



PRINCE OF WALES
PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



NEWSLETTER 26th October 2012

Listening Excellence Achievement Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Half term is here already, I can't quite believe how quickly the time has gone! I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support, kindness and encouraging words since I've been here. Prince of Wales is a wonderful school and I am proud to be a part of this community.

Thank you again to all the parents and carers who have actively supported us with our behaviour strategies by affirming a joint message that school and home have to work together in order to secure a successful future for your children.

I wish you a happy and restful time with your children.

Mr Jan M Bless
Headteacher

Prince of Wales Values - Half Term Competition

In assembly this week we culminated with the word *ENJOY* as the key word in what it means to be a gold medal LEARNER.

The children throughout the school have enjoyed trips to the cinema during the last two weeks and these experiences have formed part of their learning and English work. We hope they will enjoy their half term. It is an opportunity for children to pursue their interests and enthusiasms whatever they are: swimming, reading, cycling, walking, playing games, going out, visiting friends and relatives, football, dancing...

I am running a competition for all children to show me how they enjoyed one of their activities or experiences. This can take the form of a diary entry, postcard, letter, poem, cartoon strip, painting with caption, story. The winning entries from each class will be on display for you to see at the next Parent Consultation evening in December.

Entries should be given to Miss Clarke on November 6. Be creative and enjoy your family time.

Miss Clarke

Attendance w/c 22nd October

KS1

1C 92.06% 2R 93.00%
1M **98.00%** 2S 90.00%
1N 91.00%

KS2

3D 91.37% 4A 89.28% 5F 97.24%
3F 95.33% 4K 90.74% 5G 90.71%
3W 93.57% 4U 90.66% 6B 97.33%
6H **98.00%**



Whole School Attendance: 93.26% An improvement of -2.81%

Attendance since 5th September 2012: 94.91%

School Target: 95%

Well done to 1M & 6H for best attendance this week.

Building Works Update

The extension to the KS1 wing continues at a good pace, giving optimism that this will be delivered on time at the end of February 2013. The second building phase will start this Saturday with the extension of the veranda outside Rainbow Class, our KS1 nurture group. This six week project has practical implications for the Year 1 and 2 classes when they line up in the morning as there will be a fence between the classes and the playground (which will be reduced in size). Please be patient when adjusting to this latest adjustment in getting children in their lines.

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.

After many delays we have been promised that on Friday 9th November the staff car park will be handed over to us again.

After much talk about the proposed school expansion, on Wednesday 14th November the design plans will be on display at the school from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. We hope you take the time to have a look at how the proposed changes will enhance opportunities for your children's learning and to feedback your comments.

Headteacher 's Surgery

I am aware that I have not yet been able to meet with all parents and carers who have expressed the wish to make an appointment.

I am therefore introducing a weekly Head Teacher's Surgery to offer parents and carers an opportunity to meet with me on a **one-to-one** basis to discuss your child's education and experience of school. Whatever the reason, a surgery slot will give us time to talk effectively about issues that are important to you.

We want to continue to work closely with parents and carers to create a well ordered, disciplined, and caring environment where all our children are happy, secure and reach their full potential.

Head Teacher's surgeries will take place on Wednesday mornings. Parents and carers can attend at any time between 9.00am and 10.30am, however an appointment must be confirmed in advance. If you would like to arrange a meeting, please contact the school office on 01992 762 840.

Whilst I am available on Wednesday mornings, do make an appointment with your child's teacher in the first instance to discuss initial learning or behaviour concerns.

Mr Jan M. Bless

Cinema visits

As part of the BFI national films week, Year 4 were thrilled to visit Lea Valley cinema. We were captivated by the action packed adventures of a young princess in the film 'Brave.' We learnt a lot about the history and origin of Scottish Clans from the film and have followed up this work in our writing with a recount and freeze frames in drama.

By Savan, Stephen and Erin.



Dates

- 29.10 – 02.11 Half Term Break
- 05.11 Staff training (School closed)
- 09.11 Children's Centre Fire Works Evening
- 14.11 3 Form Expansion Design Plans on display**
- 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)

Word of the week after the Half Term Break:

RESPECT

Session de livre à la bibliothèque

On Tuesday 7 November there will be a library book session for all French speaking children and their parents led by librarian Anne Laure. It is at 2 o'clock in the KS2 library or the hall depending on numbers. Refreshments will be available.

