

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 21st November 2008

What a fabulous week the children and staff have had this week at Blaydon West!!!!!!

LIBRARY RE-OPENING

What a wonderful time the children and staff had on Wednesday when the Mayor of Gateshead, Councillor Maureen Chaplin, opened our refurbished school library.

The children performed a special assembly for our guests who came for the official opening. The guests included the Mayor, Local Authority Representatives and other people who have helped us transform our Library into a place where children can develop a love of reading.

After the official opening children from the school were invited to the Library where they were able to look at all of our new resources.

I am sure that everyone in school will benefit from the transformation!

All children will have the opportunity to bring home a book in the coming weeks.

BOOK FAYRE

Many thanks to the parents and children who have supported the Book Fayre this week. We made £403.00 which resulted in us receiving £160.00 commission which has been used to purchase books for the Library.

Well done everyone!

ON THURSDAY we organised for parents and children to share breakfast with us to allow parents the opportunity to have a look at the new Library and also to let parents see the transformations we have made in other areas within school.

I would like to thank everyone who attended. It was lovely to see so many of you there!

EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN SCHOOL DURING NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

On Tuesday and Wednesday we had the celebrated story teller, Chris Bostock, worked with children across both key stages.

Chris' vivid storytelling catches the imagination of all children who are always mesmerised by his story telling! I am sure the children will look forward to another visit from Chris in the future.



On Thursday a local poet and author, Tom Kelly, came into school and worked with the children. The children really enjoyed Tom's visit. It is lovely to have local celebrities visit the school. The children extended a warm welcome to Tom and invited him back to school in the future.

Chris and Tom both enjoyed their experience in our school and commented on how well behaved the children were. Well done children!

HMI MONITORING VISIT

The school is having its third monitoring inspection by HMI next Wednesday and Thursday. Can I please ask parents to ensure children arrive in school on time and that they come to school in full school uniform.

Once the findings have been verified by OFSTED I will let you know the outcome of the visit.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 83.5%, 1B— 88.2%, 2W— 94.4%, 3L- 94%, 4C— 96%, 5D— **100%**, 6C—95.5% and 6F—92.6%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class. Our whole school attendance is 93% which is just below our school target.

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

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Many congratulations to Miss Donnelly's class who have achieved 100% attendance for the second week running!

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REVEREND THORPE has asked me to inform you about the Christmas services taking place at St Cuthbert's Church, Blaydon over the festive period.

Sunday, 21st December

4.00pm— Carols by Candlelight

5.00pm— Children's Cub Service (with guest appearance by "Bobi")

Christmas Eve

11.00pm— Midnight Mass

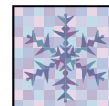
Christmas Day Service

10.15am— Service

Everyone is welcome.

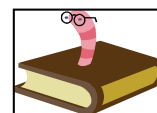
AND FINALLY

I hope that the weather does not turn too wintry and that you all have a lovely weekend!



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

John Clabby from Nursery who won this this week's book draw. This week we managed to raise £5.00.



BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL—HOLIDAY DATES 2008-2009

	School Closes—3.20pm	School Re-opens—8.55am
Christmas Holiday	Friday, 19th December 2008	Tuesday, 6th January 2009
Spring Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 13th February 2009	Monday, 23rd February 2009
Easter Holiday	Friday, 3rd April 2009	Monday, 20th April 2009
Summer Half-Term Holiday	Friday, 22nd May 2009	Monday, 1st June 2009
Summer Holidays	Friday, 17th July 2009	

In addition to the above dates the school will be closed to pupils on Monday, 4th May 2009 (May Day)