National Science Week 2014

The Big Bang Fair

At nine o'clock we headed to the mini bus and filled in a few of the seats inside. It took us about 40 minutes to get to the NEC.

When we got there we went straight to looking at the extraordinary exhibits. My favourite was the giant chocolate egg with a model of Bournville inside. Many of the exhibits were hard to make out what they were. Later on, we queued up to watch a show about explosions, which was called 'Kaboom!'. The show was sublime and I loved all the explosions. It even gave us the ingredients for gunpowder and dynamite. While the explosions were taking place a sign at the back of the stage was being pushed to the other side of the stage, reading: 'DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME!'.

Then we had lunch near the picnic area because the space there was limited and there were hundreds of visitors.

After lunch we looked at the rest of the exhibits and surprisingly some people made 'snot'. There were a range of different colours of 'snot' you could make. The red one was the most grotesque. An hour later we filed out of the building and back onto the bus for a long journey home.



What Invention Could You Not Live Without?

Thank you to all parents who responded to our survey on inventions. 52% of parents surveyed thought that electricity was the best invention and 45% decided that they couldn't live without some of the electrical appliances used in their kitchens. Many parents couldn't live without a washing machine and quite a few felt that the kettle was an essential invention to provide a quick early morning cuppa! A few more style conscious parents couldn't live without their hair driers or straighteners! Other inventions that people couldn't be without included: TV, Internet, mobile phone, computer and the car.



The children also took part in a 'Dress as a Scientist day. There was a whole host of Einsteins, Marie Curies, Brunels, doctors, lab technicians and forensic scientists to name a few. A celebration assembly was held and the best dressed scientist from each base went to:

Harrison Griggs, Henry Weeks, Evie Tearle, Leo Faulkner, Tom Wyld, Callum Barclay, Danielle Harrison, Dan Cragg, Brodie Gilford, Lewis Ball, Zaydun Hussain, Maia Heywood-Richards.

Wrockwardine Wood Schools Celebration Concert

On Wednesday 9th April, Priorslee Primary Academy's Key Stage Two choir took part in the 'Schools Celebration Concert' in Oakengates, alongside other local schools and Wrockwardine Wood Secondary School choir. The choir performed two fantastic pieces which astounded the audience. Their rendition of 'Hallelujah' moved not only the audience, but the various other schools, while 'Rule the World' lit up the room. Mrs Moore and Mrs Evans attended the event with much delight, praising the children for being the best choir Priorslee have ever had! Miss Swann and Miss Dukes are incredibly proud of all of the children involved. They have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks in preparation for this performance and all of their commitment and effort certainly paid off. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents who came to Oakengates, all of the teachers involved and of course, to all of the children for putting on a beautiful performance.



Base 1 Class Assembly

Base1 performed an assembly based on our work on pirates, which included their version of a pirate story, a selection of poems and information all about the life of a pirate and famous pirates- including Johnny Depp! They also sang sea shanties and there appeared to be a very drunken sailor in their midst! The children looked amazing in their fabulous costumes. A huge thank you to all the parents- we couldn't have done it without your help.



Reception & Base 9



We went for a Spring Wellie Walk on the school field. We looked at the daffodils and then back in school we painted pictures of the daffodils for our Mums.

We also created pictures of butterflies for our Mummies. We put one blob of paint on each hand and mixed the paint in our hands to make another colour. Then we made palm prints with our hands and used oil pastels to put in the detail of the butterfly and to create flowers.



Football Year 3/4

The year 3/4 football team have shown real resilience and character this season. Having won their first game against Lightmoor Primary 3-2 away from home, the team have come across some very strong opponents.

Having fought back from 2-0 down against Newdale Primary, Priorslee showed great grit and determination to bring the game back to 2-1 in the dying moments. I was particularly impressed with the resilience of the team and the attitude not to give up. On this occasion the goal came a little too late, with Newdale winning the game 2-1.



A following defeat to a strong Lawley side saw Priorslee's chances of progressing into the second round of the tournament dashed. The team now look forward to a number of friendlies that will be arranged in the near future.

Cross Country

Over 50 children represented Priorslee Academy in the first cross country race of the year, which was held at Dohill Primary School. Many of the children had been training extremely hard prior to the event during school time. Their hard work certainly paid off as all runners managed to complete their races, and some even achieved top ten finishes with over 100 runners in most races. Sophie Bramford managed to win the year 6 girl's race, with Ruby Hancox also claiming the number one spot in the year 5 girl's race.

It was fantastic to see so many children enjoying a competitive race for the very first time. I'm sure they will continue to achieve great results in the upcoming events.

A big well done to all involved.

