

NEWSLETTER

20th January 2012

Good Citizen Award

The Liverpool John Moores University Good Citizen Award for the autumn term was presented to **Georgia Cross** today. Georgia was chosen because of the amount of support and help she has given to the children in reception during their first term in school. Well done Georgia!

Birches Healthy Family Zone

Some parents will be aware that, for over two years, our School Council has been working in partnership with the Thomas Risley Church, Birchwood Town Council and Frontis Homes to develop an area near to our school. The area, originally designed as a Skateboard Park, was identified by children as a space that could be used more positively. An initial consultation took place 18 months ago which showed overwhelming support for an improvement to the area. A series of meetings between the School Council and other stakeholders have taken place since and a definitive proposal is now going to final consultation. The children have suggested the area be renamed 'The Birches Healthy Family Zone' and the design includes fixed exercise machines, some low level climbing apparatus for young children and a peaceful seating area. On 24th January, a group of School Councillors will be presenting the proposals to the formal Birchwood Town Council meeting. The general consultation is now open and can be accessed at: <http://www.harvesthousing.org.uk/content/2014/locking-stumps-skate-park.aspx>

There is also an open session taking place for members of the community to take a closer look at the plans and to discuss the project with members of Frontis Housing, the School Council and the Thomas Risley Church. This takes place on Monday 30th January between 3.30-5pm at school and then after that time at the Thomas Risley Church. We strongly encourage everybody to contribute to the consultation.

A copy of the plan is shown overleaf.

Maths Workshop

On Thursday this week, we hosted the first maths workshop for parents. This was arranged following feedback from parents on ideas for the sort of events they would like school to arrange. We received almost seventy responses. The evaluations showed that parents found the event useful, but also that there is a demand for further, more age specific, maths events. We will now be considering how we can arrange this and will, of course, inform parents of future plans as soon as they are finalised.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings take place next week. Please ensure that you have returned your appointment slip. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday or Thursday.

Children's Corner

The following children have had birthdays in the last 2 weeks;

George Minshull	~11
Matthew Kersey	~11
Ian Parker	~10
Ryan Bond	~10
Anna James	~ 8
Ocean Nelson	~ 8
Grace Williams	~ 7
Thomas James	~ 6
Nathan Kinney	~ 6
Aqeel Adil	~ 6
Declan Worrall	~ 6
Sophie Gorman	~ 5
Faris Mahmoud	~ 5
Fatima Bilqees	~ 5

Happy Birthday to you all ☺