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Newsletter



Mastermind competitors

Our annual Book week got off to a wonderful start with dressing up day. As always, we were blown away with the fantastic costumes - you are all obviously very creative! First place in each class received a book token whilst children in second place received a stationery set.

Lots of quizzes and competitions were enjoyed by everyone over the week. The winners of the book competition from each class took part in a very tense 'Mastermind' final complete with the big black chair!

There were winners and declared as Masterminds of Children's Fiction. Each class held a writing competition linked to Marcia Williams, our

featured author for the week. The winners from each class were received a well deserved prize.

We all had a great time with local author, Adam Bushnell, who came in to work with the children and stimulate some creative story writing. At the end of a very positive and productive week the children are aware of more books and authors they could choose to read and are well on the way to developing a real enjoyment of reading and the love of books.



Author and story teller Adam Bushnell



Our Early Bird winners including Delilah Spence from Nursery and Courtney Burton Reception (not in Photograph)



To promote punctuality and the importance of getting to school on time we held an 'Early Bird' session last week. The name of every child from each class that came to

school on time were put into a bag and the names of the winning pupils were drawn during the Collective Worship on Monday. Well done all those who came to school on time and keep it up because you may be a winner next time!



The whole school will be going to St. Johns Church this Thursday 26th March for our annual Easter Service. The children will be setting off from school at 1.30pm for the service to start at 2pm; all are welcome. Please make sure that your child/ren have comfortable walking shoes and a warm, waterproof coat. Children not collected from church will return to school for normal collection at 3.20pm. If the weather is extreme we may have to hold the service in school when unfortunately due to lack of space we will not be able to accommodate parents.



It's all good fun!

Well done to everyone who helped raise money for Comic Relief. We raised a staggering £186. The money was raised by selling a Joke Book and we held a 'joke off' for those who had entered a joke for the book. The KS2 Golden Time baking group made biscuits to sell and staff also had a 'Bake Off' to help raise money.



Thank you!

Many thanks for all your support this term with the many events and activities. The children have had a lot of fun as well as learning a lot! Lots of you were delighted with their progress which was shared at Open Evening/Afternoon. Thank you for supporting and encouraging your children with home work and reading, it really does make such a difference.



I'm getting my free childcare for 2 year olds in Darlington for up to 15 hours a week... is your child?

Work has started on the 2 year old building which we are hoping will be complete for the start of June. The childcare will be free for up to 15 hours per week. Please call into the office to pick up a leaflet to see if your child is eligible for a free place.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Many congratulations to our outstanding Dance Team who gave an exceptional performance at Darlington Civic Theatre last night and were voted 'best overall performance'. An amazing achievement out of 25 schools. The children were so confident and professional with beaming smiles throughout! Many thanks to Mrs Penteney for her wonderful choreography and Mr Quinn for his musical contributions. Look out for picture next term or look online studio8online.co.uk



The whole school went out to witness the solar eclipse last Friday. It was an experience well worth the wait as we were rewarded with a glimpse of the final part the eclipse, after the clouds finally parted!

DATES FOR DIARIES

25.3.15	Decorated Easter Eggs judged in the morning
25.3.15	Nursery visit the Library
25.3.15	Haka World Record Challenge KS2 11am-3pm
26.3.15	Easter Service at St. John's Church - 2pm
27.3.15	Break up for 2 weeks - Easter holidays
Monday 13.4.15	Children return to school
16.4.15	Primary School Games Day - Eastbourne Complex - 40 children from KS2
17.4.15	Y4 Tennis Festival 12 - 3pm
17.4.15	Y3 & 4 5-a-side football competition at Middlesbrough
22.4.15	Scooter training for Y1 & 2 with Kevin from Bike-it
23.4.15	Scooter training for Y3 & 4 with Kevin
24.4.15	Y5 Tennis Festival 12 - 3pm
29.4.15	Y1 & 2 visit the Head of Steam
4.5.15	Closed for one day - May Day - back Tuesday 5th May
7.5.15	Polling Day - school open as usual
22.5.15	Break-up for 1 week back Monday 1st June 2015

Health & Safety



Please avoid standing outside of the school gates smoking. It is not nice for other non

smoking parents or children to walk through. A complaint has been received about the use of offensive language. Please be very aware of language used in the school grounds or near the gates at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.