



# Knowles Junior School

## NEWSLETTER

24 June 2010



A busy few weeks ahead with SATs results, QCA tests for the rest of the children, reports, end of year trips and much more ....

### Skate Ramp



Have you seen either the article in the Citizen, or the ramp itself, in the Leon Rec. (well worth a visit)? Our School Council has given the ramp a complete makeover, with the help of urban artist Neil Kean, and the guidance of Jo Bevan (Community Mobiliser) and Kim Sutton (our Learning Mentor).

This successful project was entered into the "ihelp" Community Youth Project run by the Buckinghamshire Freemasons, where our project got through to the final 5 in the local heats. On the day of the final, with very fierce competition, we are proud to announce we were runner-up, and we received a lovely trophy - and a cheque for £250 that we will be donating to Willen Hospice.

**A "Music Enrichment Day"** was organised by the Milton Keynes Music Service. Four of our pupils attended this event, where they took part in a variety of activities, which included composing and improvising workshops. The "hands on" experience of playing different orchestral instruments proved most exciting for our pupils. Kelcie received a special certificate for displaying a natural talent for playing the double bass. A wonderful enlightening experience was had by all those who attended.

### Music



The Night Owls went down really well with children. As well as having photos taken with the owls, the children learnt about the owls' habits and had a chance to sketch them. Would you please send in the money, or return the photos, by Wednesday 30 June.

### Owls

### Cook-athon



We signed up for the "Cookathon" during March and many of you joined in. We are pleased to tell you that we have been short-listed for a 'Cookathan' prize as a result of the number that took part, and the amazing organisational skills and sheer enthusiasm for cooking. "Let's Get Cooking" is still happening on a Thursday after-school with Mrs Downard working with Years 3 and 4.

### Library

On 11 June Mrs Weedon took 12 Year 6 students to the library to read to some of the older people of Bletchley, which was warmly received. Thank you to the children and Mrs Weedon for organising the visit. The children represented the school so well in their exemplary behaviour and attitude.

On 12 June three Year 5 students went to Denbigh School to take part in their Design and Technology event, where they won second place over all, and FIRST for the best rocket design. This was an excellent achievement, well done!

### D&T Event

It really makes me feel very proud of our students for taking part in so many events and doing so well but I must say a big thank you to staff for arranging for children to take part and, in some cases, giving up their own time to take the children.



The **children's reports** will be coming home on the 16 July followed by Parents' Evening on Monday, 19 July, when you will have the opportunity to discuss the report with your child's class teacher.

## Trips



At this time of year there are curriculum visits, as well as end of year trips. It is so important that we get our Activity Consent forms returned to us before the visit, as we cannot take children out of school without them. We ask that you support us in this, as not doing so can result in some very upset children, and a lot of office time trying to get hold of you. We do not want to be in the position of disappointing a child that really wants to go on a visit. Your help would be appreciated!

Hopefully you have all received your **consultation** forms regarding the amalgamation with Knowles Infant School. It is important you return these, giving your views. There will be meetings at the Infant and Junior Schools on the 1 July, when you can find out more, and hopefully have any questions answered.

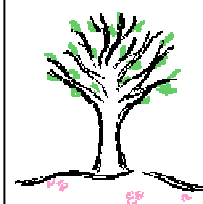
## Water Bottles

With the hot weather upon us, can I please remind you to send in a water bottle to school, so that children can have a drink available to them during lessons. This avoids children having to leave the classroom and missing valuable learning time.

Our garden continues to flourish! The sensory garden is finally finished, with thanks to Mr Slack, our caretaker, and to Mrs Sarsfield, our TA, who added the finishing touches to the pond, and the painting of the fence. Do pop in and look at the children's artwork on the fence, it really is quite superb.

We have now reached Level 4 of the campaign for School Gardening Benchmark Scheme! The RHS were very impressed with the evidence we submitted. We have been awarded £250 in garden vouchers for our efforts. We now have just one level to go; if we are successful in this we will be one of very few schools nationwide that have achieved this.

## School Garden



## Talent Show



After a lot of discussion, decision-making and auditions, School Council have finally produced and put on the 'Knowles Has Talent' Show. It was many months in the making, and lots of hard work, but I think everyone would agree that on the day it was all worth it. Congratulations to Tasha, who was our outright winner, and well done to everyone as we managed to raise £156 on the day for Willen Hospice by charging a 50p entrance fee and selling refreshments. The children got a wonderful surprise when Flo the cow (Willen's Mascot) arrived at the end of the show to be presented with the cheque.

It was a great afternoon and a big thank you to anyone who helped in any way. A special "thank you" goes to Lewis Carney's mum who supplied us with some wonderful biscuits and cakes to sell that afternoon.

## News from our Community Mobiliser

- **Family Fun BBQ!!!** Saturday 10 July 4-8pm
  - Tickets now on sale from Community Mobiliser Jo or Lisa Halai
  - £1 entry plus food items ranging from 50p to £1, and various stalls
- **Keep up to date** with all community activities with me on Facebook: Jo Mobiliser Bletchley or phone 07738 405356 or email Jo.Bevan@mkcvo.co.uk
- **Central Bletchley Gardening Group** is looking for new volunteers to help with Pinewood Drive Community Allotment. Share your knowledge or learn new skills. All Welcome.
- **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.)

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