



Laira Green Primary School

Newsletter

February 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy start to Year 2012!

Our new teachers have settled in well to Laira Green and they are already having a positive impact around the school. They have been made very welcome by pupils, parents and staff. A special thank you must go to **Mrs Hughes, Miss Sammels** and **Mrs Norgate** for guiding our new staff through the many school policies and procedures.

Miss Smith is already supporting the dance club which is being run by Ellie Tungate and Jamie Black. Mrs Childs Garner will gradually be taking over responsibility for Sport and PE across the school.

Mrs Hunter will be arriving after the half term. She will be visiting next week to meet with pupils and parents on **Wednesday 8th February from 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm**. There will be other opportunities to meet with Mrs Hunter during parents evening after half term.

We held our annual **David Phillimore Art Award** today and special thanks must go to Mrs Dulling and Mrs Price for organising this special event. Thank you to all the children and parents for taking part. We have such a high standard of imagination and creativity amongst our community! Look out for the article in the Herald.

Our Nepalese visitors will be coming to the UK and visiting Laira Green on Monday 26th February. We have organised a special assembly with Nepalese dancing and music to showcase the wonderful work our children have been producing. The Herald is attending so look out for us in the lime light again!

Parents Evenings will be held during the first week back after half term, week beginning Monday 20th February. Class teachers will be organising dates and times next week and are looking forward to discussing your child's progress with you.

Reading Scheme: we are intending to overhaul our whole school reading scheme ready for the start of the Autumn Term and are currently looking at many different options. We are very interested in hearing parent's views about the current scheme and any suggestions you may have to improve upon our current provision. Our newly formed Learning and Teaching Team is comprised of Miss Sammels, Mrs Norgate, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Hunter who will be leading this project. Expect to hear from them next term, but in the meantime please feel free to discuss your thoughts or opinion with them or myself.

Here's looking forward to another great Term ahead.

Miss Bailey
Headteacher

NETHERCOTT FARM TALK FOR YEAR 5 PUPILS AND PARENTS/CARERS
CATHERINE, FROM NETHERCOTT FARM IS VISITING THE SCHOOL AT 3PM ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY TO MEET THE CHILDREN AND PARENTS/CARERS. THE TALK WILL BE IN THE TOP HALL AND IS CHANCE TO HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

ATTENDANCE FOR TERM 2

We are aiming for 95% and above.

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| Bumblebees | 93% |
| Ladybirds | 94% |
| Caterpillars | 87% |
| Dragonflies | 95% well done! |
| Butterflies | 94% |
| Chestnut | 96% well done! |
| Sycamore | 93% |
| Hazel | 96% well done! |
| Ash | 94% |
| Birch | 95% well done! |

MTA AWARDS

Diogo, Mollie G, William P, Summer M, Kally F, Pagan, Leon L & DJ for being lovely well behaved children at lunchtimes.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

1/2N Anthony I - Goals Fair Play Award

FSH Daisy P - First Dancing Exam Merit

Class CGL Willow R – sewing

Class 3S Holly – Nepal writing

Class Year 3 Emily F - sewing a cushion

WHOLE SCHOOL SCOTT PROJECT

During our term 4 (after the February holiday) all of the school are going to be involved in a cross curricular project as part of the centenary of the famous Plymothian's exploration.

You may be interested to know that the Museum are running several family activities linked with this:

Feb 4th – Tales of Ice and Snow (story telling for 4 yr olds +)

Feb 14th – Antarctic explorers –drop ins from 10am-4.30pm

Feb 16th – Map it out – drop in 10.30-1pm (may get busy)

We are currently planning some exciting opportunities for your children in school time. Can you help?

Is there anyone that you know who could come into school and talk to the children about survival techniques (all conditions!)

Can anyone source an arctic camouflage net for the Foundation unit to borrow?

Any other Antarctic/Scott contributions welcome-please see Mrs Hemingway. Thank you

Netball Tournament at Marjons

Our Netball had a successful campaign at the Plymouth & West Devon

Championships. They won 2 matches, drew 1 and lost 1. They came 2nd in their group overall.

Well done everyone you did us proud!



HEADTEACHERS ROLL OF HONOUR

FSF-Ashley A, Niamh B, Kayleigh B, Amy S for helping in assesmbly

FSH - Alissa H - Pupil of the Week

1HB-Logan for writing his name

1/2N-Olivia S for wonderful writing, **Sasha B** for marvellous maths, **Skye M** for terrific times tables & **Louie S** for really wonderful work.

1/2H-Jasmine J for beautiful handwriting.

4/3CGL-Dempsey, Charlie, Taylor & Willow for lovely creative writing. **Lucy** for fabulous connectives and paragraphs.

Madison Year 1/2 N word problems in numeracy
Deimante 1/2 N number line work and speaking in English!

James, Jack & Declan 1/2H for working together on their spaceship masterpiece

Tegan & Quiana 3S for helping each other and getting the Quiz correct



David Phillimore

Art Award

Results



Overall winner **COURTNEY S 5/4G**

KS1 winner **HANNAH W 1/2H**

KS2 winner **HANNAH B 6/5W**

Well done to everyone who entered for your fantastic creations.

SCHOOL WATER BOTTLES

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PRICES FOR WATER BOTTLES ARE REDUCING.



We now have 500ml (large) bottles at £1.15 and a smaller 380ml bottle suitable for younger children for £1.05

School library

Our school library is open to KS1 and years 3&4 every Wednesday from 3pm-3.30pm for the children to share books with parents and carers. Many thanks to Mrs Price & Mrs Glazsher who are there to help.



Breakfast Club and After School at Greenshoots.

Spaces are available for both clubs so please contact Julie on 228272

Special Events and Diary Dates
Term Dates for 2011/12 Academic Year available on the website and from the office.

| Term 3 | |
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| Wednesday 8th February Mrs Hunter visits Year 5 / 4 | 3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Parents invited into class to meet Mrs Hunter. |
| Friday 10th February | Last day of term |
| Term 4 | |
| Monday 20th February Parents Evenings begin this week. | Return to school |
| Tuesday 21st March Assembly starts at 9:15 Parents are invited. | Polar explorer, Anthony Jinman, Assembly |
| Monday 27th February Nepalese Education Ministers and Dignitaries. | Whole School: Singing, Dancing and Music. |

| Term 5 | |
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| Monday 16th April | Return to school |
| THURSDAY 3RD MAY | SCHOOL CLOSED – POLLING DAY |
| FRIDAY 4TH MAY | SCHOOL CLOSED – NON PUPIL DAY |
| FRIDAY 4TH MAY | YEAR 5 CHILDREN LEAVE FOR NETHERCOTT FARM |
| MONDAY 7TH MAY | SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY |

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