Reading books - SECOND REMINDER

Reading at home is key to the success of every child. The school has purchased a very comprehensive selection of books for *Accelerated Reading* and we are continually updating the range of books. We want children to continue reading at home but our stocks of books are depleting on a daily basis. Please ask your child to look for any unreturned books - on top of the fridge, on the bookshelf, under the bed... Please return the books to us as soon as possible (no questions asked) and we will let you know in the Newsletter after half term how many were returned.

Thank you

Mrs J. Jones



Helping your child to read: Friday 23 November

We are running a repeat workshop of the one held last year-*Helping your child to Read*- led by Anne Davies. It is a highly recommended course for all parents. It will be held in the hall from 9.15 until 10.45am. We do hope you can join us.

Adults as positive Role Models

We know that children are like little sponges who soak up behaviours around them which can then be acted out or expressed. Those are picked up everywhere, especially at home and at school. It is therefore essential that we, as adults, role model positive language in their presence.

It has come to my attention that some parents and carers have been using certain abusive language and expletives in the playground within earshot of their own and other children. Some of this is directed to other adults.

This is wholly inappropriate and does not belong at Prince of Wales. Individuals who continue this behaviour will not be allowed onto school premises. I have the highest expectations of all who work here or visit Prince of Wales.

Mr. Jan M. Bless

Eid ul Adha 2012 Mubarak to all

2012-2013 School Development Plan

Pupils' Achievement

- To ensure good pupil progress and attainment
- To ensure all pupils take a shared responsibility for their own learning and achievements
- To maximise learning and meeting spaces across the school and Children's Centre to support individual and group learning
- To improve outdoor areas to enhance learning, study support and social interactions
- To develop a highly effective Inclusion Team to improve inclusive practices across the school and Children's Centre and ensure appropriate provision and intervention for pupils with Additional Educational Needs
- To provide opportunities for children to become responsible citizens
- To provide a variety of opportunities to challenge gifted and talented children
- To enable parents to support their children's learning
- To provide learning opportunities for parents and carers which reflect the needs of our pupils, families and the community

The Quality of Teaching

- To ensure highest quality teaching in all lessons
- To provide an engaging and exciting thematic curriculum, relevant to pupils' interests
- To ensure all staff are aware of their role in raising attainment of all pupils, including the effective use of assessment to measure progress and impact
- To ensure the subject leaders impact on teaching and learning across the school
- To raise pupils' aspirations through organising a range of activities and events
- To enable pupils to learn in a stimulating learning environment

Behaviour and Safety

- To review the behaviour policy and procedures and implement across the school and CC to ensure promotion of good social and moral development
- To introduce and share whole school values that permeate through everything we do
- To build learning on positive relationships between adults, pupils and families
- To achieve our attendance target of 95%
- To identify interesting and engaging learning opportunities throughout the curriculum
- To encourage all parents to access facilities from school, Children's Centre and other services such as Turnaround Project, Grassroots Project
- To ensure dedicated time for circle time, POW values, SEAL, P4C, PSHCE (incl. anti-bullying education, fire safety, Junior Citizenship, safety talks, road safety, gangs awareness)
- To define playground areas for safe and appropriate activities
- Review of Playground Buddy system and management of children at lunchtimes, including 'GamesMakers'
- Ensure appropriate behaviour of all adults on site incl. staff, visitors, parents and carers
- To make improvements to site security, including provision of new perimeter fencing on south and west sides and evaluate access to building

Leadership & Management

- To manage the challenge and opportunities associated with various building projects and 3F school expansion
- To ensure all staff have clear roles in the achievement of all children
- To develop the strategic impact of middle leaders on whole school achievement
- To invite all stakeholders to contribute to school self-evaluation
- To improve the communication between school and all stakeholders
- To ensure Senior Leaders and Governors are clear about and impact on the progress of all groups of pupils
- To strengthen links between the School and Children's Centre
- To ensure high quality and relevant staff development opportunities
- To review the Staffing Structure