



Knowles Junior School

NEWSLETTER

13 May 2010



The last term of the school year and time is flying – or so it seems! So much has been happening, and so much more planned!

Playing for Success

After school on Tuesdays for the last four weeks, fifteen of our Year 5 pupils have been going to the MK Dons "Cowshed", where they have taken part in a range of enjoyable activities. These activities have included a full tour of the stadium, origami lesson, and a chat by Pete Winkleman's son about being healthy, which made a big impression, even though we are already a Healthy School.

In the week of 26 April everyone in school got the opportunity to spend a day at Caldecotte doing a variety of activities. We were so lucky in getting such good weather, and the feeling in school was that it really was an excellent day. All the children enjoyed trying the different activities, and more were surprised at how they overcame their concerns about trying something new. The stars for the day were Kiah and Tasmena in Year 6, who shot up the climbing walls so quickly that they looked like professionals!

Caldecotte



Garden News



In this newsletter I have a few "thank you"s to say.

We now have a wonderful Sensory Garden area in our community garden. This was built by Gary and Danny who were released from their normal duties at Tesco, to act as volunteers for their community – so a big 'thank you' to Tesco Distribution Centre at Fenny Lock, for allowing their staff members to support the community in this way. Also a thank you to Jo (Community Mobiliser) for helping with the liaison on this project - it was much appreciated.

Next I would like to thank Emily's (6E) dad for helping our caretaker to erect our new greenhouse, and thanks to India-Lei's (3/4H) grandparents for their kind donation of plants.

I am always grateful for any support I get in running and maintaining the school garden – so if you can volunteer any time, or donate any items, the children and I are always very appreciative. Please remember that parents/carers are welcome just to pop in and see what we are doing in the garden on a Thursday afternoon straight after school. Jo (CM) has promised to serve free refreshments to those that do drop in and see us.

Kim Sutton, Learning Mentor

This year our school entered a national poetry competition called Poetry Express. Congratulations to all who wrote their own poems, especially Emma and Chloe in year 6, whose poems were selected to be published in a book of poems produced by children all over the country.

Poetry



Lost Property

Again we have much unclaimed, un-named clothing. Please do come and have a look and see if it belongs to your child.

The SATs breakfast club has gone down very well, and we are looking to start a breakfast club in September for all children, so keep an eye out for more information on this!

Breakfast Club

Tesco Vouchers

Vouchers are no longer available, so if you or family members have any, please do let school have them, as the more we receive, the more equipment we can order for school. Please check purses, bottom of handbags, pockets – anywhere you might have stashed them away for safety!

On Wednesday, 19 May we will be holding a skipping workshop in school – all children will be taking part.

We will also be selling ropes on that day at £5.00 each, if you would like to buy one. We find that the children are really interested in continuing skipping after the workshop.

Skipping Workshop



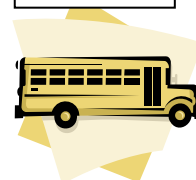
Friends

BBQ

Our Friends of the School would like to make you aware of an upcoming event. On 10 July they will be running a BBQ and Playday. This will take place from 4-8pm. More details closer to the time, but do put the date in your diary!

On 30 April we sent out our termly Curriculum Information sheets; included was information about the visits we are organising for your children, and an estimate of the cost. We have now organised our Year 6 visit to Whipsnade on 28 June, and the cost will be £9 per child, and a trip to Bletchley Park National Codes Centre for Year 3+4, on 8 and 9 June (mixed age groups), and the cost will be £6 per child. Please look out for the letters, which will come out after half term.

Visits



News from our..



... Community Mobiliser

Find Your Voice with the Bletchley and Lakes Community choir sessions. No experience necessary, just come and have a go! Coffee from 1pm. Sessions 1.30-2.30pm at Water Eaton Church Centre, starting Monday 14 June. (In collaboration with the Sherwood Choral Society, Community Mobilisers Jo and Miriam, and the MK Community Foundation Sport Relief Community Cash.)

Calling all green fingers! Pinewood Drive Community Allotment is looking for more volunteers. Sessions are flexible during the week.

Parents are also welcome at the After-school Gardening Club on Thursdays - refreshments available!!!

Contact Jo (Central Bletchley) on 07738 405356. Facebook: Jo Mobiliser Bletchley. Email Jo.Bevan@mkcvo.co.uk

And more.....

Central Bletchley and Lakes June Half Term Activities

Tuesday 1st June

Family Picnic 10-1.30 at MKDons Football session 11.30-12.30 (£1).

Wednesday 2nd June

Family treasure Hunt Picnic (bring your own!) 11.30-1 at Manor Fields Community Orchard or meet at Knowles Junior School car park 11am for a walking bus!

Thursday 3rd June

10.30-12 Family Arts and Crafts session at Tecton Centre, Church Street, Fenny Stratford. Walking bus from Knowles Junior front car park at 10am.

Friday 5th June

Leon Rec Family Fun 'Wickadizer' 1-3 pm 4-12 years.

Also West Bletchley Carnival Organisers have asked us to let you know about free Mask Making and Dance/movement Family Workshops at Melrose Pre-school on Saturday mornings 10am – 12pm, 8 May to 6 June. Phone Chris Pink on 622889

Half term dates

School closes 3.20pm on Friday 28 May, and reopens 8.50am on Tuesday 8 June.