



Laira Green Primary School

**Newsletter October
2010**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community!

A few weeks back and already so much has been achieved by the whole school community.

Greenshoots had their official opening, which was well attended by all who were involved in putting the vision into reality. The Local Authority was very impressed with the building and the strong links between the school and the trustees. Now we aim to impress Ofsted who visit new settings within the first six months of opening.

Netball and football teams have been formed so a big thank you to all staff involved and good luck.

The Grenville House trip was successful with lots of children facing their fears and capsizing Mr Whitnall into the water.

A special mention must go to Nicky Robson, Debbie McDonnell and their mum for the wonderful afternoon tea event which raised £146 for the MacMillan Trust. That's a lot of cakes eaten! This also shows what a caring and generous community we are.

Laira Greenshoots Community Forum has now been officially formed and will be having regular meetings to address school issues and fundraising events. Look out for information on the website.

Please note the change of dates for parent consultations which will be held in the final week before half term.

Miss D Bailey



Allotment News!

We now have an allotment at Derwent Avenue, plot number 2 (at the top of the 100 steps). It will be wonderful to see all the pupils of the school and preschool sowing, digging and cooking with seasonal fruit and vegetables. Become involved with the Parents & Community Forum to suggest how the whole community can make the most effective use of this valuable space. Please contact Aimee Toze.

Attendance!		
Weekly best class attendance		
Week ending 10/09/10	RHB & R/1BH	100%
Week ending 17/09/10	6L	100%
Week ending 24/09/10	4/5W	99.2%
WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AS AT 24/09/10		95.3%

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE.

WITH EFFECT FROM 1ST NOVEMBER 2010 THE PRICE OF A SCHOOL MEAL WILL BE INCREASING TO £1.90 PER DAY

WATER BOTTLE PRICE INCREASE - TO £1.20 AFTER HALF TERM DUE TO VAT INCREASE

Is your child in Year 5 and thinking of going to a Grammar School?

In order for your child to go to a Grammar School, they must take and pass the 11+ with a high enough mark to qualify for a place at their choice of School. Increasingly, parents are paying for their child to have 11+ coaching. Private tutors are listed in the Yellow pages. They should assess your child before tutoring starts and advise you whether they would expect them to cope with the exams.

Year 6 pupils - very important information!

The time is fast approaching for our Year 6 children to make their choice of secondary school. The deadline for applications to be received by the School Admissions Team in Plymouth City Council is **31st October 2010**. This year they have requested that you apply online, if possible. Linda McTier, the Assistant Principal at Lipson Community College, has offered the use of their computers and assistance to complete the forms online. Please feel free to contact her on 01752 671318, if you need help.

CHILDRENS EYE HEALTH TESTS – Eye tests are FREE for children under 16. Please contact your local optician to arrange an appointment.

SCHOOLS DENTAL SCREENING – Please note that Dental Screening no longer takes place in schools. To ensure your child has regular dental checks contact your dental practice. If you do not have a dentist, please contact the PCT Dental Service on 0845 1558070.

MUFTI DAY – We will be having a Mufti Day on THURSDAY 21ST OCTOBER. Donations are to raise money for school funds. Foundation classes will be asked to donate planting bulbs for the garden. NO MAD HAIR OR BARE MIDRIFFS PLEASE!!

School Photographer - H Tempest Ltd will be in school on Thursday 4th November to take individual photographs of the children. If you would like family group photographs taken, please ensure you arrive at school at around 8.15am.

<p><i>Fantastic year 5 residential trip news!</i></p> <p>All the year five pupils will have the opportunity to go on a week long residential which has been fully funded!</p> <p>The children will spend the week on Nethercott Farm which is owned by the children's author, Michael Murpurgo. He set the farm up to give city children from London the chance to work on a farm and experience life in the country.</p> <p>It is on this farm that Michael Murpurgo got his inspiration for his best selling book, 'The War Horse'. A film of this book is currently being filmed on Dartmoor by Steven Spielberg so we might be able to squeeze in a cinema trip as well. This all obviously supports our school development aim to engage children in reading.</p> <p>This trip has been highly recommended to me by many other Plymouth Headteachers and we don't want our children to miss out! A representative from the farm will be visiting school during November to meet with parents to give more details.</p>	<p>Role Of Honour!</p> <p>Francisco: for caring!</p> <p>Alisha: helping 'lost' children!</p> <p>Megan 1 / 2 H: good behaviour!</p> <p>Caitlin S 1 / 2 H: giving good advice!</p> <p>Ashton 1 / 2 H: wonderful spellings!</p> <p>Paris 1 / 2 H: learning his spellings!</p> <p>Sonny 1 / 2 H: creative castle work!</p> <p>Yasmine 1 / 2 H: jigsaw work!</p> <p>Cody 3 BR: exceptional manners towards Mrs Cawse!</p> <p>Tionne, Harvey, Jade and Kade 6L: exemplary hosting skills during Greenshoots opening.</p> <p>Charlotte 6L Beveridge 5W and Hannah 5S: violin playing and practising at home.</p>
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Sporting News!
Laira Green v Salisbury Road
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The main thing team is that you now all know what to work on!
 Keep your team spirit and moral high. We are all behind you and support you!

Special Events and Diary Dates	
October	
Class 1/2 N	Fri Oct 8
Class 6H assembly	Fri Oct 15
Harvest Festival Week	Monday 18 th October
Parent Consultations (change of dates)	Wednesday 20 th October & Thursday 21 st October
New Event: Mufti Day	Thursday 21 st October
Non pupil day	Fri Oct 22
Half Term	Mon Oct 25 Fri Oct 29
November	
Class 5/4 S	Fri Nov 5
Class 3BRAssembly	Friday 19 th November
December	
Class 4/5 W	Fri Dec 3, 2010
New Event: Annual Celebration Evening	Thursday 9 th December 6pm – 7pm
KS1 Christmas Party	Friday 10 th December (pm)
KS2 Christmas Party	Tuesday 14 th December (pm)
KS1 Christmas Production	Wednesday 15 th December & Thursday 16 th December (both pm)
Last day of term	Fri Dec 17, 2010

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - DELL CENTRE (LAIRA GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL) THURSDAYS 10-11AM
HOLIDAY DATES

Term 1 - Friday 22nd – Friday 29th October inclusive
 Christmas Holiday Monday 20th December – Tuesday 4th January 2011 inclusive
 Term 3 - Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2011 inclusive
 Easter Holiday Monday 11th – Tuesday 26th April 2011 inclusive
 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY Monday 2nd May 2011
 Term 5 –Friday 27th May – Friday 3rd June 2011 inclusive
 Term 6 Summer Holiday starts Monday 25th July 2011

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