Maths Opening Morning

Priorslee opened its doors to parents once again for a morning of maths. Over 200 parents came to join in the fun and took part in 'live' lessons with their children. More pictures will be included in the next newsletter.



Diary Dates 2014

- April 11th – Easter Egg Bingo
- May 15th - Priorslee's Got Talent
- May 20th - B12 Assembly
- May 21st-23rd - Year 6 Residential
- June 6th - Base 6 Assembly
- June 12th - Summer Disco
- June 20th - Base 10 Assembly
- June 21st – Summer Fayre
- June 27th - Base 8 Assembly
- July 17th – Y6 PROM

Dates are provisional and may be subject to change



Some of the children who took part in the Hope House Challenge pictured with Lynsey Kilvert from Hope House.



The total raised so far this year is an amazing £886.50. A big thank and well done to all the children who took part – they will all get a certificate before we break up for Easter. There will be further fundraising taking place next term so watch this space!

Base 2 Class Assembly

On 28th March Base 2 performed their class assembly on Pirates. We shared our own version of the 'Pirate Cruncher' by Jonny Duddle, along with lots of songs, pirate facts and a pirate dance. The children worked extremely hard to learn all their words and clearly had a lot of fun performing to their parents. Both Miss Richens and Mrs Pratt were very proud of all the children and would also like to say a big thank you to the parents for providing such fantastic costumes!



Base 5 Class Assembly

On 27th March, Base 5 brought the Amazon to Priorslee with their class assembly all about world rainforests. They shared songs, facts, stories, a dance and art-work to teach the audience about these tropical places. We were left far more knowledgeable and aware of how we can protect rainforests by using the '3 R's', reduce-reuse-recycle. Everybody performed brilliantly and a huge well done to Base 5 and a big thank you to all of the parents who attended.



Base 13 Class Assembly

The children in Willow base performed an assembly all about the First World War. All the children were enthusiastic about the theme and learned a great deal about an important part of British history.

The assembly was based around the book 'One Boy's War' by Lynn Higgins-Cooper & Ian Benfold Haywood. Finishing with a rendition of 'You Raise Me Up' and 'The Last Post'.

The children performed well and very much enjoyed being involved in the decisions about what to include in the assembly - Hence a long one.



Celebrating success!

Stars of the week KS1

Esha Mann
 Dominic Kelly
 Gurvir Singh
 Isobel Brazier
 Ethan Lester
 Renjie Chen
 Katie Bailey
 Lewis Ball
 Phoebe Farrar-Gough
 Mia Durwood
 Scarlett Spragg
 Harrison Gilbert
 Evie Ball
 Kaitlyn Prosser
 Joshua Zhou
 Thomas McLeod
 Isabelle-Rose Mayle-Miller
 Charlie Williams
 Isla Parry
 Milana Strickley
 Roxy Jones
 Matthew Wiggin
 Paul Jones
 Kieran Barclay
 Sam Smith
 Connor Liyanage-Gracia
 Ammarah Jan
 Amelie-Rose Brown
 Alyvia Miller
 Eleanor Brownlow
 Melissa Burns
 Mya Bagri
 Emily Shepherd
 Priya Mann
 Dhairya Jani
 Phoebe Johnston
 Macy Davies
 Marwan Ahmed
 Garnett Leeper
 Lily Appleton
 Will Hyde
 Emma Stanton
 George Parkin
 Jessica Burns
 Rizwan Mubarak
 Yasmine Liu

Stars of the week KS2

Sam Whitehouse
 Amir Hare
 Amandeep Dhaliwal
 Sway Wise
 Tom Hyde
 Katie Short
 Mikey Lough
 Niamh Brennan
 Ayla Morris
 Eve Leleux
 Sophie Tyrrell
 Esha Sachania
 Olivia Russell
 Jessica Slater
 Aymen Ahmed
 Kian Radford-Smith
 Ryan Eagleton
 Yudhveer Dhanoya
 Callum Barclay
 Ethan Yu
 Alex Brazier
 Jay Sondhi
 Lucy Robinson
 Charlie Silver
 Emie Watson
 Harrison Grant
 Nathan Williams
 Oliver Craddock
 Lewis Adams
 Bandar Alqahtani
 Jake Parry
 Aston Campbell
 Kirsty Kennedy
 Kiran Kennedy
 Nana Nyarko-Bonsu
 Jagjeet Uppal
 Amy Vaughan
 Leo Swales
 Ellie-May Clempson
 Sam Freshman
 Ruby Hancox
 Libby Rowe
 Thomas Trower
 Flo Carnduff
 Ethan Harley
 Luke Ellis
 Aiden Williams
 Kyle Randall
 Manieka Mohan
 Jessica Kemp
 Skyla Thursfield

Base 1 and 2

Base 1 and 2 have been busy learning all about pirate life and famous pirates such as Blackbeard. They have been getting out of breath learning to sing sea shanties (which have a very fast tempo) and have learnt to talk like a pirate! In addition, the children learnt to retell a pirate story and used this as a model to write their own adventure stories. In art, they made clay pirate ships using a coiled pot technique.

