

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 10th October 2008

### MR CRADOCK'S CLASS ENTERPRISE EVENT

On Monday Mr Cradock's class attended an enterprise event at Dryden Professional Development Centre. The aim of the event was for the children to design a new community park. The children worked as a team, and were given a budget to develop a new community park. The judges were impressed with how well they worked together and their innovative ideas in designing their park.

There were 10 teams in total and I am pleased to say the judges chose Blaydon West as the overall winners!

Well done to you all!



### YEAR 5 AND 6 NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our Year 5 and 6 Netball Team are competing in their first tournament at Ryton comprehensive school on Tuesday afternoon. I am sure they will do really well.

Good luck to you all!



Many of our children have had, or will soon have, the opportunity to take part in trips linked to the curriculum or competitions against other local schools.

This Newsletter contains information about these events and also some reports from Miss Donnelly's class from last week's visit to Newcastle Arena and Bessie Surtees' House.

### AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 5!

Our Year 5 children were invited along to Seven Stories to meet the author Michael Murpurg, who has written 118 books for children.

The children had the opportunity to ask Michael questions about his work and he talked to them about how he gets inspiration for his writing.

As part of the project staff from Seven Stories visited school on Tuesday and worked with the children on some drama activities. This has been a wonderful experience for the children. Hopefully, the opportunity to meet a famous author will have inspired many of our children to want to write and to enjoy writing!



MRS WATSON'S CLASS will be visiting Newcastle Quayside, Bessie Surtees' House and the Viewing Gallery at the Baltic as part of a topic they are covering in school.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

As mentioned on last week's Newsletter we are again taking part in Operation Christmas Child.

The shoeboxes are distributed to underprivileged children and children who live in war ravaged countries to help make Christmas a special time for them.

From personal experience it does not cost a lot of money to fill a shoebox but the joy it can bring is worth much more than the cost of the contents.

The shoe boxes will be collected from school just after the half-term holiday.

If you can help with this effort it would be greatly appreciated.

### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 95.0%, 1B— 93.2%, 2W— 91.1%, 3L— 91.5%, 4C— 97.3%, 5D— 96.3%, 6C— 96.0% and 6F— 97.4%

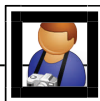
The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 94.75% which is just below our school target. Let us work hard to raise attendance next week!

As a reward Miss Ford's class will receive 10 minutes free time and will have the attendance rosette, cup and mascot for the week.

### **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER**

The school photographer was in school on Monday. We hope we managed to get all of the group photographs taken as requested. To make things easier for the school, the photographer, and to avoid disappointment if forms had not been handed in, we decided to have individual photographs taken of all children who had not had their photographs taken as part of a group.

I must stress, however, that this in no way places an obligation on you to buy the photographs when the proofs arrive in school.



### **REPORTS FROM MISS DONNELLY'S CLASS VISIT TO NEWCASTLE ARENA AND BESSIE SURTEES' HOUSE**

*On Friday, 3rd October class 5D went to Bessie Surtees' House and Newcastle Arena.*

*Once we arrived at Bessie Surtees' House we stood outside and sketched her house. After that we had some activities to do in her house. After we had finished our activities we were allowed to do what we wanted. Some people dressed up in tudor outfits.*

*After Class 5D arrived at the Arena all of the people who worked there gave us free things. When we got inside we had to do some more activities.*

*Instead of climbing Class 5D learned karate. We learned to kick, block and punch. We also played a game of rugby where we had to throw the ball into holes.*

***By Lindsay Riddell***

*On Friday, 3rd October Class 5D were on their way to Bessie Surtees' House. Miss Donnelly told 5D to sketch Bessie Surtees' House and then we went inside. The Reception lady took Class 5D into a room so we could put our bags down. Class 5D explored Bessie Surtees' House for an hour. We were allowed to try on the clothes but going outside was the best. Our group found out it was a tudor house and learned what sort of things they used back in those days. The house visit was over and all of the groups got back together and got on the bus to the Arena.*

*Class 5D arrived at the Arena. We sat outside of the Arena and had our lunch. We went inside and got into groups. We went to have a look at the different stalls. We then waited for the supervisor to show us to our events.*

*The supervisor came and took 5D to our area. The people from the Army showed us how to cycle and row. We then got to try some pasta before heading home!*

***By Nathan Martin***

*On 3rd October Class 5D went to Bessie Surtees' House. When we got there we did some activities. They were really good because we got to sketch. We were put into groups and sent into the garden to sketch and look around the garden.*

*Class 5D then got the bus to the Arena for our dinner. We only had 15 minutes to eat it. After that we went inside where we got free things. We did some more activities like rugby and basketball. We got free pasta and an energy bar.*

***By Morgan Fox***

Well done Lindsay, Nathan and Morgan for your interesting reports!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

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