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What's in your newsletter this week:

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What's on in school next week:

Year 4 Visit to Steam World.

Children selected for Quiz Club are going to Kings Forest to take part in the local heats

Governor Update

For Information

Mr Chris Pring and Mrs Clare Pring have resigned this week as Parent Governors at the school. Both terms of office were ending this year, in May and October respectively.

Chris and Clare have both given a huge amount of time to Governing work and duties as well as the time they devote to the work of The Friends of the School.

The Governing Body would like to thank them for all their hard work and the positive contribution that they have made.

Elaine Skidmore

Arts week 22nd-26th

March

During the above week the school will be spending the week thinking about carnival, and creating arts, crafts and music that will culminate in a parade around the Community Centre field at 1.30 on Friday 26th March.

This will be a wonderful chance for the children to be creative, and we would welcome some helping hands, so if any parents or grandparents have some time to spare during this week please see your child's class teacher to see what help is required.

The whole com-

munity is welcome to join us for the final parade, the more who come the more exciting it will be. As part of the learning, we shall be finding out how our partner schools in Europe celebrate carnival. We have some visitors helping us during the week- we will have more details of the programme next week.



Name the Horse Competition

Avon and Somerset Constabulary's Mounted Section has a new four legged recruit and we need YOU to help us name him, he is currently nicknamed 'Tiny'.

All of the force's horses have names which reflect the area, for example we have Redland, Clifton, Broadmead and Somerset. All are male and bay in colour and 'Tiny' is no exception—although his name does not reflect his size!

We would like pupils to come up with a name for him and explain the reasons for their choice. It does not have to be a specific place but we want it to have a link to the force area.

The child with the winning name will be able to take their class on a behind the scenes tour of the stables and kennels with a talk from one of our officers about what the section does, lunch and goodies.

Instructions for entering the competition below.

1. We would only like to receive one entry per class so we need the teacher to pick a class winner.
2. Proposed names need to have some link to the force area. This could be a place, a famous person or a building etc.
3. Entries need to be received by 1st April 2010.
4. The winning entry will be selected by PC Jon Green and the winners will be notified by May 1st via telephone.
5. The competition is open to all Primary School aged children.
6. A mutually convenient date will be arranged with the school for the visit.
7. Please include the winning child's name and class on entries and post to: Horse Competition, Corporate Communications Department, Avon And Somerset Police Headquarters, Valley Road, Bristol BS20 8QJ.

Good Luck!



Year One Assembly

Last week all of Year One took part in an assembly to their families and the rest of the school. Mrs Murdoch's class told the story of Barnaby Bear who likes to visit new countries. Barnaby packed his suitcase and travelled to Kihurra Primary School in Uganda, which is our link school. The children shared lots of information about our links with Kihurra Primary and sang a traditional African song.

Miss Burkett's class then shared the tale of Anansi the spider, with nearly the whole class telling the story and other children who acted out the story. Then all of the children sang another African song to finish.

All the teachers were really proud of the children who had worked so hard to learn their words, to speak clearly and loudly and to remember all the words of the songs.

Oliver: "I liked saying all the words. I enjoyed myself."

William: "I liked seeing my mum and dad."

Eleanor: "It was fun being a monkey."

Ellie-Mae: "My mum was proud to see me get a commendation card."

Hayden: "It was good saying my lines because I'd practised at home."

Billy: "I was nervous but after a few minutes I wasn't nervous."

Amelia/Emma/Caitlyn: "We felt nervous but afterwards felt really excited and proud."

Charlie: "The best bit about assembly was Barnaby as he was a good actor and he had his face painted."



The School Council's Visit To See The Play pod At Cadbury Heath School.
(from an adults view!)

First impressions were that all the areas of the school grounds had small groups of children making dens in a very industrious way. The different ages were all playing together in a really positive way. Children were all engaged in working together and I didn't see any squabbles or accidents, even when children were being pulled around the playground in large plastic containers! The children were obviously enjoying their play and although there was space to play football, I saw less football (sorry Mr Fry!) as there were lots of other alternatives. The lunch break supervisors were present but didn't need to intervene with any of the play. At end of play, a whistle blew and all the children gathered up all the things and scurried away, like ants in red sweat-shirts! , to put everything away in the storage shed. Some children were slightly muddy but boots were stored away before going into school. The children were certainly no less muddy than an average lunchtime at Longwell Green School!

As for the School Council? They really enjoyed the freedom to play creatively and have fun. On the long! walk back to school, there were great discussions about what could happen at Longwell Green and the best way to make a den. All of our children would really enjoy the opportunity to have a creative and positive play environment.