



# RED HOUSE HEADLINES



Nursery & Infant School Newsletter

March 2009

## ART EXHIBITION



The PTA organised our inaugural Art Exhibition on Thursday 12th March which was officially opened by Phil Gatenby, a local artist from Norton.

During the term each pupil had created their own masterpiece which was professionally framed and then hung in the exhibition for family and friends to view.

Each year group explored a different theme: Under the Sea, Cold Climates, Fantasy Birds, Famous Artists, and Aboriginal Art.

Games Teacher, John Crewe, also exhibited some of his paintings.

Our thanks to the PTA for hosting such a successful event.



### Good Work Assembly

Certificates were awarded to: Sam North, Joshua Robinson, Mason McLeod, James Norris, Ben Swindale, Tom Bannatyne, Stella Dooris, Matthew McDonough, William Baker, Ben Snowden, Iyrah Swati, Jamie Darnton, Charlotte Eynon, Zac Rhodes, Pippa Sanderson, Matthew Ward, Louis Robinson, Geoffrey Wood, Dominique Moore and Poppy Thompson.

*Well done to you all!*



Reception children enjoyed their visit to Preston Hall.



# STORY TIME!



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March was a very exciting day in Nursery, not only was it the start of a new term with a new topic, Fairy Stories, but we also had some very special visitors. Year 6 came to listen to the Nursery children tell them all about their favourite stories. Year 6 are now creating their own story books which they will bring back to share with the Nursery children soon.

A huge thank you to Year 6 pupils, Mrs Auty and Miss Smith for their time and enthusiasm.

*Mr I McKay*



## Comic Relief Day

The sale of red noses, funny face templates and red nose cakes raised the grand total of £227.83 for Comic Relief.

Thank you!



## Shrove Tuesday

Children enjoyed our Shrove Tuesday celebrations and took part in pancake races. Staff joined in the races and Max showed us how to toss a pancake!

## World Maths Day-Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

To kick start a day of mathematical enquiry, we had a 'maths' assembly in St Mary's Church, with some interesting problems to solve to help Reverend Shave work out if he had enough money to clean the stained glass windows and replace the candles!

During the day, various activities took place around school. The theme was 'Talking Maths' and the children worked individually, in pairs and in groups to solve a variety of problems.

The children in Nursery had lots of fun building a house for the three little pigs which involved following instructions, recognising numbers and using positional language.

Year 3 took part in the World Maths Day online challenge and competed against children from all over the world to key in the answers to mental maths questions. According to the website, we have some 'Almost Einsteins' in our midst!

It is great to focus on mathematics and I am sure the children enjoyed the day, and will enjoy using their free dice to play more games at home with the family.

*Mrs J. Dearlove*

### Blue Watch

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 enjoyed the visit by the fire fighters. They had fun sounding the sirens and using the hoses. Thanks to Mr Dunning for organising the visit.



### Courtyard Invasion!

We arrived one morning to find that 'new friends' had taken up residency in the courtyard. They are polite happy characters who enjoy both the sun and the rain. As they mature they promise they will grow some hair!

## DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

- Monday 20th April: Term commences
- Wednesday 29th April: N & R to Tweddle Farm
- Friday 1st May: Inset Day
- Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 6th May: Jogathon for Butterwick Hospice
- Saturday 9th May: PTA May Ball
- Saturday 16th May: Open Morning 10am-12pm
- Friday 22nd May: Year 3 Trip to Murton Park
- 25th-29th May: Half Term Holiday
- Monday 8th June: Year 1 visit to Washington Wildfowl Park
- Tuesday 16th June: N & R Sports Day
- Tuesday 23rd June: Year 3 French club café
- Wednesday 24th June: Year 2 Trip to Beamish
- Monday 29th June: Parent/Teacher meetings
- Tuesday 30th June: Year 1-3 Sports day (am) Parent/Teacher meetings
- Friday 3rd July: Festival of Achievement
- Saturday 4th July: Summer Fete
- Friday 10th July: End of Term

**Just a reminder! We are collecting Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers. We are still saving Nestle box top vouchers.**

### Morning snacks.

Please make sure you send in a healthy snack. Sliced fruit/vegetables or PLAIN biscuits are acceptable.