

NEWSLETTER

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Update - Sports Day



Despite the weather being rather cold, and with threatening rain clouds looming overhead, the staff and children at Percy Main were undeterred and decided that sports day would go ahead as planned. This was obviously the right decision as everyone had a super time. The pupils took part in a terrific sack race, an amazing egg and spoon contest, various sprints, a very challenging obstacle race, a Year 6 relay, a skipping race and a brilliant bean bag balancing sprint. The pupils competed for their houses and, after a huge effort by all our competitors, Tyne Bridge were declared the winners of KS2 and Priory won the KS1 trophy. Our Parent's Race was huge fun, but unfortunately ended with a casualty, however there was no need to worry as Mrs Leslie was immediately on hand to administer first aid to the injured athlete. We were delighted with the number of our parents/carers who stayed on site afterwards to enjoy a family picnic with their child. Unfortunately our picnic had to be moved indoors, as the weather changed for the worst during the morning but there was still a super atmosphere in our halls as parents/carers and children enjoying some family time together. After the picnic lunch parents/carers joined the children in class for a Book Look. This was very well attended and provided a lovely end to what had been a really super day.

RAINBOW ROOM SPORTS DAY

Our Rainbow Room toddlers also managed to hold their sports day last Friday morning in the Nursery Garden. Their parents/cares also came along to encourage them. These young children were amazingly enthusiastic as they competed in an obstacle race, a throwing challenge and various other 'mini' races. They were all little sporting superstars and in recognition of their super sportsmanship they were all awarded a medal and a certificate.

NURSERY SPORTS DAY

Our Nursery sports day was scheduled for yesterday but unfortunately the weather was not on our side so the Nursery staff took the difficult decision to cancel. However everything was not lost as they decided to hold a 'Stay and Play' day instead. Parents/carers were invited to stay with their child and enjoy some creative and fun time together. This provided children with a lovely opportunity to share their learning experiences with their parent /carer.

We do thank all the parents/carers who managed to organise their diaries to enable them to come along and support the children. Your presence really contributed to the overall success of these events.

In & Around School

**LEAD BY
EXAMPLE**

We continually promote and welcome positive and appropriate behaviour throughout our school. Our staff are expected to abide by the Staff's Code of Conduct and our pupils follow our Positive Behaviour Guidelines. We are very proud, and fortunate, to have a dedicated and supportive school community (*parents, carers, governors, staff, visitors and pupils*) who support these high standards. The education of our children is a partnership between us all. Children are influenced by the world around them and research has shown that the actions of adults have a strong influence on the way children behave, therefore it is important that all adults conduct themselves appropriately in and around school premises. Parents and carers are the best role models for children so it is really important that they set a good example. We believe if children learn in an environment where standards of behaviour are good it helps them develop socially, personally and academically. **Inappropriate behaviour by parents/carers towards each other or staff will not be tolerated at Percy Main therefore please be mindful of your language at all time both in and around school.** We do hope that we can rely on your continued support.

Foundation Stage News

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

➤ Reception Visits – Monday 25 June at 3.30

Parents of Nursery children who are due to start Reception in September 2018 should have received a letter last week inviting them to visit our Reception on the above date. This is an important meeting and we do hope you will be able to attend. During the visit you will also be able to meet Mrs Amanda Cartwright, our new school cook. Mrs Cartwright will arrange a display of the meals served that lunchtime.

Nursery Graduation Day – Thursday 12 July

Nursery Graduation Day is always a very special occasion to which parents, family and friends are invited to join us. We hold two celebrations, one at 10.45 a.m. and the other at 2.15 p.m. We do hope that you can come along and support these young children as they move on to join our Reception Class.

