



PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our very first Newsletter! There has been much speculation about the launch of Issue 1, with a great flurry of activity taking place behind the scenes. Governors, staff and pupils hope that this will be a way of keeping parents up-to-date with all the fantastic events that take place throughout each half term. With the launch of a new web-site next term and the on-going text messaging service, communication should now be second to none!

Although there is going to be a lot of information to share within this half-termly publication, please feel free to contact the Editor, Mrs. Anita Evans (Base 3), should you have any suggestions for improvement.

The Newsletter will be an instant way to share some of the many pupil achievements, shown through photographs and pictures. Should you NOT wish for your child to feature, please contact the office staff at your earliest convenience. Happy reading!

Sincere regards,
Wendy Moore

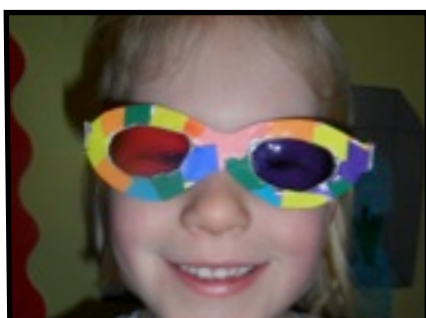
Reception and Base 9



For our first topic this term we were looking at 'Nursery Rhymes and Food'. As part of this topic we learnt the nursery rhyme 'The Queen of Hearts'. We made delicious jam tarts in the classroom.

In Reception and Base 9 our topic for this half term is 'Colour and Festivals'. We have listened to the story 'Anna's Amazing Multi-Coloured Glasses' and made up our own stories. In creative time we made our own pretend glasses.

We have also enjoyed the 'Elmer' stories and have made Elmer music shakers.



Years 1 and 2



Year 1 and 2 have had a very busy term! We started off the year by exploring the theme of 'Space'. The children enjoyed finding out about the planets, about historical events such as the first moon landings and doing some very creative artwork, including collage, pastel pictures and use of ICT to create 'Starry Night' pictures in the style of Van Gogh.

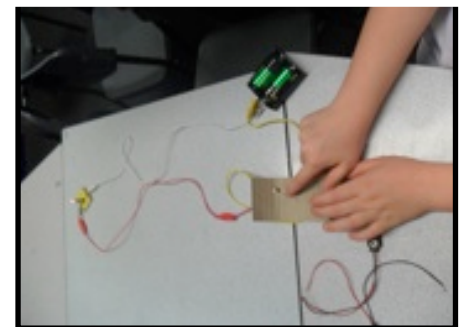
After half term our new Science topic was 'Materials' and children investigated the properties of materials. We also spent a day looking at art in nature, making pictures from natural materials, inspired by the artist Andy Goldsworthy.

In History we moved on from our space theme and, having learned about Neil Armstrong, found out about other significant people from history including Mary Anning, a famous fossil hunter.

Years 3 and 4



The academic year began in Base 3 with the topic 'Volcanoes'. The children have learnt a wide range of facts from why volcanoes are formed, where volcanoes can be found in the world to how volcanoes erupt. The children made their own volcano and witnessed an eruption from first hand experience.



This half term the children have used Science and Design Technology to find out about electricity and how a switch can stop the flow of electricity. The children will make their own torches which will be operated with a working switch.

Year 5 and 6 'Go Wild' at Warwick!



On 1st October, Bases 5, 10 and 11 ventured out to Warwick Castle so that they could have a taste of medieval life. They walked over the dreaded drawbridge to witness the might of the trebuchet, which launched a boulder high above the tree tops.

Over lunch, Year 5 and 6 literally ducked and dived to avoid sharing their sandwiches with the swooping birds of prey. Soon after, the bowman demonstrated his skills with a bow and arrow, shooting over the moat into a target.



Bird of prey in action

The children tested their nerve on the battlement walk, climbing up the steep, winding staircases to Guy's and Caesar's Towers - two of the tallest castle towers still standing.

Rushing to the coach, the pupils made it back just in time to miss the torrential rain that followed. They had a fantastic day and can't wait to go back another time.

Class Assemblies at Priorslee

'Knights of the Square Table' Base 5 (Years 5/6) Class Teacher - Mrs Kennard

On the 16th November, the children of Base 5 retold an age old tale with a modern rhyming twist. The children have all worked incredibly hard and made Mrs Kennard extremely proud. A thoroughly enjoyable performance - well done Base 5!



