

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 12th March 2010

### SWIMMING GALA

I would like to congratulate the following children on taking part in the Gateshead Schools Swimming Gala on Wednesday!

Ellie Brain	Michael Gibson
Lindsay Riddell	Jack Biggins
Laurren Young	Dylan Palmer
Freya Smeaton	Dillon Swann

Although we did not win any medals I can honestly say that the children did their best competing against very strong competitors.

It was a pleasure to take such a lovely group of children. As usual the behaviour was impeccable and the team spirit amongst them was fantastic.



### MRS MCGUIRE'S MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

I am pleased to let you know that Mrs McGuire's class have raised £109 to support their trip to Tweddles Farm!

Many thanks to all of you who bought raffle tickets.

The winner of the raffle is Bethany Cairns from Year 1.

I am sure Bethany's mum will enjoy the contents of the hamper!



### TWO EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Children from Blaydon West are participating in two events next week.

The first event takes place on Monday. We have children from our school representing us in the Dance Festival at the Sage. The children have been taking part in an after school dance club in school. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them good luck at the event.

The second event takes place at Ryton Comprehensive School on Tuesday. Year 4 and Year 5 children are taking part in a Sports Hall Athletics Event against our other cluster schools.

I am sure they will have a fabulous time at the event and, hopefully, win some of their events.

I will let you all know next week how they get on!



### MOBILE PHONES, VALUABLES ETC

I would like to remind parents and children that it is not school policy to allow mobile phones or valuables to be brought into school.

The school will not be held responsible for the loss of mobile phones and valuables brought onto the school premises against the school policy.

If, in the case of an emergency, a child has to bring a mobile phone to school it should be left at the school office to be collected at the end of the school day.

Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.



### Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evening next week. This is an important opportunity to find out how your child is progressing at school, discuss their targets and ways in which you can support them with their learning.

### Personal Profile

Over the last week your child's teacher will have spent time with them to complete their Personal Profile. This will be in their Personal Development File. We have adapted this slightly from last term and have included a space for a parent comment and signature.

### Curriculum Books

We have also started to make class curriculum books which contain a selection of work and photographs to show what the children have been learning. Please look out for these outside your child's classroom.

### Feedback from Parents

Your views about school are important to us and we would like you to spare a few minutes to complete a short questionnaire about Parents' evening. These will be handed out by class teachers and boxes will be available for them to be returned. Any comments or suggestions will be gratefully received.

### Governing Body

Members of the Governing Body will be in school on Monday and Wednesday evening between 5.00pm and 5.30pm in both the KS1 hall and KS2 corridor. They will be happy to talk to you about their role in school and to listen and discuss any suggestions and comments you may have.

### YEAR 6 CHILDREN—VISIT TO RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Year 6 children are taking part in a visit to Ryton Comprehensive School on Monday afternoon.

You will have received a letter today with further details.

Can you please complete the consent form on the bottom and return it to school on Monday.

As we are using public transport can parents please ensure that children have the appropriate bus fare. The cost is £1.20 with a bus pass and £1.60 without a bus pass.



### ATTENDANCE FIGURES



This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 92.9%, 1D—95.4%, 2L— 94.6%, 3D— 99.1%, 4C—83.5%, 5W—96.7% and 6C—97.7%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class! Our whole school attendance is 94.3%! Many thanks for all of your efforts in improving our attendance. I am sure I can rely on your continued support in improving our attendance.

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

### SCHOOL DISCO

The Friends of Blaydon West have arranged a disco for Tuesday, 23rd March. You will receive a letter next week with details.

The disco will take place between 4.00pm and 5.00pm for Key Stage 1 children and between 5.15pm and 6.30 pm for Key Stage 2 children.

### AND FINALLY

Have a wonderful weekend!



Head Teacher