

# **Maney Hill Newsletter**

7<sup>th</sup> November 2014

# Dates for your diary

### November

18<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Inspire Workshop

## December

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – KS1 Production 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Production 17<sup>th</sup> Carol Concert 19<sup>th</sup> last day of term

# January

5<sup>th</sup> – Staff Training Day 6<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens 29<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Inspire Workshop

#### **February**

w/b 2<sup>nd</sup> Governor Visits Week w/b 9<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening 10<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Inspire Workshop 13<sup>th</sup> – break up for half term 23<sup>rd</sup> – School re-opens

#### March

4<sup>th</sup> – Reception Inspire Workshop w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> – Easter Bonnets 24<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Inspire Workshop 27<sup>th</sup> – last day of term

# April

16<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Inspire Workshop 30<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> – Y1 Inspire Workshop 30<sup>th</sup> – 4 Inspire Workshop w/b 20<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening w/b 20<sup>th</sup> – Governor Visits Week 13<sup>th</sup> – School re-opens

#### May

6<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Inspire Workshop 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Residential 22<sup>nd</sup> – break up for half term

# June

1<sup>st</sup> – Staff Training Day 2<sup>nd</sup> – School re-opens w/b 8<sup>th</sup> Sports Day w/b 29<sup>th</sup> Reception Buddies Afternoon

# July

w/b 6<sup>th</sup> Reports to parents

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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

We have had a super week in school. The whole of Key Stage 2 walked down to the cinema to watch *Maleficent* and Year 1 walked to Pizza Express to make pizzas. It was great to have parents in school on Thursday to share the Year 2 Parents' Inspire Workshop. This Saturday we have the return of the annual Maney Hill Bonfire Night. A big thank you to Mark Webber and all those involved for organising it.

**Mrs Whitehead** 

### **WW1 Commemorations**

Next week, the children will have the opportunity to take part in several events to commemorate World War 1. The aim of the events is to enable the children to have some understanding of the history of that time and to appreciate the personal sacrifice made by so many.

During Tuesday morning, the children will work in mixed age groups, taking part in a variety of learning events. Shortly before 11am, the Vicar from St. Peter's Church will lead an assembly including a minute's silence to respect the war dead.

Mrs Hall's Knitting Club have made some beautiful knitted poppies. These will be on display in the entrance hall and will be sold to raise money for charity. If you would like to buy one, please ask at the School Office.

The Weekly Newsletter will be have a World War 1 theme and will be written entirely by the School Council.



# Maney Hill Primary 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Next year Maney Hill Primary will be celebrating 50 years! As part of our on-going celebrations we are **re-launching our website**. Please come along and have a look at our new website on **Wednesday 12**<sup>th</sup> **November from 3.30pm**.

# Making pizzas!

On Tuesday, Year 1 went to Pizza Express. We planned our route and set off, using our maps to make sure we were going the right way! We enjoyed making pizzas and learning about how to make delicious pizza dough. On the way back to school we thought about road safety and how to find suitable places to cross. An enjoyable morning was had by all. Thanks to the parents who helped us.

**Mrs Samson** 



# **Sports Report**

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November a selection of Year 6 children competed at a hockey tournament at Wyndley Astro Turf. There were two teams representing Maney Hill who competed against other schools. Playing on Team A was Ollie, Joel, Ethan, Tess, Steph, Mya, Eliane and Amelia. On Team B was William, Kyle, Blake, Aiden, Olivia, Daisy and Aamina.

Both teams played well. First Team A played Moor Hall and the score was 0-0. Team B played Whitehouse Common and the score was 1-0. Later Team B managed a draw.

Team A played 3 more matches and team B played 2 more matches. Both teams were excellent in their first hockey tournament.

We would like to thank Mr Wigley and Mr Lynch for organising and supporting us.

Mya and Ameilia



# Class of the Week

Congratulations to Reception who are 'top class'.

# Important News: Are you interested in training to become a primary school teacher?

Boldmere Teaching School Alliance (with Maney Hill Primary one of the strategic partners) is part of a growing number of schools that is leading the way for more school-led teacher training. We have 8 unsalaried School Direct vacancies (PGCE Primary General) now to start training from September 2015 and we would be very interested to hear from you if you are thinking of becoming a teacher, or know someone who is. We're looking for people who have (or will have) a degree, have a passion for teaching and want to inspire young people to fulfil their potential.

We would love for you to come to our **Open Day on**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm in Boldmere Junior
School and meet with us about the exciting teacher
training opportunities available. We can also provide
you with support and guidance on your application form
and offer you school experience if you just want a taste
of what teaching could be like. Birmingham City
University who are our Higher Education Institute
Partners will also be at the meeting to answer any
questions you may have.

# **Year 2 Class Assembly**

In our workshop someone stole Miss Higgins' chocolate cake! We had a piece of paper which had teachers' faces on it. There was: Miss Bates, Mrs Samson, Mr McNicholas, Miss Phillipou and Mr Wigley. We worked together with our parents to solve the answers. We found the matching letter and wrote it next to the number. We solved the clues and found out that it was Mr McNicholas who stole the chocolate cake!

Millie Ware

# **PTA NEWS**

### **BONFIRE NIGHT**

Don't forget – this Saturday we have the return of the annual PTA Bonfire Night. Drinks, burgers and snacks from 5pm, fireworks at 6pm.

#### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

The PTA desperately needs baskets for the Basket Stall.

Do you have one from last year that you can return? Do you have any unwanted toys, trinkets or games (in good condition)?

Please send them in to the School Office asap. *Thanks* 

# **MERIT AWARDS**