

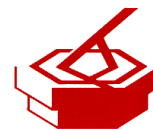


Friday 22 March 2013

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Dear Parents,

Attendance and Attitude towards Learning

Week ending 15 March

Head's Classes		Attendance	
FKS	RD	Top Class	2M 100%
KS1	1S	Week	97.2%
LKS2	4B, 4D		
UKS2	6M		

5B Class Assembly

Very well done indeed to Miss Baker and the pupils of 5B for putting together a cracking assembly around the theme of Red Nose Day. An amazing £542.82 was raised for this charity by the school. Thank you for allowing your children to dress in 'something funny for money' and to the members of the School Council who helped to count the donations.

Football and Rugby

Football

With the better weather arriving we have been able to re-commence our very busy football programme. The girls have played two fixtures against Sharmans Cross and Eversfield Prep. Although results have not been kind, there has been significant improvement in our performances. Goals have been scored by Hannah R, Hannah O and Elysia A (all Year 5 pupils). The year 6 boys played in the Solihull Schools Football Tournament, and although not qualifying on this occasion, we did score more goals than we let in! Joseph W (Year 5) scored a hat-trick! Our Year 5 and 6 boys' teams have also played at Dorridge, where we drew one and lost one! Victory was ours against Warwick with our Year 6 winning 1-0 and our Year 5 winning 3-2. Well played to all of the

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National Climate Week



children and a really BIG thank you to Mr Green for both organising and attending these fixtures.

Rugby

Mr Ferris, Mr Prescott and I accompanied a number of Year 5 boys to a full day event at Bablake Boys' School, where the boys received training from coaches and players from Leicester Tigers! This was an impressive day with some strong performances from our players. Ethan W received the award for the Best Player whilst Joseph W won the Most Improved Player Award - having never played **ANY** rugby at all in his life! Well done to all players!

Maths Challenge

The results are now in for the primary maths challenge. Four of our pupils have made the finals: Bradley M, Charlie A, Henry P and Hugo S. In the whole country, fewer than 2,500 people make it to the finals at all, with about 100,000 entries, so these children have done exceptionally well. Well done to all contestants and thank you Miss Miller for all the time given up to organise, run and attend the challenges.

Balsall Common Ski Team

At the School's Ski Tournament last weekend, the Under 8's Ski team, Mia E, Ethan T, Sam R and Aaron Q, won 1st prize whilst the Under 12's team, Rachel M, Jenna R, Taryn W and Joshua G-T, won 3rd prize. The result for the under12's team is particularly good as they were competing against senior schools. All of the children performed well individually and each of them skied faster in their second run than their first. We also had some fantastic



individual results:

1st prize Under 8 girls - Mia E (for the 3rd year running)

3rd prize Under 8 boys - Ethan T (in his first ski race)

3rd prize Under 10 girls - Taryn W (in her first ski race)

1st prize Under 12 girls - Rachel M (in a very competitive category).

Very well done indeed to all pupils and to Mrs Evans for her organisation. If you are interested in joining the ski team, contact me at school.

Year 3 to Chedworth

This trip to consolidate the children's topic on the Romans allowed them to make medicines, handle artefacts and gain first-hand knowledge of Roman times. Behaviour was exemplary!

Year 4 Performance

Year 4 will be performing 'Porridge' next Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:00pm. We are all looking forwards to welcoming you into school.

Science and Technology Week

We have had a cracking science and technology week and will share full details in next week's newsletter.

Scalextric Night

The next Scalextric evening is planned for Friday 19 April - get your order forms in early and pay via Parentpay.

Disco

The PTA School discos are TONIGHT:
Reception/Y1/Y2 disco - 6.00 - 7.15pm;
Y3/4/5/6 disco - 7.30 - 9.00pm.

Remember that we break for the Easter Holiday next THURSDAY!

Have a great weekend - GTBurgess Headteacher

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Balsall Common Primary School Sponsors

Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

Morning - Alfie and Oliver

Afternoon - Emily and Drew

Robin's Stars of the Week

Mimzy-Belle S, RH

Ziyuan Y, RM

Jayden R, RD

Maths Wizard

Levi O-S, 1B

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Reiss S, 1S

Jacob B, 2M

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Keira P, 2K

Writers of the Week

Millie M, RH

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Evie B, RM

Aaron Q, 1B

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Charlie B & Alistair B, 1S

Reeve C & Eva N, 2K

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Rebecca N, 2M

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Eleanor D-D, 1B

Ellie M, 2A

Farrah P, 3A

Joshua G-T, 4D

Ben S, 5B

William W, 6I

Zack W, 1S

Libby J, 2K

James M 3C

Rhania D, 4B

Hannah, R 5K

Millie C, 6M

Eloise A, 1M

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Kate O, 3P

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Callum T, 6B

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SPRING TERM 2013

Tues 26 & Wed 27 March	18:00	Year 4 production
Thursday 28 March	09:10	Years 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Assembly
		Term Ends - please note that this is a day later than other Solihull schools
SUMMER TERM 2013		
Monday 15 April		School returns
Thursday 18 April	17:30	Parents meeting with Ray Maher
Friday 19 April		Conference in Hall No Hot Dinners today
Monday 23 April		Musicians to King Henry VIII School
Friday 26 April		Year 4 to Tamworth Castle
	09:10 RH	Class Assembly
		Targets home to parents
Friday 3 May	09:10 RM	Class Assembly
	14:45 4D	Class Assembly
Monday 6 May		Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 10 May	09:10 RD	Class Assembly
	14:45 4B	Class Assembly
Mon 13 - Fri 17 May		KS2 Tests Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 20 May		Team and Class Photographs
Tuesday 21 May		Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Team and Class Photographs
Wednesday 22 May	13:45	Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 23 May		Children break up for Half Term
Friday 24 May		INSET
27-31 May		HALF TERM



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