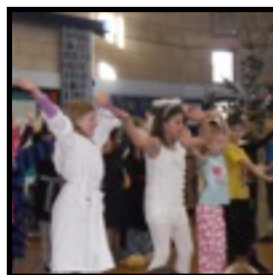
'Volcanic Romans and Eruptive Celts!' Base 4 (Years 3/4) Class Teacher - Mr Plim

Base 4 performed their class assembly on Friday 30th November. The children shared songs, information, and myths from their Autumn term topics. They had fantastic fun learning and performing!



'Jesus' Christmas Party' Base 10 (Years 5/6) Class Teachers - Miss Howe and Mrs Tracey

To celebrate the upcoming Christmas festivities, Base 10 performed a play based upon Nicholas Allan's 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. With plenty of songs, dances and laughs, the assembly was enjoyed by all.



Thank you to the many parents who attended these performances.

We look forward to presenting many more!

Competitions



Chloe Knock receiving her prize from Jane Piper

Sainsbury's ran a colouring competition for Halloween.

Chloe Knock (Base 7) was the overall winner in the category. She is pictured here receiving her prize from Jane Piper which was a £5 gift voucher for Sainsbury's.

Telford based company **Balfour-Beatty** and the **Princess Royal Hospital** have joined forces to run a colouring competition to design a hard hat. Libby Rowe and Chloe Knock have been selected to create a painting of their chosen design. The competition will be judged in January - we look forward to hearing the result.

Christmas Fayre News

On Saturday 8th December the 'Friends of Priorslee' ran the Christmas Fayre. The event saw many stalls such as the Tombola, Bath and Beauty, Jar Stall, Auction, Raffle and Face Painting, to mention just a few.

The event was a huge success raising just over £2000 for sporting equipment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those involved who continue to support the school in making events like these such an enjoyable community event for us all.

Without your continued support, events like these would not be possible. A huge thanks to the 'Friends of Priorslee', as well as staff and parents who came along to support the school.

Visitors to School

This term, we have employed the services of 'Music 2 the 4' - a group of specialist musicians, to enhance the learning of music in Years 3 and 4. The children have learnt how to play a folk whistle from scratch and have had a fantastic experience. This follows on from specialist recorder training during the first half of the term. They have had an insight into reading music and the satisfaction of actually learning how to play a musical instrument for themselves, many for the first time. Next term we welcome back 'Music 2 the 4' to continue with this highly creative work when they will be giving a structured series of lessons in brass over a period of 5 weeks. A brilliant experience!



Music service - Max playing the bagpipes

Music Lessons - Provided by Telford & Wrekin Music Service

Violin - Louis Robinson
Guitar - Dan Jones
Flute - Jenny Bill
Keyboard - Steven Barratts
Drums - Ian Worton

Bikeability



Ryan ready for action

Bikeability is currently running for Year 6 children delivered by Telford & Wrekin Road Safety Partnership. They have all completed Level 1 and 2.

Extra Curricular Activities

Art Club



Oliver painting his part of 'Water Lilies' by Monet to make up the full image

Art Club has been extremely popular across KS2 this term with all places allocated. Mrs Atkins has very kindly extended the clubs to enable more children to take part. The children have produced some very impressive artwork which is displayed around school.

Welly Boot Club

Year 1 children took part in an outdoor club last term run by Mrs. Court and Mrs. Monteith. Some of the activities included making bird feeders and planting bedding plants to improve the gardens within the school grounds.

Multi-Skills

Run by an external coach for Years 1 and 2. The children have learnt a range of skills including ball control and dribbling. We have been impressed by their determination to have fun in the coldest of temperatures.

Coming soon...

Performing Arts - Year 6 - Mrs Kennard
Chess Club - KS2 - Mr Amery
ICT Club - KS2 - Mrs Evans
Dance Club - KS1 - Miss Richens



Guys and Dolls - Performing Arts
Mrs Kennard

Celebrating success!

