



## Principal's News

Dear Parents,

What a long half term! Everyone is thoroughly shattered and very deserving of a break. The volume of work completed by the children and subsequent progress made has now been shared with parents during the two Consultation Evenings. Many thanks to parents for sharing some super comments with our hard-working staff.

On a sports front, the footballers move from strength to strength and are still retaining their undefeated run of matches. The netballers are also making super strides and have a new found confidence from recent wins.

There have been lots of trips out and various visitors in - the next half term sees an equally impressive number of activities for both children and parents. Keep checking the school website and searching in bottoms of bags for further details.

May I wish you all a pleasant half term.

Sincere regards

Wendy Moore

## Opening the Autumn Term

### Tudor Day - Year 5/6

The children had an amazing time spending the day finding out about Tudor Life.

They learnt about the many Tudor battles leading up to the Battle of Bosworth, when Henry Tudor became king. Some were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to dress up in Tudor clothing of both rich and poor people. With a grim and grisly description, they discovered the horrors of Tudor medicines as well as how Tudors were punished when they committed a crime. They decided they would definitely prefer to live in modern day times! However, the children absolutely loved the idea of jousting, and had great fun playing blindfolded jousting on hobby horses - it was certainly very competitive!

The students had a wonderful day and would love to have a similar experience soon.



Alex Summers-Bennett being punished in the stocks. Naughty boy!

Year Five and Six competing in blindfolded jousting. Come on you blues!



### Reception and Base 9

This half term, Reception and Base 9 have been carrying out a range of activities based around familiar nursery rhymes. We made delicious jam tarts when our theme for the week was 'The Queen of Hearts' and also decorated our own crowns.

We brought in our favourite teddy bears to join us for a tea party and also enjoyed a special 'Humpty Dumpty' breakfast - we tried boiled eggs on toast.

One of the most enjoyable tasks this half term was making our own drums when our nursery rhyme was 'The Grand Old Duke of York'. The children carefully decorated their drum before we paraded them around school like soldiers.



Emily - Reception

### Base 7 and 8 - Year 1



What an exciting day Base 7 and 8 had at Chirk Castle! On arrival at the castle we were escorted to the main hall. The children dressed up as servants and we learnt about the history of Chirk Castle. We visited many exciting places including the dark, cold dungeons, brr! We got to dress up in clothes that royalty would have worn and try on armour. The armour was really heavy and we nearly fell over when trying it on. We got to make Shrewsbury biscuits, wash clothes, and learn about where the servants used to sleep. At the end of the day we had to take our costumes off and return to school. We had a really good day and have learnt a lot about castles and the people who live in them.



Friday 25th October was another chance to raise money for a fantastic cause. The children were asked to bring a donation of £1 in return for wearing something pink. Cakes and biscuits were sold at the end of the day. Look out for the amount raised in the next newsletter.

### Diary Dates 2013/2014

- 6th November - School photographer
- 7th November - Halloween Disco
- 7th December - Christmas Fayre
- 13th December - Pantomime
- 18th December - Church Performance
- Christmas Dinner
- 13th February - Valentines Disco
- 11th April - Easter Egg Bingo
- 21st June - Summer Fayre
- 17th July - Y6 PROM

Dates are provisional and may be subject to change

### Year 3 and 4 (Base 3, 4 and 5) Trip to Blists Hill

On Tuesday 1st October, Year 3 and 4 were lucky to visit the Victorian Town Museum of Blists Hill where we took part in printing workshops based on the children's artwork back in school. After the short trip to the Madeley site, the children worked in four separate groups, exploring the town's historical shops and workplaces. Children familiarised themselves with the occupations that they have been studying in history lessons throughout the Autumn term. The 'intaglio' printing method was really enjoyable and the children were able to turn their William Morris-style designs into reality!

The trip has had a further impact back in the classroom, where we were able to borrow medical artefacts and gruesome tools from Blists Hill to explore Victorian health and disease. We will be continuing to look at the Victorian era next half term as part of our curriculum topic.



### Science Jobs and Careers

Are you a parent with a job related to science? Would you be willing to come along and talk to a group of children about your job? If you are able to spare an hour to come into school and help children to learn about the application of science in the workplace, please could you contact Mrs Lakes (Science Subject Leader).

Examples of scientific occupations:

Engineer  
Dentist  
Doctor  
Nurse  
Health care professional  
Pharmacist  
Geologist  
Electrician  
Food technician  
Dietician  
Environmental scientist  
Computer scientist  
Chemist  
Biologist  
Physicist  
Park Ranger

### Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 8th October saw the traditional Harvest Assembly take place for both Key stages 1 and 2. Reverend Chris Carter came to talk to the children about the celebration of Harvest. The children enjoyed taking part in readings and brought their gifts to the harvest table.



### Friends update

Thank you to all of you that came to our recent 'Bingo Evening'. It was a huge success and great fun was had by all! Our next event is the Halloween disco on Thursday 7th November - with prizes for the best fancy dress outfit and then our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 7th December.

Look out for more information soon.

