

# ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 13th November 2015

Dear Parents,

Please see below our news for the last two weeks:

- On 3rd November Year 5 took part in an enterprise event organised by Rainbows End. Children created Lumiere displays linked to the local area and also adverts based on the Lumiere event.
- Year 4 Parent Assembly took place on 4th November. This term's assembly was based on the class' history learning challenge: 'Why were the Romans so powerful and what can we learn from them?' Children shared letters from a Roman soldier, acted out the events of Boudicca's rebellion and performed a song.
- On 11th November it was Year 3's turn to take part in their Parent Assembly. The children shared with parents and grandparents work based on 'What makes the earth so angry' discussing natural disasters including extreme weather and volcanoes etc. Children also sang Three Little Birds written by Bob Marley. The children have clearly enjoyed their learning this half term! Thank you to parents and grandparents for attending assemblies. The next assembly is for Year 2 and this will take place on 25th November at 3 p.m.
- Year 6 visited Witham Hall in Barnard Castle on Thursday 5th November to take part in shadow theatre with Kando Arts. Children performed as shadows behind a World War 1 background and recorded a DVD of their performance. Children thoroughly enjoyed their experience. Hopefully when we receive a copy of the DVD we will be able to invite parents in to view it!
- Rev David Briggs, the new minister for Witton Park Methodist Chapel, was in school on 5th November. David delivered an assembly on 'Remembering.' He is very keen to support activities relating to our RE curriculum and to lead assemblies for us each half term.
- Year 2, Year 5 and Year 4 have taken part in Restorative Approach workshops over the last few weeks. This encourages children to talk about their thoughts and feelings and to manage their own behaviour. We use this approach in school and it does have a positive impact and help children understand their behaviour and the consequences that their actions might have.
- Our school football team played in the league at King James 1st Academy on Thursday 5th November. The team played well winning 7-0 and 1-0 respectively. Please be aware that the next game on 19th November has been rescheduled by the organisers to 26th November 2015
- On 9th November Year 5 were visited by students from Teikyo University in Durham for a Japanese culture morning. Children worked with the students on activities relating to origami, calligraphy, Japanese language, using chopsticks games and dressing up in traditional Japanese attire (Yukata). This was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.
- A group of children from Year 6 took part in a Mathematics Challenge which was held at Bishop Barrington School on 10th November. The group won a poster competition and their exemplary behaviour and respect for others was commented on throughout the event. Well done Neve, Sadie, Niall and Luke—we are very proud of you.
- Children have taken part in a non-uniform day to raise funds for the Children in Need and Changing Faces charities. It was lovely to see so many children getting involved. Thanks for your support.

## **Forthcoming Dates:**

**16th November**—Y1/Y2 flu vaccine. M & M Productions 'Jack & the Beanstalk' pantomime. The PTA have agreed to contribute towards this event and provide all children with refreshments. Thank you to the PTA for its support.

**17th/18th November**—Whole School Parent's Evening 4-6p.m.

**21st November** —Choir performing at Witton Park Methodist Chapel Christmas Fair

## **NOTICES:**

### **School Garden**

Although her children have now left our school, Mrs Howe is still continuing to oversee and maintain our school garden. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have come along and assisted with the gardening—we are very grateful! Mrs Howe will be continuing to work on the garden every Wednesday from 2 p.m. until the end of school. Please feel free to join her. Thank you.

## Dangerous Parking and Driving:

Parking and driving is always a hazard around school at the start and end of the day. However today was particularly bad! There was an incident at Three lane Ends that was a 'near miss' - a parent and child were nearly knocked down as they came out of their home because a driver mounted the pavement to get through the traffic! If anyone witnessed this please could they contact me as the police are involved. Today was particularly bad—I think due to the weather! However with the winter months coming, it is not going to get better! Therefore I am asking parents to take extra care and vigilance when driving and parking near school to ensure that the highway code is adhered to for the safety of all our children! The police are to monitor the situation and have asked for school to pass details of anyone offending the regulations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff

## Star of the Week Award

**6th November 2015**

### Class Nominations

Reception	Phoebe W
Class 1	Eden S
Class 2	Charlie M
Class 3	Abigail W
Class 4	Bobby D
Class 5	Liam M
Class 6	Danny S

### Superstar of the Week!

**\* Danny S \***

**13th November 2015**

### Class Nominations

Reception	Zaine B
Class 1	Lucy H
Class 2	Harrison S
Class 3	Lewis A
Class 4	Abigail B
Class 5	Lucy B
Class 6	George T

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**\* Lucy B \***

### RECEPTION CLASS MILK

Please note that as soon as your child reaches his/her 5th birthday milk is automatically stopped—that day! If you want your child to continue receiving milk, then you need to register on the Cool Milk website approx. 2 weeks prior to 5th Birthday.

## Writer of the Week

**6th November 2015**

Reception	Joe W
Class 1	Jacob C
Class 2	Lucy O
Class 3	Ava W
Class 4	Indianna R
Class 5	Jessica O
Class 6	Kayleigh AW

**13th November 2015**

Reception	Daisy L
Class 1	Jack R
Class 2	Kayla-Mai J
Class 3	Jack R
Class 4	Zac G
Class 5	James B
Class 6	Ethan B

**Well Done for producing  
such fabulous writing!**

### Good to Be Green

#### Lucky Dip Winners

13/11/2015

KS1	Harrison S
KS2	Lucy E

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6/11/2015

KS1	Francesca M
KS2	James S

### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:  
23rd October

**Class 2**

**100%**

### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:  
6th November 2015

**Class 4**

**99.3%**