



LONGWELL GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL - Newsletter No 7

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Newsletter Date: : Friday 21st October 2011

What's in your newsletter this week:

- Celtic Workshop
- Staff Absence
- Behaviour Policy Focus Group
- Just Different Sponsored Event
- Tag Rugby World Cup report
- Harvest donations
- FOLG Second Hand book sale
- Inclusive Sports
- Coffee and Cake thank you
- Community News
- Just Different Sponsor Form

What's on in school next week:

- **Tuesday**, 1st November school reopens for children
- **Thursday**, 3rd November 4.00 - 7.00 Family Photo Evening
- **Thursday**, 3rd November 5.00 - 6.00 Reporting to Parents Focus Group meeting

Behaviour Policy Focus Group

This group met on Monday 17th October, with seven parents, Mrs Hatcliffe (Family Mentor) and Mr Sibley (Headteacher) attending.

The group felt that the new Policy has had an immediate impact, with children having a really clear sense of the boundaries in place and the consequences of poor behaviour. They also felt that parents were now more aware of the processes, which was welcomed.

Ongoing issues that were discussed were name calling and swearing, and it was suggested that the school has a big refresher at the start of term 2 to keep the Policy at the forefront of children's minds. Older children mentoring younger children was also mentioned, and the school said it would look at re-introducing the peer-mediators who were in place last year. Full minutes are on the website. The date of the next meeting is **Monday 12th December at 5pm**; all parents are welcome.

What happened in school this week:

-JUST DIFFERENT workshops were attended by all classes. The presenter, Kevin Ogbourne, is a wheelchair user with spina bifida and he talked to the children about his life in a chair. As part of the workshops we would like children to do some fundraising for the charity JUST DIFFERENT; please see the box on page 2. This week we have had a lot of sporting activity in school. Inclusive Games were held - see report on page 3. There were infant agility sessions for Years 1 and 2 (report to follow after the holiday); and on Thursday a Tag Rugby World Cup took place at lunch time - see separate item.

Celtic Workshop

Year Three enjoyed their Celtic workshop this week when Edix brought along all his Celtic artefacts for the children to see and use. We travelled back in time dressed in our Celtic costumes and experienced what it was like to live 2000 years ago. The children used a quern to grind wheat, mixed it with goats milk and cooked some bread. We watched as Edix melted pewter over the fire, poured it into a mould and shaped a bracelet. All the children made a clay thumb pot. We all had great fun and learnt lots!

Staff Absence:

Wednesday, 2.11.11 - Mrs Saunders will be teaching in F1 in the morning and B6 in the afternoon
Thursday, 3.11.11 - Mr Horn will be in B6 in the afternoon



JUST DIFFERENT sponsored event for the half term

The charity JUST DIFFERENT have been giving lessons all week in school, and the children have learnt a huge amount about disability.. The charity obtain their money through fundraising, and as a school we would like to help raise money through running a sponsored event during half term. We would like children to **draw or paint a picture using the hand they don't normally use for work**; so a right handed person would use their left hand for example. This would give the children a sense of trying to do something in a different way. The picture could be of anything your child chooses, with family and friends sponsoring them. A sponsor form is at the end of this newsletter. The deadline for the pictures and the sponsor money to be returned to school is **Friday 4th November**. Thank you, and good luck!

Years 5 and 6 try hard !

On the morning of October 20th, just before lunch, years 5 and 6 held the tag rugby World cup final.

Captains were chosen, who picked a country from the last 8 in the actual World cup, England, Argentina, New Zealand and Ireland were drawn. The captains chose from those who wanted to take part, the teams represented a mix of people across year 5 and 6.

Group stages were held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at lunch time, when every team got to play the other three teams in rotation. Mr Barton kept a group table of the results. From these games the top two teams, Ireland and New Zealand, went through to the unpredictable final!

The final started at 11:45, the pitch was lined with cheering crowds from years 3, 4, 5 and 6, many waving flags and banners to support there team. The game was refereed by Mr Barton and his trusted linesmen, Charlie C and Miles A. After a short wait the anticipated game started and within minutes Tom H had scored two tries for New Zealand, closely followed by James D scoring the third for New Zealand. As the exciting second half started Matthew C scored the first try for Ireland and their second was touched down by Archie H. It was a excellent effort but it wasn't enough for Ireland to win against New Zealand, the final score being 3-2!

It was a fun event thoroughly enjoyed by players and spectators alike. There may even be a budding World cup player in our school!

By Toby B and Charlie K

Harvest Donations

On behalf of the Julian Trust, I would like to thank you and everyone at Longwell Green Primary School who were involved in the harvest festival donations for the nightshelter. It was a great collection of really useful stuff.

On a personal note, I would like to say how much I enjoyed the assembly and how well behaved and engaged all the children were. It was a real pleasure to be part of it. You all must be very proud of the school and its achievements.

Many thanks again for the fantastic donations, kind regards
Rosie Torre, Julian Trust Ltd



SECOND-HAND BOOK SALE
SCHOOL HALL
FRI 11th NOV 3:15pm
&
SAT 12th NOV 10am—12 noon

There are still seller packs available for the above sale. Don't forget to request your Seller pack now by emailing:
longwellgreenfriends@googlemail.com

Inclusive sports day

On Wednesday 19th October 8 children from year 6 ran a mini sports festival in the hall. There were 4 activities, body boarding, seated volley ball, skittles and boccia. Will and Matthew led boccia, Nathan and Toby led skittles, Charlie K and Tom led seated volleyball, and Emily and Kayce led body boarding. Boccia is where you roll balls into hoops and get points for each ball you get in. Body boarding is where you have a wooden board with wheels and you have to knock down big white poles. In the first session we had H4 and at break Mrs Harris gave us haribo's (mmm). In the second session we had B5 and they were very good at it, then we had lunch.

By Matthew and Tom C6

Cake and Coffee Afternoon

Many thanks to everyone who came along to last week's coffee afternoon; it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon with plenty of cake, coffee and chat - look forward to seeing you all again next time.

Mrs Hatcliffe

Information on School Trips

Details of school trips for each year group for 2011/12 will be published with the first newsletter in Term 2.

“Football Factory”

At

The Meadows School, Bitton

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th October 2011 (HALF TERM)

10.00am—3.00pm Years 2—6 **£10.00 per day**

- Speed Gun—How fast can you kick a ball?
 - Tournament
 - Penalty Competition
 - Fun / Games
- Tuck Shop / Refreshments

You will need a packed lunch & drink, suitable clothing, shin pads, trainers/football boots. Money for tuck shop (optional)

Please contact CRAIG GRIMSHAW t/n 07846 087849 to book a place.

The Good Cook School are offering Halloween cookery workshops

At these 90 minute sessions children will be making ghostly treats to bring home and enjoy with their family. Lots of gruesome fun guaranteed.

26 October Emerson's Green Village Hall, South Glos

27 October St Bartholemew's Church, Sommerville Road, St Andrews, Bristol

28 October Long Ashton Village Hall, Long Ashton

Price £15.

School aged children

Times, 9.30, 11.30 and 1.30

To book a place or for further information

email: sophie@thegoodcookschoo.co.uk

phone: 07769665020

Fruit Tuck Update

Please note from 1st November 2011, orange juice and apple juice will be sold at fruit tuck in cartons costing 35p each.

Casual Kitchen Staff

South Gloucestershire Council are looking for new casual kitchen staff. If you are interested, please contact Nikki Bartlett on 0751 5191319.

If any parent/carer would like to receive a copy of the weekly newsletter in large print, Braille or a language other than English please enquire at the school office.