



Preshute Newsletter

Celebration Assembly Book

The next 'Celebration' assembly will be on Friday 6th March, so this will be covered in the next newsletter.

Recently in School

Teddy Prayers

Class R enjoyed a lovely outing to St George's Church to participate in Teddy Prayers with local preschool children. The theme was Noah's Ark and the children enjoyed eating their packed lunch picnics, singing about Noah and the Rainbow, and making some scratch art Rainbows. A big thank you to Sue Elks for organising the session for us.



Year 6 Topic Launch

Year 6 launched their topic by doing a presentation on a 'significant' person from the last century, who has made an impact on them/ society. They also dressed up as their person!

As always, the children were very creative with their selections....we had characters from Albert Einstein, Alex Fleming, Margaret Thatcher - through to modern day choices like Rebecca Adlington and Mako Vunipola.

The aim of the presentation was to convince the class that their person deserved the award for most impact! Watch this space, as the debate rolls on.....



Dementia UK

Years 5 & 6 had a visit from Grace, an Ambassador from Dementia UK, who talked to us about the challenges of this terrible disease and the helpful work that the Charity's 'Admiral' nurses do in our community. From money raised by our French café in November, Alfie and Annie were chosen to present Grace with a cheque for a whopping £122.07. Merci beaucoup et super bon!



Open The Book

Last Thursday, the Bible story enacted was the 'Jar and the Oil' - where God kept topping up food and water during drought. Thank you to some of Y5 for helping act out the story.



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Eisteddfod!

We held our first ever 'Eisteddfod' at Preshute! 'Eisteddfod' is the Welsh word for a 'Festival of Music and Poetry' so as it has just been St. David's Day, we borrowed the Welsh tradition of holding a festival to celebrate the children's talents. Our judges were ex head teachers who were thoroughly impressed with how well the children did and commented how difficult their job was! Our competitions included Art, Handwriting, Poetry writing, Recitation and Music. All children took part in the handwriting and art competitions and the Junior children also wrote some beautiful poems. Every child had the option of reciting a poem and playing a musical piece for which we had a lot of entries!

Gold, Silver & Bronze awards were presented to each category. Here are our Gold winners;

Recitation

YR - Isabel; Y1/2 - Edith; Y3/4 - Iona; Y5/6 - Oliver

Art

YR - Philip; Y1 - Clemmie; Y2 - Mathilde; Y3 - Benedict; Y4 - Isabella; Y5 - James; Y6 - Ethan

Handwriting

YR - Atticus; Y1 Beatrice; Y2 - Tom; Y3 - Grace; Y4 - Tiana; Y5 - Beatrice; Y6 - Zak

Poetry

Y3 - Indiana; Y4 - Jessica; Y5 Frederic; Y6 - Manon

Music

Y3/4 - Noa; Y5/6 - Theo

To conclude our Eisteddfod, an overall winner was chosen. This was the person who had made an outstanding contribution to the arts today. The judges were very impressed with his confidence, preparation, talent and competitive spirit. Well done to Oliver Clark! Well done to all of our prize winners and to everyone who took part!

A big thank to our judges Mr and Mrs Chambers and Judith Evans.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs Stone and Mrs Chambers for organising it.



World Book Day!

This year for world book day the children came in all their wonderful costumes and dressed up potatoes. We spent the day concentrating on the book 'journey' by Aaron Becker which is a fantastic picture book about a girl's magical pencil that takes her to lots of wonderful different places. The aim of the day was for all the classes to create their own page for a Preshute school journey book. The children decided what the red crayon would be and where it would take them.



House Day

On Friday 28th of February, we had our first whole school house morning. Each house was divided in half to create smaller groups. We then worked in our house groups to create a house group dance based on the YouTube video 'Where the heck is Matt 2012?'.

These were videoed and will be put together with other dances to create a whole school dance video. We hope to eventually involve the whole school community, with each group of people doing a little dance just like in Matt's video. Only instead of dancing around the world we will dance around Preshute Primary School. So watch this space for more details of how you might be able to be involved.

PPSA

A big thank you to everyone who helped and got involved with the recent popcorn club. All the children had a fun time. The PPSA have been busy putting your funds into action! The school recently purchased 10 new iPads, 7 Apple TV's and over £2,000 of reading books plus more! Also, please take a look at the smart new blinds in the school hall! In relation to forthcoming fundraising events, we will be launching a fun Easter Colouring Competition on Wednesday 11th of March. The pub quiz in The Oddfellows is fully booked. We are planning an Easter Egg Trail for the children to complete over the Easter holiday- details coming soon. Great news...our application in the Tesco 'Bags of Help' scheme has been successful so get ready to start dropping in lots of tokens in April through to June!

Lydia Bauer & Rachel Crossey
Co- Chairs

Driving in the Village

A parent and her children were nearly run over last week, by a parent dropping children at the 'drop off' zone and immediately reversing without looking.

Please can we ask everyone to be patient and vigilant in the village - we are all aware how busy it is at drop off and pick up, and don't want any accidents!

Also to follow the unofficial one-way system through the village at busy times - coming in along Bridge Street (over the river & passing the 'Rec') and leaving via the Clatford Crossroads. Please can we also ask you not to reverse in/ park in front of villagers' drives or to cause any obstruction - including parking on pavements. Also, not to park on the bend/corner by the pub - there is a 'virtual pavement' marked from the stone wall, right around the bend, where parking is not permitted.

Please pass this on to others who may be picking up your children for you.

Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Weds 11th Mar - Parents Forum - 7pm - with a focus on Year R/Key Stage 1 reading.

Fri/Sat 13th/14th Mar - Rehearsal & Dance Festival at St John's

16th - 20th Mar - Y6 Residential trip

Weds 18th Mar - Tag Rugby Festival- more info to follow

Thurs 19th Mar - Y2 Penguin Party 2-3pm

Mon 30th Mar & Weds 1st Apr - Parents' Evenings. The portal for booking via ParentMail will go 'live' next week.