

NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2010

Summer Fayre!

As you know, last Saturday we held our annual PTA Summer Fayre. We were very lucky to enjoy some excellent weather for the event which was extremely well attended. Many thanks to all who came to support us. Special thanks must go to all members of the PTA for organising such a successful afternoon. Thanks also to the multitude of helpers who contributed to making sure that the Summer Fayre was such a huge success. The event raised £1306.08 for school funds. Well done to everyone.

Musical Evening

On Wednesday we held our 3rd annual music evening. This was an informal celebration of the wide variety of opportunities that our children are offered in music. Those who attended were treated to performances from the choir, recorder group, brass band and our strings ensemble as well as some African drumming. We were also entertained by some of our children who receive individual tuition at home – what a talented bunch we have at Locking Stumps! Thanks to all the staff who organised and supported the event. We were joined at the musical evening by Janice Pounds (our local authority arts advisor) and Barbara Dutton (our School Improvement Partner). This was in recognition of Locking Stumps receiving the Artsmark Gold award. (See below)

Artsmark

The musical evening provided us with a real opportunity to celebrate the fact that we have recently been awarded the **Artsmark Gold award!** This is awarded by the national Arts Council and recognises achievement in all the arts including drama, dance and the creative arts as well as music. At Locking Stumps we provide our children with a diverse and exciting range of arts opportunities, therefore it is fantastic to receive such a prestigious award. Many congratulations to all the staff and children for this achievement. Special thanks must go to Miss Brown and the Quality of Provision team for the tremendous efforts that they put into preparing for it.

Sports Day

Sports Day takes place on Tuesday 6th July.

YR and KS1 – 9.15

KS2 – 1.30

Please ensure that all our children have their PE kits in school for this date. We hope that you will be able to come along and support your children in what is usually a very enjoyable event.

Y6 Dates

Just a reminder to our Y6 parents that our Y6 Leavers' disco takes place on Thursday 22nd July (6-8pm) and you are invited to join our Leavers' service on Friday 23rd July at 9.15.

Conway

Today, some of our Year 4 children travel to Conway for the weekend. We hope that they have a lovely time and look forward to hearing news of their adventures next week.

Under Water Street

On Tuesday 29th June our YR children enjoyed a visit to Under Water Street Museum in Liverpool. (So called because it is beneath Water Street!) The children had a fantastic time with first hand experiences and exploration of a range of scientific areas. I'm sure they came home and told you all about the amazing time that they had. Mrs Jennings informs me that the children's behaviour throughout was exemplary! Well done to all of them. Our thanks to Mrs MacDonald for organising the visit and to the staff and parent helpers who accompanied the children.

Forthcoming Visits

Next week our Y1 children will visit Manchester Airport as part of their work on transport, while our Y2 children are looking forward to visiting Quarry Bank Mill this Monday. I hope they all have a brilliant time.

On Wednesday 7th July our School Council will be taking part in their annual visit to London. They will be visiting the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye as well as enjoying a cruise on the River Thames. We will report on these visits in our next newsletter.

Y6 Visit to BCHS

Continuing the theme of visits, on Monday and Tuesday our Y6 children visited Birchwood High School as part of their transition. They were able to meet their new classmates as well as enjoying a variety of activities. From what the children tell me, it seems that they had a great time and are feeling a little more confident about joining Birchwood High in September.

Class & team photos

Pupils will have brought home a proof and order form for the class / team photos. The original may be viewed in your child's classroom. Please note the deadline for returning orders is **WEDNESDAY 7th JULY.**

Eva Littler

Great News! Eva Catherine came home this week. She is progressing well and Mum, Dad and Billy are thrilled to have her home with them.

And finally...

A sincere 'Thank-you' to Alan Moore and Graham Tucker for all their hard work on Wednesday, moving the contents of the storage container back into the new school library.

Menu w/b 5th July

WEEK 1

The following children have celebrated a birthday since the last newsletter.

