

RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8 FEB 2009

Update on site issues:

No one came to discuss issues of site security, however, we will continue to discuss options and ideas and so if you do have any suggestions or comments please let me have them either by email or by popping a note into the office. Thanks

Local Issues-Earlham Road

It was brought to my attention that there are some changes planned for the junction of Earlham Road and Heigham Road. There is a chance to offer ideas and suggestions on how to improve this crossing point. If you have ideas then contact the technical officer Tony Cozens on 01603 213469 or anthony.cozens@norwich.gov.uk

Would You Care For A Cuppa?

Our PTA are hosting this event on 15th May to raise funds for Diabetes UK. Please come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat.
More details to follow.

Sustainable Schools

Please visit our website www.recreationroad.com to have a look at our new page on what sustainable schools means to us and what we are doing now, plan to do and how you can help. My week long (!) visit to Adelaide is to focus on sustainable schools within South Australia. The programme is funded by the National College for School Leadership and involves schools leaders visiting various parts of the globe to focus on particular issues. I am looking forward to sharing all the wonderful work we do here with colleagues in Adelaide and am keen to find out how they incorporate sustainability into their curriculum, how what the schools do links with other local initiatives and what impact this has on the pupils' learning. I hope to be able to set up some strong links with schools in Adelaide so that our pupils can communicate with them regularly. I've been told by some of the Year 2 children that I must tell the children in Adelaide all about Nigel Hinton's books Beaver Towers! I'll certainly do that too.

Parent Support Advisor

We have a newly appointed parent Support Advisor (PSA) for our Cluster. Her name is Jo Lawn and she will be on site most Mondays. Leaflets and information about her role will be given out and she will also be attending some of our Family Learning Events to get to know you a bit better. If you feel that Jo might be able to support you or advise you on anything regarding parenting, contacts with schools etc please do speak to her.

Recycled Fashion Show

Thank you to all the Year 1 and Year 2 children who worked hard on creating their recycled fashions. You modelled the outfits beautifully. Thanks to Louise Stone and Tony Yallop for this innovative project and their great choreographing! Hopefully a video of the show will be on our website soon.

Equality Scheme

As part of our work on Equality Schemes some of you will be asked to complete a short questionnaire. I hope that you won't mind completing this and returning as stated. Your responses will help us with our continual evaluation and improvements.

Travel Plan Update

We met with Mark Ogden our Travel Plan officer and reviewed our plan. We have had an increase in pupils cycling to school so well done.

Our Reception classes will be meeting Millie the Millipede who is promoting walking/cycling to school. For each journey made by foot or cycle Millie gains a leg!

In the Summer term we will be introducing the Steppers Scheme to encourage parking away and walking the last part of the journey.

Panto!

Following our successful visits to the theatre this year we have booked for the whole school to go to see Robin Hood on January 13th 2010.

Further details will follow-but this hopefully gives you enough notice if you were thinking of booking yourselves.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

We have been talking to the children in assembly about fair-trade issues. We started by asking what they thought the term meant:

"Being kind to each other." "When you swap something you should get something back."

"It is about teaching people what they don't already know." "Treating people equally and fairly."

The children have also seen a film about different farmers and fair-trade. We have asked them to look out for the fair-trade symbol when they are in shops.

Are you joining in with our BANANA EVENT on 6th March?-see our website

Recycling

Please pick up an envelope from the office for recycling your old mobile phones.

The children in Reception love their new sandpit. PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN CLIMB ON IT. It was expensive and we want it to last!

Stationery Shop

We have nearly come to the end of our stock and are looking for new ways to engage children with money. We are thinking of setting up a savings scheme so that children could pay a small amount at a time to save towards something more expensive. What do you think?

(Probably not the best time to be setting up a "bank"!)