Head Boy

Akram Nazir

Head Girl

Molly Pickles

Prefects

Sian Williams

Zara Leleux

Jamie Chen

Max Robinson

Molly Pickles

Kieran Freeman

Abigail Plant

James Morton

Stars of the week KS1

Tom Hyde

Ruby Lough

Lily Appleton

Thomas McLeod

Emily Robinson

Alfie Clutton

Isabelle-Rose Mayle-Miller

William McLeod

Bethany Appleton

Isobel Brazier

Niamh Wormstone

Will Hyde

Jacob Kaul

Emily Shepherd

Jasmine Hothi

Lucy Robinson

Stars of the week KS2

Lewis Davidson

Dantrell Dawkins

Tia Ward

Sean Ababio

Harry Richardson Morjaria

Bradley Wilkins

Sophie Frost

Freya Barraclough

Marley Beckett

Sophie Tyrrell

Katie Atkins

Leah Wilkins

Outstanding behaviour - RAFFLE TICKET AWARD

To encourage good manners and outstanding behaviour, we have introduced a new **raffle ticket** system. When a member of staff is impressed by a pupil's behaviour they are awarded a raffle ticket. One ticket is then drawn during each Friday's Celebration Assembly and the winner receives a special prize.

THE WINNERS SO FAR:

Jessica Slater

William Tudor

Manieka Mohan

Jacob Bryceland

School Councillors

Aryan Pothuraju - Yr 2

Jessica Mooney - Yr 2

Lewi Neate Yr 2

Kian Radford-Schutte - Yr 2

Charlotte Bartley - Yr 3

Charlotte Bramford - Yr 3

Alex Holland - Yr 4

Josh Lewis - Yr 4

Jacob Bryceland - Yr 4

Ryan Eagleton - Yr 5

Dylan Harley - Yr 5

Lauren Alexander - Yr 5

Rosie Monteith - Yr 6

Emily Bramhill - Yr 6

We are the school council. Our job is very important. Our role is to try and make the school a better place. We take on board the views of our fellow pupils and try to make them possible. For example, last year the school council ran a design competition to improve the environment of the toilets. This year we have already delivered a presentation and have given new parents a tour of the academy. Another idea that we have come up with is to re-paint the playground markings.

Themed Lunches

Black History

Bonfire Lunch

American Day - Thanksgiving

Christmas Lunch - 18th Dec

Next Term

4th Feb - Chinese New Year

23rd Apr - St George's Day

Opportunities to join your child for lunch

So far this term:

11th Sep - Reception

13th Sep - Base 9

9th Oct - Base 1

6th Oct - Base 2

22nd Nov - Base 3

4th Dec - Base 4

Next Term

15th Jan - Base 5

24th Jan - Base 7

12th Feb - Base 8

5th Mar - Base 10

21st Mar - Base 11

Diary Dates 2013

January

7th Jan - PD Day

25th Jan - Base 1 Assembly

February

6th Feb - Base 11 Assembly

15th Feb - Base 8 Assembly

March

20th Mar - Base 9 Assembly

27th Mar - Reception Assembly

Friends of Priorslee

Would like to say a huge thanks to **Samantha Lane**, previous Chair for all of her hard work and commitment to the Academy over the years.

We would like to welcome **Fiona Barraclough** as the new Chair of the Friends of Priorslee and look forward to supporting her in her role.



Sporting Events

Football

External coach from Premier Skills

Alex Devey

It has been a great start to the Priorslee Primary Academy football season with both teams performing incredibly well. The year 5/6 team drew their opening two games and still have the opportunity to qualify for the knockout stages of the Telford Primary Schools competition if they can win away against Queenswood next year.

The year 3/4 team have not had the same results. However, they have been playing some entertaining football and are hoping to get the results next year that these performances deserve. The future is looking bright with year 1/2 football. The coaches are really impressed with the skills and creativity of the younger players in the school. Thanks to all players, parents and staff for their amazing support so far this season and we hope it continues into what could be a really successful 2013!

Year 3/4 Team

Ethan Harley
Fenn Ashmore
Alex Holland
Alex Summers-Bennett
Harvey Polatajko
Maia Heywood-Richards
Anna Welch
Karam Mattu
Oliver Craddock

Year 5/6 Team

Ryan Eagleton
Lewis Adams
Joe Young
Joe Timmins
Sophie Bramford
Harry Townsend
Hayden Williams
Will Griffiths
Dylan Harley

The Birchfield Cup

Birchfield hosts local football tournament

Priorslee were asked to take part in Birchfields inaugural Primary Schools Tournament on Thursday November 15th this term.

Priorslee were joined by Westfield, Apley Wood, Barrow Primary, and Buildwas, along with a team from Birchfield for a fantastic afternoon of sport.

After a tense final Priorslee were crowned champions and brought home the trophy. The team are pictured receiving the Trophy from the Head of Birchfield School.