Update Yrs 4 & 5 visit The Rising Sun

Yesterday our Year 4 and 5 pupils had a great adventure at the Rising Sun Country Park. The children took part in two very different workshops. Our **YEAR 4** pupils made flour by threshing wheat to separate the grain from the chaff. They then had to grind the grain on a stone before making flat breads which they then baked on an open fire. After a well-earned lunch the pupils built stone-age shelters and learnt more about how this ancient civilisation lived thousands of years ago. This workshop was an enormous help in developing the children's understanding of their current topic 'Savage Stone Age'. While Year 4 were finding out about life in the Stone Age our **YEAR 5** students were trekking around the Rising Sun following an orienteering trail. The class had to work in teams and find a series of orange kite markers. On finding the kite they had to punch their team's record card to confirm they had found the correct site. After taking time out for lunch the class also made some super 'wild art' and had great fun trying their hand at lighting an open fire. As soon as the fire was burning nicely they toasted marshmallow and popcorn; this was a perfect treat to end a perfect day. This visit supported their topic 'Gone Wild'



NEXT WEEK is ART WEEK and

our staff have some wonderful projects planned for our children which will help them develop and express their artistic talents. Children's Art Week is a fantastic opportunity to encourage children and young people to enjoy a selection of fun and creative activities that they might not have tried before. In 2017 more than 16,200 children, young people and adults took part in events across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Art Week is not all about simply creating pictures, the children will also be involved in music, drama, dance and poetry. As Art Week follows on from our brilliantly successful Careers Week we also hope that it will help the pupils appreciate the career opportunities that are available within the field of the creative arts.

Year 2 Arts Assembly - During the week Susie Jones our Music Specialist will be working with the Year 2 children developing a special musical project. To showcase their achievements Year 2 parents/carers are invited to join the children for a special arts assembly at 3.00 on Thursday 28 June

Whole School Art Gallery - We will also be holding an Art Gallery on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 July at 2.45. This event will showcase the children's art work. Their favourite piece created during Arts Week will be professionally framed and displayed. Parents/cares are welcome to purchase these framed paintings for **£6.00**.

Mouth of the Tyne

We are delighted that, for the fourth consecutive year, our pupils have been invited to take part in the Opening Parade of the Mouth of the Tyne Festival on **SATURDAY 7 JULY**. This year the pupils in **Years 2, 4, 5 & 6** have been invited to represent our school. The parade will consist of 100 samba drums all performing the same musical rhythms however each school will perform a different dance and wear a different costume; our pupils will be dressed as **golden elephants** as the theme this year is '**BIG**'. Parking is virtually impossible parents and spectators are advised to use the Metro or the park and ride from Beaconsfield. Specific information relating to times etc. will be confirmed as soon as we receive the final details.

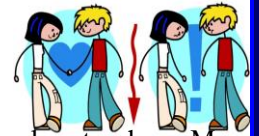


Year 2 Rainforest CAFE

Don't forget that parents/carers of our Year 2 pupils are welcome to join the children at their **special Rainforest Café on Wed. 27 June at 2.45**. The children are already busy preparing for the grand opening of their café and are really looking forward to welcoming you.

Yrs 5/6 Relationships Workshops

Our **Year 5 & 6** pupils will be taking part in a workshop which will discuss puberty, sex education and relationships. Mrs Leslie will deliver this lesson assisted by their class teacher. Mrs Leslie has received specialist training in this area from the school nurse and has delivered these sessions very successfully for several years. The two year groups will receive separate workshops each delivered at an age appropriate level on the following dates; **Y5 Tuesday 10 July and Y6 Monday 17 July**. Talking openly and honestly with our students can help their emotional development, help them stay safe, develop the confidence and self-esteem as well as improving communication skills. *These lessons are part of the National Curriculum. A letter giving more details will be issued shortly.*



Year 6 Mementoes

Photographs

Year 6 pupils can now purchase a class photograph which will be presented at the 'Moving On' Assembly on Friday 20 July. This panoramic photograph is presented in a tube and can be purchased for £9.50.

Autograph books

Personalised autograph books are also available from the office, price £3.00.



Handouts this week; - Train and Play the Newcastle United Way leaflet
- Summer Pass MFA bowl (Year 2 - Year 6)
- Things to Do Summer 2018 booklet