### Artwork of the term



by Lucy Hambler

## Celebrating success!

### Stars of the week KS1

Bhakti Shah  
 All of Base 9  
 Hugo Roberts  
 Luke Clayton  
 PJ Jones  
 Harry Drake  
 Jasmine Hothi  
 Callen Cooksey  
 Sam Titley  
 Katie Banford  
 Benjamin Taaffe  
 Dhairya Jani  
 Hayden Cooksey  
 Rosie Oranjuik  
 Dawud Haider  
 Niamh Wormstone  
 Samra Basha  
 Jack Jones  
 Reuben Lam  
 Shannon David  
 Connor Hayes  
 Olivia Oakley  
 Lacey Barrow  
 Ruby Lough  
 Nana Agyemang  
 Sophie Devall  
 Rumaisa Haider  
 Joshua Alexander  
 Emily Robinson  
 Emily Slater  
 Billy Close  
 Tashvi Patil  
 Cassie Freeman  
 Olivia Slack  
 Macy Clifton  
 Tori Denton  
 Hannah Thorpe

### Stars of the week KS2

Amran Mattu  
 Isobel Shepherd  
 Amber Leeper  
 Jo Bodley  
 Marley Beckett  
 Sienna Wood  
 Thomas Wyld  
 Lewis Russell  
 Isabelle Yip  
 Karam Mattu  
 Leo Yip  
 Priya Bagri  
 Olivia Siddall  
 Freya Barraclough  
 Manieka Mohan  
 Katie Marshall  
 Yasin Mubarak  
 Leah Mitchell  
 Caitlyn Ashmore  
 Chloe Trower  
 Lewi Neate  
 Anushka Singh  
 Jack Wallace  
 Jessica Mooney  
 Kian Radford-Schutte  
 Katie Atkins  
 Izaak Barraclough  
 Natalia Toms  
 Lara Drake  
 Sophie Frost  
 Joe Williams  
 Ethan Yu

### Base 1 and 2

In science, Base 1 has been learning all about how materials change when they are heated or cooled. We found out that if you are in a bit of a hurry at breakfast time, brown bread toasts faster than white bread!

We have also been observing how ice balloons melt and we found out that salt makes them melt rapidly.

In history, we are learning all about castles and the lives of the people who lived in them. One of the things that we wanted to find out about was what life was like for knights. We made moving jousters and used books and the Internet to find out information about knights.



## Sporting Events

### Year 3/4 vs Newdale

The year 3/4 football team started off their season in style with an away victory at Newdale Primary School. For many of the players it was their first competitive game of football and they certainly didn't disappoint. An early Priorslee goal settled the nerves and gave the team the confidence to play some fantastic football.

Midway through the second half, the home team managed to score two quick goals, which stunned the Priorslee players. Although this was the first time the team had played together, they showed great determination and perseverance to score another two goals, ultimately winning the game 3-2 for the Academy.

A positive performance all round - well done to all involved.

### Guy Fawkes



A few children from Year 3 and 4 have been very busy making a guy for the Weston Park bonfire which is taking place on Sunday 3rd November. After lots of stuffing of overalls and old socks the finished guy has been kitted out in a rather stylish suit and has managed to make quite a few people jump as they have passed him in the corridor! Look out for us posing with our guy in the local press next week!

### Year 5/6 vs Newport Juniors

After a successful season last year, the year 5/6 football team were eager to get the new season underway.

It was clear straight from the kick off that Priorslee were hungry for more success with two early goals. With Priorslee 2-0 up at half time they were determined to keep a clean sheet and hoped to add to the already positive scoreline.

The second half saw even more impressive football being played, particularly down the flanks. It was only a matter of time before the home team scored more goals. The ball possession finally took its toll on the away side and the game finished with an emphatic 6-0 victory.

A brilliant team performance.

### Year 5/6 vs St Matthew's

The second fixture for the year 5/6 football team looked to be a difficult one, as it was against St Matthew's. This game promised to be a close encounter, having played out an 0-0 draw last season.

As the away team, Priorslee were determined not to concede and to carry on the excellent football that had been played in their previous game. It was a joy watching from the sidelines as the Academy scored 3 goals in quick succession. Some fantastic passing and clever movement exposed the St Matthew's defence.

The game ended up finishing 5-0 to Priorslee. Another strong display from the defence, along with clinical finishing, bodes well for their final group games against Moorfield and Muxton.

### Netball match

Priorslee Primary Academy vs. Dawley Primary School.

This match was played as part of a tournament, we were hoping to build on our success from last week.

We played against Dawley it was a hard and tiring match, with a lot of movement up and down the court. The final score was a 3/3 draw, but this didn't reflect the amount of time the ball was in our possession.

With 30 seconds to go we were losing 3-2, but Libby scored a brilliant goal to ensure a draw.

The team played well, the tactics learned at training being put into place, and all the supporters agreeing that the general ability of the team had improved considerably.

A big well done to everyone, especially our FAB coaches, Mrs Taylor and Zoe. Without you we couldn't have done this.

Team members: Katie Atkins (Captain), Katie Short, Maia Heywood-Richards, Libby Rowe, Christiana Pirgozlieva, Kate Williams and Freya Barraclough.

Match report by Freya Barraclough



The children are pictured wearing pink in support of the breast cancer awareness campaign. We would like to thank you for your support in this event.

