



Laira Green Primary School

Newsletter January 2011

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a New Year and a new term. Walking around the school during rainy lunchtimes I have been so pleased to see all our children playing games and enjoying each others company, creating a wonderful atmosphere in school. It certainly makes me proud of all our pupils for respecting and demonstrating our high expectations of behaviour. Well done to our Yr 6 lunch time prefects for modelling positive playtimes.

School Development Plan:

The school continues the focus on reading and raising attainment standards for all our pupils. We are very fortunate to be able to work with RIO and Creative Partnerships for the third year. Last year you may remember the focus was dance which raised self esteem and resulted in dance clubs for the Infants and a new club for the Juniors, which is being run by Jules, our dance specialist from The Barbican Theatre.

Debbie Baird, our creative agent from RIO, will provide us with educational experts who will work alongside staff looking at ways in which literacy skills can be improved through means of an initial creative stimulus. A 'WOW' factor event will involve sets of specialists coming into school to 'pitch' their product- 'Dragon's Den' style. Children will then decide which specialists they would like to work with. Children and teachers will also have a budget to manage and will need to demonstrate value for money!

Don't be surprised to see dancers, artists, filmmakers, poets, musicians etc in school during the next two terms enhancing learning at Laira Green. Outcomes of this project will be shared with the community in a closing exhibition. Thanks go to Mr Strode for leading on this project.

Parent Evenings are planned for the week beginning the 14th February. We recognise that most parents prefer the early slots so class teachers will plan their own evenings across the week. We will have two late nights on the 16th and 17th February. Please look out for your class teacher's arrangements nearer the time.

Miss D Bailey
Headteacher

New School Times

Thank you for input and suggestions to start times. The Senior Leadership considered many possible options to ensure KS2 children received their full educational entitlement. Correct information was on the website to help with these changes:

- **The school gates will open at 8:20 am.**
- KS 2 pupils start school at 8:45 am. (**First** bell will ring)
- KS1 and FS start school at 8:55 am. (**Second** bell will ring)
- **Two members of staff will be on duty from 8:35 am.(Front and rear playgrounds)**
- If a KS2 pupil brings an Infant to school they must take their younger sibling to the duty teacher in the KS1 Playground.
- **Before the duty teacher is in the playground the safety and wellbeing is the responsibility of the parents.**
- On rainy mornings the duty teacher will make the decision to allow the children to enter school.

It was agreed at a Full Governing Body meeting that these changes will be monitored and evaluated towards the end of Term 3, with all stakeholders being involved in this process.

Love gardening and would love an allotment with a wonderful view? Well, now the community has one!!

Laira Community Allotment. Plot 2 at the very top of the 100 steps.

Meeting: 3 pm Wednesday 13th January (spare classroom opposite school office)

Lead Contact: Angela Biscombe (parent of Hannah in 4/5S)

Meeting will establish the vision for the allotment and how the school and community can make the best use of this valuable resource. The allotment would be accessible seven days a week to the community.



Cheap and Healthy!

Healthy Tuck Shop is now open daily at break time in the spare classroom. 20p will buy you a piece of fruit.



David Phillimore Art Award

Bring in your space sculptures and have them displayed around the school.

Closing date is the 10th January and the theme is 'Space'.

The winner will be announced by Mrs Bates in a special assembly where the winner will receive a trophy.



Christmas Card Competition Winners!

Congratulations to Sophia S, aged 4 and Joshua Goodwin, aged 7. The winners cards will be displayed on the school website as from next week.

Pupils at the school chose members of the local community and hand posted our Christmas greetings. Thanks to Mrs Larson for organising this.

New Parking Regulations.

Work on the School Keep Clear Programme has begun. 'Once all the schools have been completed the Civil Enforcement car will be sent out to ensure that the markings are being adhered to. This will result in fixed penalty notices being issued to any vehicles ignoring the markings' Plymouth Transport & Highways Agency.

