



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



NEWSLETTER 6th September 2013

Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Prince of Wales. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. I can't believe it is a year since you all welcomed me into your community! Last year was very successful and we will continue to work hard to make the school even better so that all children are able 'to make good or better progress through the best learning experiences and adult support'. As always, if you have any concerns or questions that can't be resolved with the class teacher, please do come and see myself or a member of our leadership team. I am looking forward to working with you all again this next year.

I hope to see you all at one of the School Leadership Presentations next Wednesday 11th September at 9am, 2pm or 5.30pm. Over a coffee or tea you will meet this new team, find out about our vision for the year and what plans we have put in place to make further improvements to ensure your children's success.

Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Monthly School Values

We are extending our School Values to last a whole month to enable children to learn from good role models around them and have another opportunity to achieve these. We replaced 'achievement' with 'Attitude' as this is the key value to how your children approach life, other people, their learning and work. We also felt that the previous value was already covered by 'excellence'. Weekly certificates will be given to one child in each class who demonstrate this value particularly well. So, Value of this Month is: *ATTITUDE*.

Staff changes – goodbye and welcome

We say goodbye to Emma Jones, TA, who has started her PGCE training to become a teacher. We wish her every success.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce two new permanent members of staff to you: Hari Neocleous (Numbers Count teacher) and Vesta Kontoh (teacher assistant).

Uniform

Most children came to school looking very smart in their uniforms – well done. Please make sure that only black shoes are worn and that laces are black. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, and then renamed after washing. Any hair fasteners should be kept to a minimum and in the colours green, black, white or transparent only. Please no jewellery and studs/sleepers only in pierced ears. Nail varnish and make-up are not allowed.

Children that completed the Library Reading Challenge

Well done to the following children who completed the Library Summer Reading Challenge:

William Barenga 6B, Melissa Chaoubi 6B, Nadia Kuzubova 6A,
Chloe Capina 5T, Mma Oguejiofor 5T, Randice Bamfumu 5H,
Young Johnson 5S, Abigail Esalo Etombo 4S, Justin Nathan 4H,
Renae Tapper 4H, Kenneth Celestine 4H, Suzi Elston 4H,
Alex Principato 4H, Lendris Sternaj 4H, David Barenga 4F. Klaidis 2R



Drop-off and collection arrangements

To ensure that entering and leaving the school building happens as quickly as possible many year groups have new entrance and exit routes. We will continue to make improvements and will keep you informed of changes.

Homework

It is apparent that the children who completed the Summer Homework tasks settled quickly in their learning routines, well done. We also asked for you to trial the Maths sites to start a new subscription for all children. We will ask you to undertake a brief questionnaire to find out your views so that we can make an informed decision.

The following children received a special commendation for completing their homework to a high standard:
1M: Shwe; 1S: Remi, Karlie, Ilyada; 1N: Ashlee, Isaiah; 2R: Harley, Lily, Klaidis, Tice, Jamaal, Madison, Caiden, Hamza, Acelya; 2C: Gavin, Samir, Emily-Rose, Leila, Lavette; 3G: Emily, Joy, Shamari, Arda, Ellie, Darnell, Sude, Akasya, Chimdi, Elijah, Ola, Stephen; 3D: Yusuf, Callum, Ashley, Samuel, Rayyan, Leola, Ali; 4F: Jamie-Louise, Sapphire; 4H Lendris, Aaliyah; 4S: Lale, Kai; 5H: Ruby, Louisa, Nina, Harry; 5S: Gelcira; 5T: Danielle; 6A: Aysun Yurdakul; 6B: Zareenah

Bikes & Scooters

We welcome children and adults with bicycles and scooters at the start and end of the day. Thank you for walking with them once you arrive at and onto the school site so that incidents can be avoided. Please remind your younger children to do this as well or hold on to them until you are off-site again.

We appreciate your cooperation.

Ready, Steady, Learn

The National Association of Head Teachers and Family Action are producing a series of four leaflets aimed at supporting parents, pupils and teachers to work together to ensure children get the very best from their time at school. The first guide we will be sending out is based on the latest research about what parents can do to help children to succeed at school. The leaflet looks at the following 6 areas:

**Talking and Listening ~ Spending Time Together ~ Being Prepared
Working out a Family Routine ~ Getting Enough Sleep ~ Behaving Well**

Children's Medication

Please return all children's medication to the school office no later than Monday 9th September. Only prescribed medication is allowed on site after a meeting and care plan has been completed.

Thank you,
Mrs Dunlea - Welfare Officer

Dates for your Calendar

09.09 – 12.09	Star Snappers photography sessions
11.09	Meet the School Leadership Team – Vision for 2013-2014 @ 9am, 2pm or 5.30pm
13.09	Meet the Teachers in Years 1,2,3 @ 9am
16.09	Meet the Teachers in Years 4 & 5 @ 9am
19.09	Meet the Teachers in Year 6, secondary school transfer and SATs information @ 5.30pm
27.09	Sponsored Walk
30.09	Staff Training Day – school closed
11.10	Staff Training Day – school closed

Welcome back.
Well done to all who
have come to school on
our first day and week.
Keep this up.
Can we achieve our
target of 95.5% this year?

