



# **Laira Green Primary School**

**Newsletter March 2011**

Dear Parents and Carers

Our work with Creative Partnerships continues for the final year of our three year programme. In previous years the school focussed on drama and dance which inspired children and teachers alike.

This year each class has chosen their own artist they wish to work with and have a budget they need to spend wisely. We also have a specialist educationalist working alongside teachers and children to ensure that the artists have an impact on raising standards of reading and writing.

Workshops begin next week in school and the children will be showing their work at the National Marine Aquarium in the Summer Term. This is a unique opportunity for our children and will be an event to celebrate particularly as this is our final year of working alongside RIO and Creative Partnerships.

Workshops and artist are linking their work to the children's choice of curriculum topic, from which the main themes are the seaside, water, beaches, lighthouses and coastal work.

Artist and workshops include:

Mrs Hughes: Seaside ,Tiles/Clay

Mrs Norgate: Sea creatures, Mosaics

Mrs Read and Mrs Bates:fish, mixed materials

Mrs Daykin and Mrs Larson: Screen/block printing

Mr Whitnall: Noah, Sculpture 3D lighthouse

Mr Strode: Drama, Rouge Theatre

Year Six will be marketing the whole school event and performing their final year production at the Aquarium. All the above events and our new pupil tracker system have been funded by RIO and Creative Partnerships.....we shall miss them next year!

At the recent Full Governing Body meeting we were asked to address the issue of our pupil's appearance. In school children are always reminded to tuck shirts in and have top buttons done up. Can parents please ensure that top buttons are sewn back on if they fall off and correct footwear is worn at all times. School jumpers are not to be replaced by fleeces.

The staff take great pride in our children looking smart and this is how we wish our children to present themselves to the community. Children change into trainers for play and lunchtimes and need to wear school shoes to school. Long hair and side fringes must be tied or clipped back.

Greenshoots pre school recently had their Ofsted Inspection and were graded 'good' in all areas which is the top grade for new settings. Well done to Julie, her team and of course the parents and their children.

'Staff implement effective policies and procedures to safeguard and promote children's welfare'

'During the inspection parents provide very positive feedback on the care given and the range of activities. They comment on how happy their children are in the group and value their good relationships with staff.'

'Children play very well together and show a good understanding of the purpose of activities. They show developing independence and understanding.....children are inquisitive and show a keen interest in their surroundings.....children behave well and show a good understanding of what is expected of them.'

The full report is now available online.

With the lighter evenings we are looking forward to an enjoyable term with lots of different sporting events and focussed learning and teaching. Many thanks for the positive comments at Parents evenings and for your support for the school ....it is very much appreciated by all the staff and myself.

Miss D Bailey  
Headteacher

### Allotment News!

Mrs Biscombe and Aimee Toze have made a start on the allotment. We need more experienced gardeners to get involved to make the most of this space. The allotment is for the whole community to make use of.

**Gardening Club at the Allotment will start next Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March after school and is open to all the children and parents/carers who would like to help.**

### It's a busy term for PE!

Year 1/2 are having multiskills lessons run by Plymouth Argyle coaches and Year 3 are receiving golf coaching from golf professionals based at the Plymouth Golf Centre. In addition, many of the Year 6 children will be completing a Bikeability course this term. They will be taking their bikes out on the roads of Laira and learning how to ride safely. If they are successful they will receive a recognised award for cycle proficiency.

### Texting and Facebook.

The school will not become involved in issues around Facebook or texting. It is illegal for primary age children to be using Facebook and I have asked for parent support with this. Parents also need to bar telephone numbers if your child is receiving unwelcome text messages.

These websites maybe useful to parents regarding E-Safety issues and provides good, sound advice on 'facebook' do's and don'ts.

[www.commonsemmedia.org/facebook-parents](http://www.commonsemmedia.org/facebook-parents)

[www.o2.co.uk/support/broadbandandinternet/networkingandchat/adviceforparents](http://www.o2.co.uk/support/broadbandandinternet/networkingandchat/adviceforparents)

[www.redbridgeictsubjectleaders.blogspot.com/2010/07/facebook-advice-for-parents-and-young-html](http://www.redbridgeictsubjectleaders.blogspot.com/2010/07/facebook-advice-for-parents-and-young-html)

### Weekly Best Class Attendance

<b>Week commencing 31/01/11</b>	<b>CLASS 3/4DL</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Week commencing 07/02/11</b>	<b>CLASS 6H</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Week commencing 14/02/11</b>	<b>CLASS RH/B</b>	<b>98%</b>



**LG Bookstall  
3:00pm – 3:45 pm.**

**In the Lower Hall**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
Children and adult books all  
50p each.**

**Donations of books will be greatly received!**

**Many thanks to our Year 5's for running this stall.**

### **Opening the School Library.**

**Thank you to Mrs Glazsher for running a library session for Key stage 1. Children in KS1, Foundation Stage and Greenshoots can use the Library every Wednesday from 3:00 pm – 3:30pm.**

### Role Of Honour! Headteachers Awards.

**Kailum S Year 1 /2 N: spellings  
Lauren B & Jade C Year 6: for being  
good friends.**

**Layla-J R & Sophia S R/1BH:  
Assembly**

**Mackenzie F & Cameron S 1/2H:  
Assembly**

**MTA Awards – Connor S, Charlotte J,  
Mark P, Molly L, Chantal S, Yasmine B,  
Ben L, Matthew C, Kris E, Claudiu S,  
Kailum S, Rafi K,**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS – PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RENEWAL FORMS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS WILL BE GIVEN OUT NEXT WEEK. PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE RETURNED TO MRS BRYAN NO LATER THAN 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO ENSURE YOUR ENTITLEMENT CONTINUES.**

## Special Events and Diary Dates

March 2011	
Class 1/2N Assembly	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March
Class 3RB Assembly	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March
Pancake Day Sale Infant Playground	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 3pm
April 2011	
Class 4/5W Assembly	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April
LAST DAY OF TERM – EASTER HOLIDAYS	FRIDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL
RETURN TO SCHOOL	WEDNESDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL
BANK HOLIDAY – ROYAL WEDDING – SCHOOL CLOSED	FRIDAY 29 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL

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

### HOLIDAY DATES

Easter Holiday Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 *inclusive*

**Royal Wedding Bank Holiday – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2011

**SCHOOL CLOSED POLLING DAY THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011**

Term 5 –Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Monday 6th June 2011 *inclusive*

Term 6 Summer Holiday starts Monday 25th July 2011

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