



# PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



**NEWSLETTER** 18<sup>th</sup> January 2013

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Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Through the weekly newsletter we keep you informed about what is happening at school and how we can work together to ensure that your children thrive from learning in and out of school. Next week we are organising a valuable phonics session for parents who want to find out more on how to help their child sounding out words when reading and writing.

We would like to hear from you if you have requests for more sessions about other curriculum areas.

Jan M Bless  
Headteacher

### **Severe Weather Warning**

At present the local authority is not advising that any school should close but obviously this situation may change depending on the weather. Please keep an eye on the LA website [www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk) or the school website [www.princeofwales.enfield.sch.uk](http://www.princeofwales.enfield.sch.uk).

### **Word of the Week**

This week the children considered the word *COURAGE*.

We looked at people who have shown particular courage by being **strong**, **brave** and **steadfast** despite difficulties, sadness or pain.

Courage is what allows you to overcome adversity and to try things that might otherwise scare you. Whenever you are afraid or anxious of doing something, realise that everyone feels fear at certain stages of their life and that it is still important to forge ahead in spite of the fears.

For some children courage means answering questions in class or walking away from a potential fight. Others display courage by asking for support or challenging a friend to behave better.

### **Fire Safety Talk**

Last Thursday a lady came to talk to us. She was from the London Fire Brigade. She said how to keep safe from fire in our houses. We learnt a fire plan. We played a fire safety game, we sang a fire safety song, we got dressed up in a fire fighter uniform and we looked at a smoke alarm.

By Callum and Harry 2R

### **Eco-houses**

Year 6 are currently learning about climate change and being eco-friendly. For homework, with some parent help, they created some amazing eco-houses. Well done to Year 6 children and their parents.

There was an article posted on the Guardian website this week about the Year 6 classes using the Sunny School resources. Read more at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/teacher-network/teacher-blog/2013/jan/15/solar-power-renewable-energy-green-schools>

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure your child wears their school uniform every day. The only colour for jumpers is green and we ask that hair fasteners are black, green, grey or white only. Please support us in avoiding colours in hair, Mohican or patterns.

PE kits must include indoor plimsolls or separate outdoor trainers. Our school uniform and dress code supports the behaviour policy and avoids unnecessary distractions.

Finally, ensure that your child comes to school with a warm coat as it is obviously cold outside.

### **Adults as role models in the playground**

We all strive to be good role models for all the children. It is important that the children learn good behaviours from all adults. This is important at home as well as at school. Parents in the playground should be talking in a polite, supportive manner to children and to one another. If you feel an adult in the playground is approaching a child or an adult in an inappropriate way we need to know. It is unacceptable for any children to witness gossiping, poor language or any verbal or physical abuse.

### **Phonics workshop for Parents – January 2013**

There will be a phonics workshop for parents in Years 1 and 2 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2 pm.

This will be an ideal opportunity to familiarise yourselves with the letters and sounds that your children are working on in class. There will also be some ideas for phonic games which you can use to help your child at home, as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Bina Thambiah (Reading Recovery Teacher)

### **Dates**

21.01 Parents Phonics Workshop

18.02 – 22.02 Half Term Break

22.03 Report Cards

26.03 Parents' evening

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)