



NEWSLETTER



Wishing all our pupils, parents and staff a relaxing and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in school on **Monday 7th June 2010.**

28th May 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Let me begin by sharing with you the splendid news that the school has just been awarded Green Flag status for its outstanding work and awareness of eco issues. This is an excellent achievement, as this is the highest level of award that any school can attain in this area. Mrs Holland deserves praise and recognition for all the hard work that she puts in as the school's Eco co-ordinator but this award also recognises the outstanding contribution from our pupils, in particular our excellent eco-committee, of which I am very proud.

Our residential visits to Stackpole, Malvern and London have all been a huge success. The memories that the children have of these visits are priceless and will stay with them for a very long time. I'd like to thank all the staff involved in co-ordinating these trips as I know they put the care and needs of the children first at all times to ensure that they are safe, happy and are having fun! It's also heart-warming to hear of so many compliments from staff at the residential centres and from members of the public who have witnessed our pupils behaving in such exemplary fashion. As I've said before, they are a credit to themselves, the school and their families. May I finish by mentioning that our vice chair of Governors Rev. Brian Hunt is retiring and so will be leaving his duties as Vice Chair and Community Governor shortly. Brian has been instrumental in ensuring the school has moved forward and has provided invaluable support and encouragement to Governors, staff and myself. He will be sorely missed but we all wish him well.

Enjoy a lovely half-term break and we look forward to seeing the pupils return safely on Monday 7th June.

Mr Mills

Parkside Middle School

PARKSIDE CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT THE RHS MALVERN SPRING GARDENING SHOW



Parkside was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to exhibit a garden at The Malvern Spring Gardening earlier this month. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn about sustainability and show case their design and gardening skills.

Our garden had a sustainability theme and as part of the creative curriculum project, pupils looked at sustainable gardening and ways to reuse our everyday waste. The main feature was a plastic bottle greenhouse using 2000 plastic bottles which we collected over several weeks. We used the bottle tops to make two vivid and unique murals. Many of our pupils were involved in the project from bringing in plastic bottles through to designing the garden, growing plants, building the greenhouse and making the artwork. Pupils were involved in constructing the gardens at the showground and spoke to hundreds of visitors during show days. The aim of the garden was to inspire show visitors to recycle their own waste at home. We had a fantastic positive response from members of the public and pupils were on hand to explain their ideas and contributions to the project. A huge thank you to BAM for sponsoring and supporting us on this project, to Sue Hodgson Jones of the Three Counties Agricultural Society and to Webbs of Wycbold who allowed us to visit their greenhouses where we planted up our vegetable troughs. Our garden was entered into the schools competition where we were awarded a highly commended and won best school garden.



RESIDENTIAL TRIPS THIS HALF TERM

Stackpole - Year 5

This year's trip to Stackpole was an amazing experience for both pupils and staff. The weather was wonderful and all of the activities went well. A particular highlight of the week was the trip to Skomer Island. Visitors to the island commented on how polite and eager to learn our pupils were. A big thank you to the pupils for making this a week to remember. Mrs. Lippett.

Malvern - Year 7

On behalf of all the staff involved with the Malvern trip I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU and well done to all the pupils. Their behaviour was impeccable throughout the week and they were a real credit to school. They faced challenges such as the high ropes course, kayaking, abseiling, not to mention a seven hour ridge walk over the Malvern Hills! All completed successfully and with a smile. Mr. Price.

London - Year 6

Pupils and staff had a fantastic time in London this week visiting Madame Tussauds, Horse Guards Parade, London Dungeon, the Science Museum and Buckingham Palace - a policeman outside The Palace commented that our children were a credit to the school. On Tuesday evening the group also had a wonderful time at "Oliver" the musical. Well done and thank you to the pupils and staff involved. Miss O'Monaigh.



SPORTS NEWS



The Year 6 basketball team beat Reaside Primary to win the league - great effort boys.
 The Year 8 football team reached the County Cup Final and lost 1 - 0 to Ipsley Middle. This was a tremendous achievement as 54 schools competed over the football season. Well done to all the boys.
 The boys finished runners up in the Year 8 District Rugby Tournament - another great result.
 Congratulations to Isaac Grennan 8SS who has progressed into the County Rugby Team.
 Also congratulations to Kallum Mulhall 5JH who has again secured a place in the GB gymnastics team and achieved 5th in the Elite National Grades. Kallum also achieved a silver medal in the British Setwork Championships 2010 recently.

