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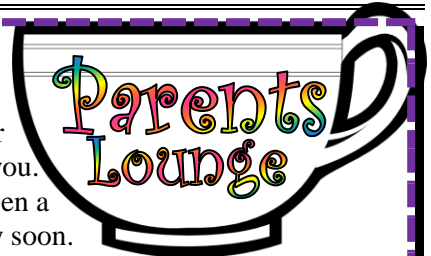
Yr 2 Visit The Rain Forest!

On Monday this week our Year 2 pupils set off at the crack of dawn (*well actually 8.45*) and trekked up to the Metro station to go in search of a Rain Forest which they found at the Winter Gardens in Sunderland. The weather was super and the class had an amazing time. The pupils were met by a Rain Forest expert who led them into the deepest darkest corners of the forest to learn about the many indigenous animals and plants that inhabit this type of environment. The children handled many different natural objects including coco pods and coconut shells. They used binoculars and magnifying glasses to inspect these natural wonders in greater detail. They learnt about the different layers of the rainforest *i.e. Emergent, Canopy, Understory and Forest Floor*. After all this exploring the class stopped for lunch then broke up into teams before setting off to find the answers to some questions by using a series of clues. Finally, after successfully finding all the answers, the pupils still had time to explore the rest of the museum before setting off on their journey back to school. The behaviour of the pupils throughout this visit was exemplary which really contributed to making this a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We must give a HUGE THANK YOU to the parents of Addison, Alfie and Daniel for giving up their free time to help supervise the pupils, their support was very much appreciated by everyone.



Coming Soon!

We have some super news to share with you. We are hoping to open a Parents Lounge very soon.



This room will be a place where parents & carers can meet together for a cuppa and a chat. We may well offer parent/carer courses in this room, but the main purpose will be on providing a relaxing space for parents/carers to meet and chat. Mrs Leslie will be available to chat to parents in this room from 8.45 until 9.15 and 3.00 until 3.30 daily. The parent's lounge will be located in our old Enquiry Room which leads out onto the side path and into a small garden area which we hope parents can use in the summer months. Our vision is that our school becomes a hub for the local community. We have obtained quotes for installing an external door in this room so that parents can access the lounge without entering the school. The main school and grounds will remain secure. **This will be your room.** As such we will be asking for volunteers in the future to help with painting and decorating the room. We will also be looking for some high quality leather sofas, if any parents can support US with this please let us know. We hope to have our Grand Opening in Sept 2018.



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ART WEEK
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Mon 25 June to Fri 29 June: We will once again be taking part in the national ART WEEK. This is a super opportunity for the children to focus on developing their artistic talents. Children's Art Week is a UK-wide programme run by Engage, the National Association for Gallery Education. To support this event on Thursday 28 June Susie Jones will be working with our Year 2 pupils on an 'Arts Award in a Day' project. In the afternoon of 28th Y2 parents will be invited to join us at 3.00 when Susie will present a special Arts Assembly. Then, as a final celebration, on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July there will be a display of all these wonderful works of art in our Art Gallery. Everyone is welcome to visit our Art Gallery at 3.00 to view the exhibition.



Postponed!

Unfortunately our special Robin Wood Assembly which was to take place tomorrow afternoon has had to be **POSTPONED**. Unfortunately Mrs Walls, who was to present the assembly, will be unavailable tomorrow. We do apologise for the short notice, but we are sure the assembly will be re-arranged as soon as possible. We do apologise for any inconvenience this has caused.



The classes have chosen some very creative topics this term so we thought you would be interested in knowing the wide variety of themes that will inspire the pupils during these summer months.

- Rainbows – Spring and Growing
 - Nursery – Jack & the Beanstalk and Growing
 - Reception – Magic Carpet Ride
 - Year 1 – Shiver-me- Timbers!
 - Year 2 – Under the Canopy
 - Year 3 – Chocolate
 - Year 4 – Savage Stone Age
 - Year 5 – Year 5 Gone Wild
 - Year 6 – No topic this term due to SATS preparation.
- If you would like to discover more about how the staff will link the curriculum to these topics please take a look at the plans on our website. Go to www.percymainprimary.org.uk then scroll down to 'Our Classes' you will find the plans there.

Mouth of the Tyne



Over the last three years our pupils have had a brilliant time when they joined in the parade for the Mouth of the Tyne Festival and we are delighted that we have once again been invited to take part in this super colourful event. We thought we would give you advance notification of the date so that you can pop it on your calendars. **The parade will take place on SATURDAY 7 JULY** but the time has yet to be confirmed (*we will confirm this as soon as we receive the programme*). The parade will start from Priory Primary School, then move down Front Street turning around at the bottom before returning up Front Street. This year our **Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils** have been invited to represent our school and Miss Susie Jones (our Peripatetic Music Teacher) is busy preparing a super programme of Samba music for the children to perform during the parade. *We do hope you will be able to go along and give them your support.*

SPORTS DAY

This year our Sports Day will be held on the **morning of Thursday 14 June**. All the year groups with the exception of our little toddlers in the Rainbow Room will take part in a programme of fun and competitive sporting events. At lunchtime parents who are present will sign their children out so that they can sit together in our beautiful school grounds to enjoy a picnic lunch. We also hope to book an ice cream van as an extra special treat. At 1.00 school will begin again and parents are welcome to join their child in class where they can meet the staff and look through their child's work. *Let's all keep our fingers (and toes) crossed that the sun will shine and this will be a super sports celebration.*



Important dates



Several important events have already been planned for the summer term so we thought you may like to pop these on your calendar;

- Mon 21 May** – a.m. – Tempest Photographer to take Y6 group photo (approx. £15.00 each)
- Mon 22 May** – Y6 visit to Northumbria University
- Thur 24 May** – House Reward Day
- Mon 28 May to Fri 1 June** – Half Term
- Wed 13 June** – Schools Library Bus Visit
- Thur 14 June** – Sports Day (Nursery to Year 6)
- Mon 25 to Fri 29 June** - Art Week
- Mon 27 June** – Transition day for Y6 pupils transferring to John Spence.
- Thurs 5 and Fri 6 July** - p.m. – Art Gallery in Hall
- Saturday 7 July** – Mouth of Tyne Festival
- Monday 9 July to Friday 13 July** – Pupils transferring to NORHAM go straight to the high school – Y6 pupils who are not transferring to Norham report to Percy Main Primary as normal.
- Friday 20 July** - p.m. - Y6 'Moving On' Assembly
- Friday 20 July** – School closes for the summer holidays at 3.15 p.m. (*Children return to school on Tuesday 4 September 2018. Monday 3 will be a Teacher Training Day*)

Royal Wedding

To celebrate the Royal Wedding we are going to join in THE BIG BAKE in aid of St Oswald's Hospice, This event will take place during week commencing Monday 14 May. All the classes will be baking at some point throughout the week. Your support for the last Big Bake we held in aid of the hospice was truly amazing, so we hope this event will be equally successful. To add to the celebration, on Friday 18 May the children (and adults) can come to school wearing Red, White and Blue for a donation of 50p. All the money raised will be sent to St Oswalds. We really hope that, with your support, this will be a super Royal Wedding celebration. If you would like to donate a cake please bring it into school on Friday morning (18 May) ready for the BIG CAKE SALE in the afternoon.



FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

2018 RECEPTION PLACE

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2018 **please remember that the last date for accepting the offer is TOMORROW 27 April 2018**. If you are having any problems accepting the place please call into the school office – the staff will be happy to help.



Handouts issued this week were:-
- There are no Handouts this week.