



Maney Hill Newsletter

17th October 2014

Dates for your diary

October

21st & 23rd – Reception Open Days

22nd – Y3 Class Assembly

23rd – Y6 English Inspire

24th – break up for half term

November

3rd - School re-opens

4th – Reception hearing, Height & Weight tests

5th – Individual Photographs

6th – Y2 Maths Inspire

6th – KS2 Cinema Trip

11th – Y3 English Inspire

December

2nd & 3rd – KS1 Production

10th & 11th – KS2 Production

w/b 15th Carol Concert

19th last day of term

January

5th – Staff Training Day

6th – School re-opens

February

w/b 9th Parents' Evening

13th – break up for half term

23rd – School re-opens

March

w/b 23rd – Easter Bonnets

27th – last day of term

April

w/b 20th Parents' Evening

13th – School re-opens

May

11th – 14th Year 6 SATs

11th – 15th Year 5 Residential

22nd – break up for half term

June

1st – Staff Training Day

2nd – School re-opens

w/b 8th Sports Day

Dear Parents and Carers

This week in school we were thrilled to receive a letter from the Department for Education congratulating us on our outstanding results in the Year 1 Phonics Test. A copy of the letter is attached to this week's newsletter. I'd like to say very well done to the children and a big thank you to all the staff and parents for all that you do to ensure our school is a happy and successful place.

Mrs Whitehead

Year 4 English Inspire Workshop

On Tuesday 15th October, Year four had an English Inspire Workshop where we learnt how to build complex sentences. In different groups, we discussed which main clauses, subordinate clauses and conjunctions should come together to build a complex sentence. It was great fun, due to the fact that we had to include adjectives and adverbs as well as up-levelling a piece of text about Robin Hood.

By Sunny Joshi



Year 3 visit to Buddhist Temple

On Tuesday the 14th October Year 3 went to a Buddhist Centre in Erdington. When we got there we went straight to the meditation room. The people there were called Sara and Leksang. They taught us to meditate. We saw the shrine and offered Buddha sweets! We really enjoyed it.

Done by Tom and Freddie



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Sports Report

Cross Country

On Wednesday night (15th October) the children of Year 4, 5 and 6 worked hard during the Cross Country race- in tough weather conditions- at Bishop Vesey Grammar School. Well done to the following: Joel Stainthorpe, James Mann, Lewis Cooper, Shailan Srikanthan, Alastair Smith, Charlotte Walker, Sophie Perry, Summer Blakeway, Amelia Brady and Daisy Kelly who finished in respectable positions. Special congratulations to Ben Stewart, who finished 2nd, Archie Morris, who finished 17th, Caitlin Ralph, who finished 18th and Amaya Tisdale who did really well as a Year 4 child finishing in the top 50. Thank you to all of the parents who came along to support.

Football Result

On Friday night Maney Hill played an away match against Penns. We made a bright start to the game scoring a well-worked goal through Alastair Smith after good work from Jordan Knight. After that, Penns dominated the match and scored 6 goals without reply. Well done to all those who took part in the match

Upcoming Fixtures

Boys' Football

Tuesday St Joseph's v Maney Hill

Thursday Minworth v Maney Hill

*Please note that clubs will be as normal this week:
Boys on Tuesday and Girls on Thursday*

BAD WEATHER

Sometimes sports matches will have to be cancelled at the last minute due to bad weather. If this happens the School Office will call to let you know, giving as much notice as possible.

This week the Aston Villa training for 13th October had to be cancelled. They have rearranged the session for the 3rd November.



Aston Villa Open Training Session

On Thursday 30th October, the Aston Villa Training Session will open for visitors. If you would like to watch the footballers while they train you can telephone

0800 6120970 or go online

<http://www.avfc.co.uk/page/NewsDetail/0,,10265~4166532,00.html>

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday morning the Vicar from St Peter's Church led an assembly for the Harvest Festival. We are collecting dry foods which will be sent to the Birmingham City Mission. Thank you to everyone who has sent in donations. We will continue collecting for another week so please send any donations you can spare.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to **Reception** who are our 'top class' during lunchtimes.

MERIT AWARDS

Reception Kenji Jones

Amaia Eason-Cathline

Year 1 Jonny Michael

Joel Lumb

Year 2 Aayan Yakoob

Maggie Fryer

Year 3 Whole Class

Year 4 Alexandria Evans

Hannah Vuong

Year 5 Darcey Farr

Shailan Srikanthan

Year 6 James Dugmore

Alex Redford

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Don't forget the PTA Quiz Night - this Friday in the School Hall from 7.45pm

PARKING REMINDER

Please remember to park safely and not on the school's yellow lines or in others' driveways.



Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Reform

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13 October 2014

Dear Mrs Whitehead,

I am writing to convey my warmest congratulations to you, your staff and your pupils for the very high standard of achievement in this year's phonics check.

The Department for Education wants to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics so I was obviously delighted to see your results. To be in the top 5% of schools, with at least 95% of pupils achieving the expected standard in the check, is a tremendous achievement and points to a high standard of phonics teaching in your school.

This year's figures show that almost all pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in Key Stage 1 Reading, which underlines the value of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

You have ensured that every Year 1 child in your school has a firm foundation for reading, from which they can develop further reading skills and become increasingly sophisticated readers. This will help them develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early development and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP