

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 21st May 2010

### HEALTH WEEK

I am so pleased to let you know that all of the children have really enjoyed participating in the activities we have had in school this week.

During the week the children have had many opportunities to develop their knowledge of how to keep safe and healthy.

On Tuesday we had a visit from Expochef who talked to the children about healthy packed lunches.

Expochef performed demonstrations, after which the children had the chance to sample the food. It was a wonderful experience for children to try different types of healthy food that they may not have previously tried.

We also welcomed Gillian Cook, who talked to the children about road safety. The children had the opportunity to ask questions after the session. I am sure you will agree that road safety is a very important issue, therefore, the chance to spend some time teaching children about road safety is extremely important.

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Blaydon Swimming Pool on Thursday. I would like to thank the staff at the Swimming Pool for providing this extra session.

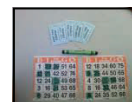
Finally, all of the children have had the chance to take part in extra physical activities this week.

I am sure you will agree that we have been very lucky with the weather while the children have been outside!



### CAN I PLEASE REMIND YOU.....

that the Friends of Blaydon West are holding a Prize Bingo night for families on Thursday night between 6.00pm and 7.00pm.



Can you please return the reply slip to school so that we know how many people would like to attend.

Also, if anyone would like to donate a small prize for this event please drop them off at the school office.

The Friends of Blaydon West have also arranged a Summer Fair on Tuesday, 8th June between 3.30pm and 4.30pm as part of the Blaydon Races Festival Week.

They are looking for help with stalls etc. If anyone would like to help please call to the school office and pass your details on.

Thank you!



### YEAR 6—VISIT TO BLAYDON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL BY RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs Summerill will be visiting our school on Wednesday to talk to the Year 6 children who will be transferring to Ryton Comprehensive School.

This is part of the transition process so the children are familiar with routines etc when they transfer.



### PLAYGROUND DESIGN COMPETITION

I am pleased to announce the winners of the Playground Design Competition.

The following children's designs were chosen to help us make our playgrounds more attractive.

Nathan Bradshaw	Reception
Shay Gofton	Year 1
Adam Biggins	Year 2
Denholm Brown	Year 3
Izzy Icteton	Year 4
Ellie Johnson	Year 5



We want to give the children more opportunities to enjoy the time they spend on the school yard.

The winners of the competition, along with the School Council, met with a designer from Playforce to discuss their ideas. Once the plans arrive in school these children will meet again to discuss whether the plans meet with their high standards. We will, hopefully, get our refurbishment of the school yards underway.

As I have already mentioned this will be an ongoing process with the aim of improving the facilities a little bit at a time.

### MISS SIMPSON'S CLASS

Are producing a play as part of their Leavers' Assembly.



The play they have chosen is "The Wind In The Willows".

Miss Simpson would like to know if any parents can help her make props/costumes for the play.

Your help would be greatly appreciated!

### MRS MCGUIRE'S ASSEMBLY

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Reception on their wonderful assembly on Wednesday morning.



It was lovely to have people join us for tea, coffee and biscuits after the assembly.

### ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 89.5%, 1D—91.8%, 2L— 92.3%, 3D— 94.9%, 4C—93.1%, 5W—94.7% and 6C—91.5%



The attendance prize was won this week by Miss Donnelly's class! Our whole school attendance is 92.54%! 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.

### MRS WATSON'S TRIP

Mrs Watson's class thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Washington Old Hall on Wednesday.



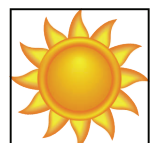
Their topic this term is the Tudors.

The children had a wonderful experience learning about life in Tudor times.

They discovered many new things about how the Tudors lived and how hard times were for people who were not part of the aristocracy!

### AND FINALLY.....

Can I remind parents that, as the weather is becoming warm and sunny, it is vitally important that we are all aware of the dangers of children playing outside without sun protection. In hot, sunny, weather please send your child to school with a sun hat and also ensure that sun protection cream has been applied.



Have a wonderful weekend!

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