

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

## WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 26th June 2009

### **BLAYDON WEST HAS TALENT!!!!!!!**

Congratulations to the children from our school who took part in the dance championships in Blackpool last week-end.



All of those who took part did really well. I am sure they thoroughly enjoyed their experience and that the parents who attended were extremely proud of their achievements!

### **ANOTHER EXCITING EXPERIENCE FOR THE CHILDREN FROM BLAYDON WEST!**

On Wednesday, 8th July, children from Year 2 to Year 6 have been invited to Gateshead Stadium to take part in a joint venture with other schools to have the opportunity meet Astronauts from the NASA Space Centre.

In addition to this there will be 3D Space exhibitions, where I am sure the children will have the opportunity to take part in interactive activities.

This is a unique experience that I am sure the children will remember long into the future!

Parents will receive further information about the arrangements next week.

Look out for some reports from the children after the event.



### **REMINDER—OCCASIONAL DAY**

Just to remind you that the school will be closed on Monday, 6th July for our final occasional day of the year. School will re-open at 8.55am on Tuesday, 7th July.



### **KEY STAGE 1 AND KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS DAYS**

Just to let you know that Sports Days this year have been arranged as follows:

Key Stage 1—Monday, 13th July at 9.30am

Key Stage 2—Tuesday, 14th July at 9.30am

Both Sports Days will be held on the school yards due to health and safety issues relating to the use of the school field.



Parents are welcome to attend the sports days.

### **YEAR 6 TRANSITION WEEK—RYTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL**

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that next week is Ryton Comprehensive School's transition week. Your child should already have brought home a letter with the arrangements. If you have not received a copy of this letter please see Miss Ford.

The remaining Year 6 children, transferring to other schools, will attend Blaydon West as usual.



### **YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE CENTRE FOR LIFE**

Year 4 will be visiting the Centre for Life on Tuesday, 30th June to continue their studies into electricity and circuits.

I am sure they will have a wonderful time. We look forward to seeing displays in school relative to the topics they are studying.



### **RECEPTION INDUCTION MEETINGS**

We have arranged two induction meetings for Tuesday, 30th June where parents will have the opportunity to chat to staff, including Mrs McGuire, our Reception teacher, about their child's transition from Nursery into Reception.

The meetings will take place at 2.30pm and 6.00pm.

You will already have received a letter explaining the purpose of the meeting.



If you have not already done so, can you please complete the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

### **NURSERY VISIT TO BENWELL NATURE RESERVE**

On Friday, 3rd July the Nursery children will be visiting Benwell Nature Reserve as part of their studies into mini-beasts.



I hope the weather stays fine for the trip.

Can parents please ensure children are wearing suitable clothing, including a sun hat, and also that they are wearing sun protection. Even in hazy sunshine there is every possibility that a child may get burned.

### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

This week's attendance figures are:  
Reception— 87.9%, 1B— 90.4%, 2W— 96.0%, 3L— 86.5%,  
4C—93.8%, 5D— 93.3% 6C—94.8% and 6F—91.1%.



The attendance prize was won by Mrs Watson's Class. Our whole school attendance is 91.7% which is well below our school target. With your help we will continue to work to improve our attendance

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

### **YEAR 4 PARENTS' NIGHT**

You will already have received a letter from your child regarding Parents' Night.

Can you please return the reply slip to ensure that you receive a suitable time slot.

If you have any problem with this please see Miss Simpson or Mrs Clamp.



### **MMR CATCH-UP PROGRAMME**

As mentioned on last week's Newsletter the Government are carrying out a catch-up programme to ensure children are vaccinated against MMR.

Children who have not been vaccinated will receive a letter next week detailing how the immunisations are to be carried out. The vaccinations will be administered in school by the School Nursing Team.

Parents are requested to be present when the immunisations are taking place.

Once we receive the letters from the School Nursing Team we will pass the information onto you.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.



### **AND FINALLY**

I can't believe the end of term is approaching so quickly. I am sure the summer holidays will be here before we know it.

Enjoy your weekend.

*PM Bailey*

Head Teacher