



PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



NEWSLETTER 16th November 2012

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

I was delighted with the successful fireworks display last Friday 9th November. I enjoyed seeing children with their families enjoying the facilities that were organised by the Children's Centre; I would like to thank Sean Andrews for organising this event.

This week children reflected on being good *learners* by following all our school values. I am pleased to hear from parents that children talk about these at home as well.

From next week we will revisit the Olympic Values, starting with *Friendship*. That will coincide with Anti-Bullying week.

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

HOW TO HEAR YOUR CHILD READ

We are repeating the successful workshop led last year by Anne Davies. This year our Reading Recovery teacher, Mrs Bina Thambiah, has organised the workshop for Friday, 23 November at 9.15 until about 10.30am. It will be held in the Square Hall and refreshments will be provided.

The parent of a Y2 child last year commented, '**It was so good that it should be made compulsory for all parents to attend.**' The workshop is mainly targeted at children in the earlier stages of reading but all parents are welcome.

3 Form Expansion Consultation

The consultation on Wednesday evening was well attended by parents and local community members. We hope that the final school design will adequately reflect the increase of the children and adults at Prince of Wales.

Friends of Prince of Wales – Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk on Friday 28th September raised £980 towards the fantastic new lights in the square hall. Thank you to all the parents who helped supervise and all the staff and children who took part. If anyone still has their sponsor money at home, it is not too late to bring it in.

There were prizes on offer to those in KS1 and KS2 who brought in the most sponsor money. The prizes went to:

KS1

1st – Eryn Dunstone-Patterson in Yellow, 2nd – Jehan Sariman in Purple, 3rd – Morgan Busby in 1N.

KS2

1st – Daniel Smith in 5G, 2nd – Jemma West in 5F, 3rd – Denai King in 6B

Attendance w/c 12th November

KS1

1C 98.96% 2R 96.33%
1M 88.33% 2S ****99.33%****
1N 96.00%

KS2

3D 96.20% 4A 94.28% 5F 95.86%
3F 96.66% 4K 89.05% 5G 93.57%
3W 92.14% 4U 95.66% 6B ****98.66%****
6H 97.00%



Whole School Attendance: 95.25% An improvement of - .12%

School Target: 95%

Well done to 2S & 6B for best attendance this week.

Musiko Musika

On Tuesday this week our Year 6 pupils took part in an extremely uplifting music concert. Prince of Wales joined with Freezywater and Keys Meadow to perform a number of songs which were all learnt in a very short time. This was the culmination of a joint music project called Musiko Musika. All the schools performed professionally and a wonderful sense of community was experienced. Well done everyone involved.

Mrs C Redmore

Celtic assembly

Both KS2 and KS1 enjoyed a lively and interactive assembly led by the company Celtic Harmony. The children learned about life in the Celtic times.

Ask your children about what they learned. Details about the local company can be found on their website <http://www.celticharmony.org/>



Replies from Olympic Athletes

In September all children wrote letters to Olympic Athletes to congratulate them on their successes and invite them to Prince of Wales. We would like to find out what makes them successful and who supports them in their achievements. We are pleased to say that responses have started to arrive. The following competitors have replied to the children:

Natasha Baker - Paralympics Dressage; Yvette Baker – Synchronised Swimming and Mo Farah – Distance Runner

We now look forward to further contact and meetings with the athletes.

Traffic in Salisbury Road

One issue that keeps being raised by local residents and parents is traffic in Salisbury Road. This is an on-going issue that needs your help and cooperation to solve. This week a wall was knocked over by one driver who left without taking responsibility, one of the school values our children are learning about! I would like to remind all parents NOT to park on or in front of local residents' drive ways. I would like to point out that these drivers would not like this happening to their homes.

If you live within walking distance we ask that you leave your car at home and ease congestion in the streets near the school. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMPORTANT Building Works Updates

From 19th November the entrance from Salisbury Road into the playground will no longer be through the Children Centre car park, but walk past the school office towards the school kitchen instead. There you will take your children through the old KS1 entrance. This will be clearly signposted for you.

The reason for this temporary change is the exciting construction of a brand new multifunctional sports area that includes football, basketball and short tennis facilities.

Dates

- 19.11 Anti-bullying week
- 20.11 School Disco for EYFS, Y3 and 4
- 27.11 School Disco for Y1, 2, 5 and 6
- 04.12 Parents' Information Evening:
Children's levels and report cards explained;
Food Tasting - New school menu
- 21.12 – 04.01.2013 Christmas Break
- 07.01 Staff training (School closed)
- 08.01 Start Spring Term
- 18.02 – 22.02 Half Term Break
- 29.03 – 12.04 Easter Break
- 06.05 May Bank Holiday
- 27.05 – 31.05 Half term Break
- 24.07 Staff training (start Summer Break)