

William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

Newsletter 15-01-16

This Week...

It has been great to have some dry weather this week so that the children have been able to get out to play every day. All classes are still continuing their daily mile so please make sure children have trainers in school every day. Our INSET training day on Monday about the Singapore method of teaching maths, was nothing short of inspirational and we are excited about introducing some of the strategies into our way of working. It may sound an odd request but if you buy your eggs in 10's we would appreciate having the egg boxes! There was an amazing turn out for Celebration Worship on Wednesday; it was great that so many of you were able to attend. Please note we are closed again this Monday (18th) for training around the English curriculum.

Class 2 at St Barbes

As part of their Titanic project, the children from Class 2 visited the St Barbe Museum last Friday to explore their collection of art and artefacts related to the local coast and its history with smugglers. There was a definite art focus to the day with the children learning new techniques which they then used to generate a whole class work of art which can be seen on display in school. I spoke to Erin, George and Eska who told me; "We got to look round the whole museum and sketch a picture we liked and one we didn't like (Erin and George's favourite part). We each made a house to go in the big collage and made pirate hats and boats using paper and origami. We all had a go on a pretend boat which we all just managed to squeeze into together (Eska's favourite part)."



Parking Problems

As a village school, we consider ourselves very much part of the local community and as such try to be good neighbours. The people who live near us understand that there are times when the road is busy for pick up and drop off but we would ask that all parents park and drive considerately near the school. Sadly we have had some parked cars blocking access to driveways and we would ask that you avoid using the gravel area to carryout 'u turns' - particularly at speed. Could I also take this opportunity to remind parents that the drop zone is not for parking in. If you wish to walk your child to the door could you please park elsewhere and walk, that way the drop zone can flow freely and less cars will need to stop further down on the grass.

Focus Christian Value
Forgiveness



Important Dates:

January

- Mon 18th **INSET day ~**
School closed for pupils
- Wed 20th Family Worship
- Fri 22nd Football at Our Lady & St Joseph 1 ~ 3pm
- Tues 26th Talk from Chris Lubbe 1:30pm
- Wed 27th Celebration Worship

February

- Wed 3rd Family Worship
Curriculum Evening 7~8pm
- Thurs 4th Open Classrooms 3:15 – 4pm

March

- Thurs 24th Service at St Johns Boldre at **9:00am**
END OF TERM ~ 3:10pm

Please look at the complete diary dates sheet for a full list of events.

Diary dates can also be found on the school website.

Question of the week...?

What are the things that you like best about yourself and why?



William Gilpin CE VA Primary School

'The greatest oak was once an acorn that held its ground'.

Forgiveness, Kindness, Belief

Books ~ A Good Start!

Some of the children will have received a flyer this week about a 'Bookstart' group for pre-school children that will be meeting in their mobile bus in East Boldre Village Hall car park on Thursdays 1:30-2:30pm over the next three weeks. Each child that attends will receive a free book pack. For further information or to book places ring: 07889 603678.



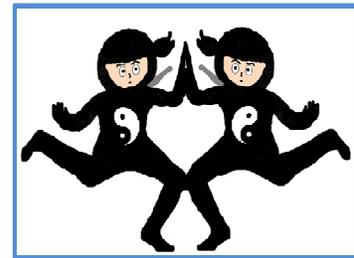
A fond farewell

On Friday we said farewell to Gayle Quinn who has been working at the school as a teaching assistant for three years. We have really valued her expert art knowledge and whole hearted approach to supporting the children in the classroom as well as at break times and wish her all the best for her future ventures.

The Next Ninja

This half term we are introducing Twinga - the reflective Ninja:

Twinga - They think about their learning and are always asking questions about how they learn best and the best way to tackle a task. This links very well with the mirror aspect of our spirituality focus and we will be encouraging the children to continue to reflect on what they have achieved and the factors or characteristics that helped them be successful.



Fundraising!

A big THANK YOU to you all on behalf of The Children's Society. The money from the Children's Society Candles which you filled before the Christingle Service has been counted and you raised the wonderful sum of £216 .48. The office collection box raised £28 .40. Well done!



Lost!

A child has lost a camouflage watch. They think this may have been around the time of the Christmas parties. Please could you check PE and book bags in case it has fallen in.

Cake sale

Advance notice that Class 4 will be holding their FRoWGS cake sale on Friday 22 January so there is plenty of time to get baking!! And of course lovely cakes for everyone to buy after school that day.



Children's toys and books to the Philippines.

The children in Class 3 have enjoyed having Timoka back in class with them over the last few weeks. If you have children's reading books, toys or sports equipment (in good condition) that you would like to donate to the children of the Philippines then please drop them into the school office by the 12th February so that Timoka and her family can take them when they return.

