

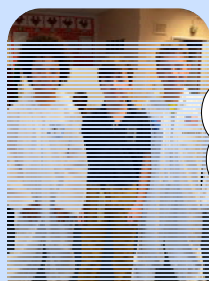


## PARENTS' NEWSLETTER

A warm welcome back to what we hope will continue to be an enjoyable and successful year. We will continue to strive hard in 2016 to provide the quality of education that we aim to deliver and that you have come to expect. We cannot over emphasise the importance of the partnership between home and school which, when based on mutual understanding, enables your child(ren) to fulfil their potential. Please support us in all of our requests which will enable us to maintain our momentum in the future. On behalf of all staff we would like to wish you a belated Happy New Year.

### YEAR 6 TOPIC DAY Space : The Final Frontier

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a space themed topic day. We dressed as Star Wars characters, astronauts and aliens. We spent the day making film canister rockets using effervescent vitamin c tablets and investigating how we could speed up the launch. We also used iPads to research early theories about how the solar system was created. Here is a poster we made using our findings.



"I enjoyed making the alien callers because it made us jump when they made a noise!" Yousif 6B



"I liked making the film canister rockets because it was really fun and the explosions were great!" Leonie 6W



**The Big Bang Theory** *Beth, Sua, Laura*

Scientists have gathered a lot of evidence and information about the Universe. They have used their observations to develop a theory called the Big Bang. \*

**Ptolemy**

Ptolemy is the English name for Claudius Ptolemaeus. He was a Greek who probably lived and worked in Alexandria, in Egypt. He lived from about 85 to 165 A.D. He is famous for his work on astronomy and geography. \*

**Copernicus**

Copernicus was born and died in Royal Prussia, a region that had been a part of the king of Poland since 1466. \*

**Alhazen**

Alhazen lived mainly in Cairo, Egypt, dying there at age 74. Over-consistent about practical application of his mathematical knowledge, he thought he could regulate the floods of the Nile. \*

Work by: Beth, Sua & Laura 6B

### BLP Character Launch Day

Let me introduce you to some new members of the Green Meadow Team.

Percy Penguin helps us become more resilient. He helps us persevere. Even when our work is difficult, we do not give up. He supports us with perseverance, managing distractions and absorption.

Leo Lion teaches us reflectiveness so we learn to think about work. We revise our work to check it is correct and done to the best of our ability. He supports us with planning and revising.

Dolly the Dolphin teaches us reciprocity so we learn to collaborate with our friends. Sometimes working together is the best way to learn. We can share ideas with our friends. She supports us with collaboration, empathy and listening.

Sandy the Squirrel teaches us resourcefulness so we learn how to slow down and think about our work. We redraft our writing and check it all makes sense and that we have done the best we can. She supports us with questioning.

We all had a great time on Thursday 7th January during our BLP character launch day. We had the opportunity to use our different learning muscles throughout the day. Take a look at our school website where you will find posts about the day from each year group.

If you have any questions about BLP or would like to know how to support your child with this at home, please come and see me. Mrs McNickle-Edwards



## HIGHLIGHT DAYS/ TOPIC DAYS—REMINDER

Below is a reminder of Topics for each year group from Yr 2—5 and the dressing up theme for the Topic day.

Year	Topic	Topic Day	Costumes
Yr 1	Authors and Illustrators	10.02. 2016	Dress up as your favourite story character e.g. Hungry Caterpillar, The Bad Tempered Ladybird, Elmer.
Yr 2	Cadburys	29.01.2016	Dress up as a character from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
Yr 3	Egyptians	01.02.2016	Egyptian clothes e.g. Cleopatra, Egyptian Gods.
Yr 4	Greeks	29.01.2016	Greeks, Greek Gods and Goddesses.
Yr 5	Rainforest	11.01.2016	Dress up as an Explorer or a Rainforest animal.

## After School Clubs Spring 2016

Day	Year group		Time	Run by / Dismissed by
Mon	Yr 5—6	Indoor Athletics (1st Half Term) Basketball (2nd Half Term)	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Steps 2 Sport / Mr Nightingale
	Yr 3—6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore
	Yr 3—6	Guitar	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mr White
	Yr 3—4	Dance	3.30-4.30 pm	Dance Coach/ Miss Bulmer
Tues	Yr 2	Gymnastics	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Sports Plus coach/ Mrs McNickle-Edwards
	Yr 5—6	Football Team Training	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mr Hickey
Wed	Yr 3—4	Indoor Tennis	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Steps2sport coach / Mrs Mills
	Yr 5—6	Netball	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Sports Plus coach/Miss Maney
Thurs	Yr 4—5	Computing	3.30 – 4.15 pm (Please note time)	Mrs Jones / Mr Cripps
	Yr 5—6	Rugby	3.30 – 4.30 pm	MRFC Coach / Mr Nightingale Miss Boulton
	Yr 6	Malachi	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Malachi Trust / Mr Nightingale Miss Boulton
Fri	Yr 3 – 6	Recorder	3.30 – 4.30 pm	Mrs Moore
	Yr 5—6	Football Team Training	3.30-4.30 p.m.	Mr Hickey

## PARKING

Parking can be a divisive issue when looked at from different perspectives. When you park please ensure that all perspectives are covered.



We would like to stress the need for parking procedures which minimise the risk of our pupils being put in danger. Please park at all times with due care and consideration both for our neighbours and, most importantly, for the safety of our children. If you see dangerous / illegal driving and parking please note down the registration number and inform the police via the 101 number.

## Assessment Information

This week, topic letters have been sent home along with a letter to explain your child's achievement in relation to the end of year expectations which are outlined in the National Curriculum. The Topic letter provides you with information about the exciting learning which will be taking place throughout the term so that so that you can share this with your child. You will also receive your child's new learning targets for reading, writing and Maths today. During the Parent Consultation sessions this term, you will have the opportunity to look at children's books and teachers will discuss your child's achievements in relation to the new national expectations. If you have any questions about the topic letters, your child's progress or new targets, please speak to your child's class teacher or a Teaching and Learning Leader (Mrs Mills for Reception, Mrs McNickle-Edwards for Year 1/2, Mrs Bestwick for Year 3/4 and Miss Boulton for Year 5/6). Thank you for your continued support.

## HEADLICE

Problems with head lice are an issue for all schools. Without the co-operation of ALL parents this will not be eradicated. Please ensure that you check your own child's hair on at least a weekly basis. The school nurse has also suggested that a twice daily vigorous brushing of hair will help in diminishing this problem. LA guidelines firmly put the onus for checking and treating in the hands of parents. Head lice can be dramatically reduced and even eliminated. However this can only be done through the **FULL** co-operation of **ALL** parents.

## SCHOOL CLOSURE FOR SNOW WINTER CONDITIONS.

We will continue to inform the local radio stations when there is a closure so that they will broadcast the message. **We will also text parents when a decision to close has been made.** Should you not have a text from us then please be aware that the school will be **OPEN**. As we are using this method of communication please ensure that school has your current mobile phone number. Like everything else, this strategy will only work effectively when everyone is fully engaged in the process. Please do not ring school as calls will not be answered.

## Playground Safety

**It is parents' responsibility before school to supervise their children to ensure that no accidents occur by sliding and slipping. School will take the necessary Health & Safety precautions such as gritting a pathway but parents do need to be vigilant.**

Yours sincerely,

H. Setchell  
Headteacher