This was the first time that the team have played wearing their new kit, kindly provided by 'Autocraft'



Players:

Joe Young - Goalie
Lewis Adams - Right Wing
Sophie Bramford - Centre
Dylan Harley - Defender
Joe Timmins - Left Mid Field
Will Griffiths - Wing Attack
Harry Townsend - Mid Field

Netball

Netball started in September for year 5 and 6 children. They train every Monday night with Carol Taylor. The team have played in the 'High 5' Netball League at Madeley Academy. The Year 6 team won their match 4-1 - well done all! The Year 5's didn't perform as well being defeated 10 - 0 but spirits remained high in the true Priorslee team spirit.

Players

James Morton
Molly Pickles
Lilly Patterson
Emily Ford
Brooke Ward
Will Wheatley
Rosie Monteith
Freya Barraclough
Amy Vaughan
Sophie Tyrrell
Juwairiya Mulla
Amber Leeper
Amy Robinson
Jeanette Ababio

The Academy welcomes new pupils to this academic year:

Lucy Malin
Lucy Evans
Lacey Barrow
Vicky Edwards-Chambers
Olivia Russell
Lewis Russell
Karam Mattu
Arjan Mattu
Amran Mattu
Isabelle Yip
Leo Yip
Zara Clegg
Sam Whitehouse
Freya Adlington
Thomas Corfield-Smith

We wish them all a successful future.

Fundraising



Think Pink Breast Cancer

On Friday 19th October donations of cakes were sold at the end of the day by support staff and raised a staggering £461 for the charity 'Think Pink Breast Cancer'. All of the children wore pink and made a donation. Thank you for your continued support in the fight against Breast Cancer.



Friends of Priorslee supported Children In Need

On Friday 16th November the 'Friends of Priorslee', in support of 'Children in Need', sold cakes which had been donated. Children were asked to wear something spotty for the occasion. The cakes were sold at the end of the day by the Friends of Priorslee and support staff and raised £418.51 for the charity. A fantastic amount...

Your choice...

After the success of this term's cake sales, the House Prefects would like to arrange some 'House' cake sales over the next two terms to raise money for local charities. With so many charities to choose from, we would like your help in deciding who to support first. If you would like to nominate a local charity, please jot down the name and contact details of the charity and forward it to Mrs. Court by the end of the first week of next term. The House Prefects will take some time to research your ideas and will then choose which charity to support first. We look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Marie Curie Cancer Care

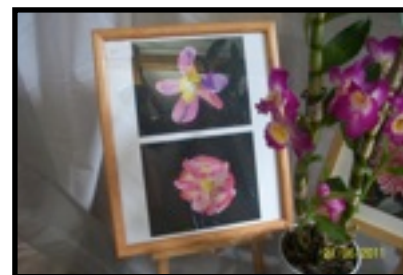
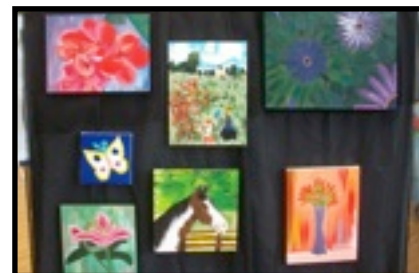
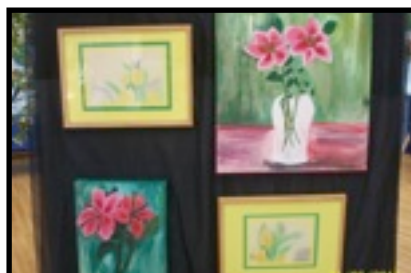
This term all children will plant daffodil bulbs in an attempt to fundraise for this very worthwhile cause.

Further details will follow.

Open Events

Open Morning

A superb Open Morning was held on Monday 12th November providing prospective parents with an opportunity to experience all that our Academy has to offer. With over 180 parents applying for the 50 available Reception places last year, it was inevitable that our Open Morning was going to attract interest. Staff and Governors worked hard but the children worked even harder! A huge 'Thank you' from Mrs Moore for making the morning the success that it was.



Open Evening

At the request of parents, an 'Open Evening' was arranged by Staff and Governors providing opportunities to participate in a variety of workshops. Although poorly attended by parents, those present were able to contribute to policy and practice, as well as engage in purposeful dialogue with staff.

Christmas Service

We hope you will be able to join us for our 'Christmas Service' at St. George's Church

on Tuesday 18th December

Key stage 1 - 9.30am - 10.15am (approx)
performing
The Nativity

Key Stage 2 - 10.30 - 11.15am (approx)
performing
'Witnesses'
by
Margaret Carpenter