Another success for **Laira Greenshoots Community Forum** was the Christmas Fair which raised £2, 200. A fantastic amount! The school looks forward to supporting their future projects in 2011.

Nethercott Farm-Reminder for Year 5 parents/carers!

The coach is booked, all ready to go. Please refer to your recent letters about what to pack for your child. Remember it is a farm so lots of old clothes are best, waterproofs and sturdy footwear are essential.

An additional pack of information will be sent home today and there will be a meeting on Tuesday 18th February @ 3:00 pm in Mr Whitnall's classroom.



LG Bookstall

3:00pm – 3:45 pm.

Friday 14th January.

Children and adult books all
30 p each.

Donations of books will be greatly received!

Role Of Honour!

Headteachers Awards.

Cameron S, Alex B, Thomas, Ellie A, Olivia S and Natasha for performing a story during assembly.

Jenson, Molly, Courtney, Ben W, Maison, Joshua B, Ben H, Robbie, Emily, Kenya, Mia, Rhiannon and Ben PC.

These children visited Manor Court Residential Home and shared their learning on their WW2 topic. They listened and asked interesting questions. 'Their behaviour was exemplary', Mrs Larson reported.

Year 6 Wet Play Prefects: Kade, Sophie H and Tionne for reading stories to our Reception and Year 1 classes.

Meal Time Assistant Awards.

Logan R, Rafi K, Amber A and Curtis S for always being very polite

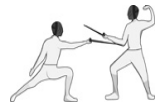
Opening the School Library.

As part of the school development plan we are considering opening the Library for children after school for 30 minutes twice a week for each Key Stage. Any parents interested in supporting this initiative or adding their own ideas on how best to utilise our Library, please let the school office know. Many thanks!



Can't swim? There are a couple of spaces left on the next FREE 6 week swimming lesson programme starting on Friday 14th January at UCP Marjon, 7pm to 8pm. The course is for non swimmers aged 11 to 80. Please call 01752 307140 to book in advance. A registration form will then need to be completed and returned to confirm your place.

Would your child like to try something new? The Sport Unlimited initiative has opportunities for children to try something new. Children must be 8 and over with some activities for ages 10 and over. Activities include Martial Arts, Scuba Diving, Street dancing and fencing to name a few. The cost is £1 per session. To register or for more information please call 01752 307008/307140 from 10th January from 9.30am. Brochures are available from the school office or contact Aimee Toze on the school telephone number.



Special Events and Diary Dates

January 2011	
Numeracy Week	Monday 10th- 14th January
Closing date for David Phillimore Art Competition	Monday 10th January
Year 5 start swimming	Starts 13th January for 15 weeks
Year 5 Final Parent Meeting , Nethercott Farm	Tuesday 18th January , after school in Mr Whitnall's room
Year 5 Leave for Farm Trip	21st- 28th January
Class 3/4DL Assembly	Friday 21st January
February 2011	
Class – Reception Assembly	Friday 4th February
Class 1/2H Assembly	Friday 11th February
Parent Consultation Week	See class teachers arrangements Late nights 16th & 17th February
Class 4/5S assembly	Friday 18th February
HALF TERM	21ST-25TH FEBRUARY
March 2011	
Class 1/2N Assembly	Friday 11th March
Class 3RB Assembly	Friday 18th March
April 2011	
Class 4/5W Assembly	Friday 1st April
LAST DAY OF TERM – EASTER HOLIDAYS	FRIDAY 8TH APRIL
RETURN TO SCHOOL	WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL
BANK HOLIDAY – ROYAL WEDDING – SCHOOL CLOSED	FRIDAY 29TH APRIL

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

HOLIDAY DATES

Term 3 - Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2011 *inclusive*
 Easter Holiday Monday 11th – Tuesday 26th April 2011 *inclusive*
Royal Wedding Bank Holiday – FRIDAY 29TH APRIL
 MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY Monday 2nd May 2011
 Term 5 –Friday 27th May – Monday 6th June 2011 *inclusive*
 Term 6 Summer Holiday starts Monday 25th July 2011

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