

Huish Episcopi Primary School Newsletter

March 2011

No two weeks are the same at Huish Episcopi Primary School and as you read on , you will see there are lots of exciting opportunities on offer alongside regular lessons.....

Dance workshop!

In Sedgemoor class, we have been lucky enough to work with Rosie Thorner in creating an Indian dance. This will then be performed at the Dance Festival in April in Somerton. The children had their first taster session with Rosie last Friday, and they really enjoyed it! They seemed to like the music and the moves they had to perform. I was very pleased with their attitude towards the dance and they are looking forward to practising the dance some more ready for the big performance!

Parrett Class and the Climbing Frame

Parrett Class have been very excited by the arrival of the new Climbing Frame. It is proving to be an excellent resource for promoting the children's physical and social skills. The children are beginning to challenge themselves more as they grow confident with the different heights. However, it is good to observe that the children are recognising their limits in order to stay safe, another good lesson.

Next week, there are some very exciting activities to look forward to. We have the storyteller visiting on Thursday, and he will spend most of the day with Key Stage One. In our cooking session next week, we will be baking Gingerbread men, linking with our Traditional Stories Literacy Unit. Don't forget, Friday is dress up as a book character day. We can't wait to see everybody's outfits.

CLP Tag Rugby Tournament

On wednesday 9 March 10 children took part in the CLP Tag Rugby tournament at Somerton Rugby Club. ALL the children played really well in very cold and windy conditions, with some very good tries being scored. The whole team which consisted of Charlotte Pengelly, Emily Foster, Louise Joyner, Mitchel Joyner, Max Comer (Captain), Benoit Buchy-Dury, Kieran Howells, George Demain, Callum Riddle and Ben Lyes, showed fantastic teamwork and even though they were not the winners on the day they were winners in demonstrating EXCELLENT sporting values.

Parkour afterschool club

Some children in Y5/6 have joined the Parkour Club. They have learnt various rolls and jumps in a short space of time and are now able to run and jump over different obstacles. The speed and height they were managing to get was amazing. They all left the session a little tired but were already talking about what they would be doing next week. It was great to see them trying something different.

Rapid Readers

We have started using a new reading intervention called Rapid Readers. It is a fabulous resource, and is aimed at improving reading and confidence, using high interest interactive materials. As much as we are excited about it as a staff, don't just take our word for it, here is what some of the children already using it think...

Mrs Webber's group

"It is fantastic and I like it." Jesse Webb

"It really helps me with my words." Shaylie Haddow

"The books are fantastic and the story on the computer is amazing!" Arnold Buzle

"I think it's going to help me quite a lot" Patryk Wojton

"I think it's brilliant and it helps my reading a lot." Robert Holcombe

Mrs Ramwell's Rapid Readers are really enjoying the new style books, these have a fiction and non-fiction section in them, also they like the use of ICT in this reading programme. As the title suggests they have started to make rapid progress in their reading. Well done.

Zumba

On Wednesday afternoon the manager of Huish Leisure Centre provided a taster session of Zumba dancing for staff. Appropriately kitted out, water bottles to hand, a group of us attended with great enthusiasm (definitely the key ingredient). Our sense of rhythm and co-ordination was certainly put to the test, not to mention our ability to follow instructions, but we all had great fun. Thank you to Mrs Ramwell for organising the session.



Reader of the Week

Congratulations to the following children who have received the Reading Award in their class this week

Joey (Parrett class)

Abigail (Aller class)

Charlie Davis (Sedgemoor class)

Lauren (Isle Class)

Joe Green (Kingmoor class)



Welcome to Kingsminster!

The Year 6 children in Kingsmoor class have been working over the last two weeks to create their own town of Kingsminster. They have also made up a number of characters who live there - Mr Muffin the baker, Mr Cotton the tailor, Miss T. Pot the local waitress, Mrs Millions the richest inhabitant of the town, Mrs Talkalot the town gossip and Dr Pill the town GP. They arrived on Tuesday morning to find that there had been a murder in the town and they had been promoted to detectives to interview a number of suspects in order to solve the crime! The information they gained was used to write some excellent newspaper reports.



Kingsmoor class took part in 'The Giant's Hand' experiment in Science on Thursday afternoon. There was much delight as the children mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda and watched the reaction. Bubbles of gas were produced that inflated a plastic glove placed over the beaker that the mixture was in. Great fun was had by all, as well as some serious learning about irreversible changes and how to make scientific observations

Climbing Frame

The climbing frame has proved to be a very popular addition to life at school. We have set up a rota so that all children have access to it in a controlled way. Different children are finding their limits. Here you can see members of Isle class challenging themselves!



Parents Evening-Thursday 17th March/Tuesday 22nd March

We look forward to seeing you at Parents Evening on Thursday and then on the following Tuesday. Please come into the hall to look at your child's books and then you will be taken by our hosts to the classroom for your appointment.

Please note there will be a number of displays in the hall and if you want a tasty snack, members of our Let's Get Cooking Club will be there to demonstrate and sell some of their delicious recipes (see below).

Lets Get Cooking Café

Eat in or Take away....

Chicken fajitas £1

Chilli Wraps £1

Rainbow Couscous 75p

Fruit Kebabs 50p



**Open Thursday 17th March and Tuesday 22nd March
4.15-6.15pm in the Community Room**

Whats on next week at HEPs.....?

CLP Talent Show at Huish Academy - Monday 14th March- Good luck to our Year 6 dancing group!

Kingsmoor trip to the Tutankhamen Museum in Dorchester -Tues 15th March
Year 5 Science and Maths workshop at Huish Academy - Wednesday 16th

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Cross Country competition at Curry Mallet - Wednesday 16th March

Parents evening- Thursday 17th March - 4-7pm

Consultation meeting in school - Thursday 17th March

Book week activities (all classes) - Thursday 17th March

Dressing Up as a Book Character- Friday 18th March

Clubs

Monday- Parlour, Tuesday-Multi skills, Wednesday-Film club, French, drama,

Thursday- Homework club