Following their trip to The Artrix girls from Year 6 have been selected by "Voices and Visions" to perform at Malvern. Girls from all years who represent our cheerleading group went to Worcester University to take part in a cheerleading festival and had a fantastic time.

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations and well done to "No Spell Checker Needed" - our Spelling Bee team (Mark Cowley 7GT, Kate Elrick 7KD, Lindsay Smith 7LS and Phoebe Wright 7LH) who came 2nd in the Regional Heats and were narrowly beaten by Mr. Mills' old school! They had all worked really hard and were given some really difficult words to spell! Thank you to Emma Taylor 7LH who came along to every practice and was there to support her team mates. Also, a big thank you to the parents who came for moral support!

PARKSIDE PTA FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The PTA will be running a family fun night on Tuesday 6th July 2010 from 6 pm - 8 pm. Including Bish Bash Gladiators, Big Slide, Big Bounce, Baby Crêche, BBQ and much more. Tickets will be £5 per person with unlimited rides included. More details to follow ...



SAFEGUARDING

When visiting school please read our Safeguarding Advice which can be found on display in the School Main Reception.

LIBRARY REQUEST

We are setting up a pupil magazine rack in the library and Mrs. Thurbon would be very grateful to receive any magazines you no longer need which would be suitable for 9 - 13 year olds.

SITE INFORMATION FROM BAM

May we remind visitors to school that the building and surrounding land (ie car park, playgrounds and playing fields) are strict *No Smoking* areas.

Disabled car parking spaces should only be used by disabled users at all times.

Please do not park vehicles in the entrance leading to the school gates as several complaints have been received at school regarding incidents which could very easily have caused pedestrian/vehicle accidents this half term.

PUPIL ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school please phone in on the first day of absence to confirm the reason and then either phone on subsequent days and/or send in a written note on the child's return to school.

SATS WEEK

We would like to say a BIG WELL DONE to our Year 6 pupils who were fantastic during their SATs and really worked hard throughout the week! Mrs Mancini



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th June
Wednesday 23rd June

Wednesday 23rd June
Thursday 24th June
Thursday 24th June
Friday 25th June

Wednesday 30th June
Thursday 1st July
Tuesday 6th July
Wednesday 7th July
Monday 12th July
Monday 12th July
Wednesday 14th July
Thursday 15th July
Friday 16th July
Friday 16th July

Wednesday 21st July
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Thursday 22nd July

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School closes for half term

School re-opens

Year 5 Bikeability training
The Rocky Monster Show Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm

The Rocky Monster Show 7.00 pm
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Olympic morning - Years 4/5
10 am - 12 pm

NBHS - New Parents Evening
Parents Evening 5 - 8 pm
PTA Family Fun Night 6 - 8 pm
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30 pm
Induction day for New Starters 2010
New Parents Evening 6 - 7.30 pm
Year 8 Prom
SBHS - New Parents Evening
The Base trip to the Safari Park
Music Festival - Years 4/5
10 am - 12 pm

Year 5 trip to Thinktank
Year 8 girls 3rd HBV vaccination
Rising Stars talent show, evening performance, time tbc.

Year 7 trip to West Midlands
Safari Park

Year 8 trip to Drayton Manor
Rising Stars talent show,
morning performance, time tbc.

School closes for Summer break

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Wednesday 1st September
Thursday 2nd September
Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November
Tuesday 2nd November
Friday 17th December

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday 4th January
Wednesday 5th January
Saturday 12th - Sunday
20th February
Friday 18th February

Monday 28th February
Friday 8th April

SUMMER TERM 2011

Tuesday 26th April
Wednesday 27th April
Monday 2nd May
Friday 27th May

Monday 6th June
Friday 22nd July

School closed TE Day
School re-opens
School closes for half term

School closed TE Day
School re-opens
School closes for Christmas holiday

School closed TE Day
School re-opens
Ski Trip 2011 to Pila, Italy

School closes for half term

School re-opens
School closes for Easter break

School closed TE Day
School re-opens
School closed for Bank Holiday
School closes for half term

School re-opens
School closes for Summer break