



Heskin Pemberton's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28th April, 2017



Dear Parents, Pupils & Friends,

Scarecrow Family Fun Day.

The annual Scarecrow Family Fun Day will be take place on Sunday 30th April at Tunley United Reform Church Field and Hall. There will be a wealth of activities for both young and the not-so-young starting at 12 noon. Our very own Heskin Pemberton's Scarecrow will soon be on display at the bottom of the drive ready for everyone to see. Thank you, Mrs Hugo and your band of helpers for making our scarecrow. It must be a good one because I've not seen a single crow in Class 3 all week!

Heskin Pemberton's Rugby Team.

On Tuesday, Mrs Cowie and Miss Hughes took our Tag Rugby team to compete in a tournament against other local schools. Our team were amazing, getting better and better with each match. Although we didn't win, we had a great time and we're already looking forward to our next tournament. *Rugby Squad: Ben Morris, Izzy Goodwin, Ben Carrier, Harry Clarke Tomlinson, Lewis Lees, Erin Beverley and Sophia Robinson.*

Heskin Pemberton's Swimming Team.

Wow! What an exciting night we had on Wednesday! No we didn't watch Coronation Street, we went to the Chorley Schools' Swimming Gala. Our team competed in a variety of races against some very accomplished swimmers and we made it through to 5 finals! A fantastic achievement. In the 25m freestyle, Mackenzie came second, narrowly missing out on a gold medal by a matter of seconds. The team were a credit to our school and I was extremely proud of every one of them. *Swimming Squad: Sophia Robinson, Mackenzie McGill, Erin Beverley and Zara Robinson.*

PFTA Copper Boxes

Our PTFA have got lots of exciting fundraising activities and events planned for this summer and we are kicking things off with a Class Copper Box Competition! Each class will collect copper coins between now and 25th May. So please bring in any spare pennies or two pence coins and put them in the collection box in your child's class. The class with the most copper coins will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Friday 26th May. We'll even have a copper box in the staffroom so we might win the non-uniform day! All the coins collected will be used by the PTFA to support our children in school. Good luck everyone... especially the teachers!

What has happened in school this week...?

Class 1- Our focus this week has been plant life cycles. We learnt how vegetables grow from seeds and explained what they needed in order to develop into healthy plants. Then we planted our own potato and turnip seeds in the garden to observe what happens over the coming months. In our Maths, we have been looking at take-aways (subtraction). Using objects, could we read the number sentence and act out the matching subtraction?

Class 2- This week, we have been planning our own fantasy story about a magic cave. We have written a travel brochure to describe our fantasy setting. In Maths, Year 2 have been developing their addition strategies and Year 1 have been looking at addition and subtraction using block graphs and pictograms. In Art, we have been designing our own fantasy insect using collage and in Science we have been learning about different types of living things and how they are similar and different.

Class 3- We have enjoyed reading the poem, Macavity by T.S. Eliot. We have explored new words and used dictionaries to find out their meanings. In our writing, we have made wanted posters for Macavity and written a police report about one of his crimes. In our Maths lessons we have worked hard on multiplication and division facts and have been learning about inverse operations to help us to work out answers quickly. We have also used division skills to work out fractions of groups. We have also been looking at the different types of teeth and what function they perform. Our singing of "Dem Bones" is making us smile.

Class 4- Year 5 have been working extremely hard on fractions this week. They have been able to add, subtract and simplify them. Year 6 have been problem solving and working on mental calculations using all four number operations. In English, we continue to study Tales from Outer Suburbia! We have tried to write amazing dialogue, pretending to be the characters from different stories. Today, we have begun to plan our own fantasy story. In topic we are planning and writing persuasive leaflets to encourage people to visit Ancient Greece. In P.E. we are focussing on team games, such as cricket and rounders.

Worship.

Our worship themes for this half term are Respect and Caring. We've already had some wonderful visitors in school, leading our worship. On Wednesday, Martin & Emma told us all about how things are better when they go together and on Thursday Brian Waite looked at the various people who we respect. I also know that our Ethos Group have been working extremely hard planning their worships which I'm really looking forward to seeing.

Yorkshire Three Peaks!

As many of you may be aware, our vice-chair of governors, Mr Jonathan Pitt, has been busy organising the Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge in order to raise money for Gordon Thorpe. We will be setting off early in the morning on Saturday 29th April in order to complete this 24 miles challenge. Information about how you can get involved and how you can donate to this worthy cause can be found on the PTFA Facebook page and the Heskin Pemberton Mountaineers Facebook page.

Mad Science Club

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to this club. Mad Science will be starting at Heskin on Thursday 11th May. Please note that the final session will be on 13th July not 6th July, as was stated on the original letter.

PTFA Lucky Numbers

This month's lucky number was number 6. Our congratulations go to Mrs Pollitt who wins £25. Thank you to everyone who supports this fundraiser for school.

Important Dates

- 29.04.17: Yorkshire Three Peak Challenge.
- 30.04.17: Scarecrow Family Fun Day.
- 01.05.17: May Day Bank Holiday.
- 03.05.17: Ollerton Cup match away .v. Whittle-le-Woods.
- 04.05.17: Archery Competition.
- 08.05.17: Year 6 SATs.
- 12.05.17: Class 1 & 2 educational visit to Greenslate Farm.
- 25.05.17: Copper Box Competition deadline day.
- 26.05.17: School closes for half term.
- 05.06.17: School reopens.
- 30.06.17-03.07.17: Patterdale Residential Visit



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Class 1 – Joe Tasker

Class 2 – Y1 Emily Robinson
Y2 Grace Scovell

Class 3 – Y3 Daisy Wilkinson
Y4 Thomas Leadbetter

Class 4 – Zoe Simpson

Joke of the Week:

Our Joke of the week comes from Mackenzie in Year 5:

Q: Why did the bike cross the road?

A: Because it wheelie wanted to!

That's a wheelie funny joke. Thank you, Mackenzie.

Please keep sending in your best jokes for the newsletter.

Hope you all have a great bank holiday weekend.

See you next week,

Mr Alan Brindle
Headteacher