In science, Base 1 and 2 have learnt about sounds are made and how we hear things. The children carried out fair tests to find out whether bigger ears allowed us to hear sounds from a greater distance, comparing the different shapes of animal ears.



Years 3 & 4

This half term, the children in Years 3 and 4 have continued with their rainforest theme and have enjoyed finding out about and debating many of the issues that surround this fascinating topic. Base 5 did their class assembly around the story of The Great Kapok Tree and enjoyed rapping about the importance of the 3Rs: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! On Tuesday 25th March we all thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Wrockwardine Wood Arts College to see their performance of the musical 'Oliver!' We all had a fantastic time. Our children treated the Wrockwardine Wood staff to a sing-along before the show started and it was lovely to see some of our past pupils performing. We are all looking forward to our Easter break but also to next term's topic, which will be The Vikings!



Production

The drama group are working hard on the production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" to be performed at the end of the summer term - watch this space for details...

Artwork of the term



by Lucy Addison - B6

Helping Priorslee Primary raise funds

Do you shop online? Did you know that every time you buy something you could be raising money for Priorslee Primary Academy?

Easy Fundrasing is an online facility which provides a simple way to raise money for Priorslee Primary. Over 2400 well known retailers including Amazon, M&S, Tesco, Waitrose, House of Fraser, eBay and many more, will donate a percentage of what you spend to Priorslee Primary Academy! All you have to do is shop with them via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/priorsleeprimaryacademy>. It's completely free to use, all you need to do is sign up and use the Priorslee Primary Academy link to do your shopping!

St Peter's Priorslee Family Event

Messy Church/Messy Easter

10.30am to 12.30pm

on

Good Friday

16th April

Friends of Priorslee

The 'Friends of Priorslee' committee meet each month to plan events to raise funds for school. These events include the school disco, Easter Egg Bingo, Priorslee's Got Talent and the Summer and Christmas Fayres. In the past, money raised has been spent on the fresh-air outdoor PE equipment and cameras for each class to name a few. We are now working hard to raise funds for additional PE equipment, which will include outdoor nets for use with ball games.

There has recently been a change in the Friends Committee - we have a new Chairperson, Kelly Mackay and new Secretary, Rachel Bailey. The Vice Chair and Treasurer is John Reade. There are also many parents who are committee members, who help out at events where possible. Without this support and help, many of these enjoyable events would not be able to take place and we would not be able to raise the funds we do, which are a great benefit to the school.

If anyone would like to come along to a meeting and think they may be able to help out at some of the events, please contact fopriorslee@googlemail.com and we will let you know when our meetings are.

Chateau du Broutel - Rue, France

At 6.30am on Friday 7th March, a group of Year 6 pupils headed out on a fabulous adventure to a chateau in Northern France with a group of Newport Girls' High School students.

After a long coach trip, and a short ferry crossing we eventually arrived at Chateau du Broutel in the quaint town of Rue.



The girls went to explore their beautiful wooded surroundings with a French-speaking instructor and were shown to their bunk-bedded accommodation above the old coach house, before taking part in some team challenges to wear them out for bed-time!



Saturday was incredibly busy. It included: working with a French chef to make mayonnaise, shopping at the local market, eating yummy French cakes, seeing twin kid goats born at a goats' cheese farm and buying goodies at a chocolate factory. We were particularly impressed with the opportunities that the children had to practise their French – listening to the process of cheese making intently and bartering with market stall-holders over a few Euros!



As the children have been studying World War One as their topic this term, they particularly enjoyed Sunday, when they went to visit some war cemeteries. Reading the poem, 'In Flanders Fields' before entering the memorial for the missing at the Battle of the Somme in Thiepval was such a touching way to mark our visit. Interestingly, we were also given the chance to visit a German cemetery nearby, where four soldiers were buried under one gravestone as a way to save space. Finally, we saw La Grande Mine where the biggest mine in WW1 was detonated, leaving an enormous crater behind.



Before travelling home on Monday, we visited a French bakery where, once again, the children practised their French when listening to the process of making croissants at an artisan bakery. Obviously, we had to taste them before we left.....!

Our last stop was at a French supermarket before embarking on the ferry. The teachers were happy to stock up on their supplies of French chocolate before heading back to England.

A fantastic time was had by all and we can't wait to return next year....