

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 18th July 2008

From the Head

Year 6 Superstars

Many of you would have been lucky enough to see the Year 6 production of The Lion King this week; and if you did then I am sure you would agree that it was a fantastic show. There were many excellent individual performances but it would be wrong of me to highlight anyone in particular because it really was a team effort by all members of Year 6 which helped to create an overall stunning show. We are very grateful to the staff and parents who supported the production through making costumes and with face painting and a special vote of thanks must go to the Year 6 teachers, Deb Wood, Rachel Lawrence and Wendy Moorhead for all their hard work and determination during a very busy time of the year.

Year 6 not only performed exceptionally well in The Lion King but have also managed to achieve outstanding SATs results again this year in English, Mathematics and Science. The provisional KS2 SATs results are shown below and these will be verified by the assessment agency in August 2008 to allow time for schools to return any papers that may have been incorrectly marked:

Mangotsfield Primary School 2008 Provisional KS2 SATs Results (shown as percentage)

<u>Subject</u>	<u>*Level 4 +</u>	<u>Level 5</u>
English	94%	40%
Mathematics	91%	47%
Science	98%	68%

** Level 4 is the expected national level of attainment for pupils at the end of Year 6*

We are extremely proud of all of the Year 6 pupils and their teachers for all the hard work that has gone into the SATs preparation. It is also worth noting that for children to achieve well in SATs at the end of Key Stage 2, the positive impact made by teachers in previous years cannot be underestimated.

School Events & Notices

Lost Property

Most of the lost property left over from autumn and spring terms has now been given to St Peters' Hospice charity shop in Downend. However, there were some items that we have kept back for parents to claim. They are listed below. If any of these items belong to your child, please contact the school office before Tuesday 22nd July. After this date they will be donated to charity:

Aretians RFC black fleece lined jacket. Size large.
Red Trespass jacket. Aged 7/8.
Royal Mail Sports Foundation, Pro Star black jacket. Size 32/34".
Jac Junior Boys navy blue jacket. Age 5/6.
Mangotsfield United Football Club navy jacket. Size large.
George taupe girls' jacket with pink fleece lining. Aged 6-7.
Navy Umbro padded jacket. Size 134 cm

Unclaimed good quality uniform will be available to buy for £1 per item at the end of school on Wednesday 23rd July. All funds will go towards the Y5 trip to Brecon at the end of September. Any other found items from around the school will also be available for viewing on this date too. Please come and retrieve any belongings.

James Winter from Y5 Chestnut Class has still not found his pencil case, it has a Doctor Who logo on it. It has lots of pens and pencils including one from Bath Spa University and 'Aqua Polis'. Would parents check at home in case anyone has taken it by mistake – it can be returned either to James directly or left at the office.

Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones

As part of our bid to go 'greener', we are now collecting used ink, toner and printer cartridges and old mobile phones. We have found a company that will collect and recycle these and give the school money in exchange. If you have any of the above, please put them in the box in the foyer of school and we will organise for them to be collected. Thank you.

Dinner Money

All outstanding dinner money will need to be paid by the end of the term, please send any outstanding amount in a sealed envelope before Friday 25th July. The cost for school dinners from September will be £1.55 per day, £7.75 per week or £57.35 for Term 1.

School Clubs/Music

Please note that all school clubs and music lessons have now finished for the term.

Fundraising

Mrs Flarey would like to thank everybody for their contributions both on non-school uniform day, and at the Lion King Productions. We have raised a staggering total of £482, which is a quarter of the total money needed for Dr Ashery to train in corrective surgery for women suffering with obstetric fistula

Important Dates for your diary

Monday 21st July – Teddy Bears Picnic for Key Stage 1

Wednesday 23rd July – Key Stage 1 Music Festival

Wednesday 23rd July – Summertime Fun Event from 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 15th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

FOMPS & Community

'It's a Knockout' Fun Night – Wednesday 23rd July – 4.30pm to 6.30pm

Don't forget to come along to the FOMPS end of year BBQ. Test yourself with our 'Brains and Brawn' mini-challenge (£2 per team of 4), or pit your skills against our very own Mangotsfield United FC player in a 'Penalty Shoot Out' (£1 a go).

If all that sounds a little too strenuous, then sit back and relax with a refreshing drink from our bar and a sizzling burger from our BBQ.

Prizes for the winning team, best team name and the triumphant penalty taker! There will be a free T-shirt for all children taking part (while stocks last).

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

Ladies' Night 14th November 2008

Ladies a date for your diary! Back by popular demand, the FOMPS will be hosting a Ladies' Night 14th November 7pm to 10pm. Last year's evening was a great success and we hope to make this event equally as successful. This year treatment bookings will be taken on the evening only. Tickets will be sold when we return from the October break after school at the buddy bench for £3 each, or on the night at £3.50 (save some money **and** get your tickets early). Hope to see you all there!

If you are a trader/therapist and would like a table please email me caroline.brittain@sky.com for a form, however there are limited spaces. To ensure the variety which was evident last year, we will keep the rule of one stall for each product type. Therefore bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

If you may be able to help with the distribution of leaflets during October around Emersons Green please get in touch with me on my email address above. (Caroline Brittain FOMPS)

Primary Praise – 20th July

On Sunday the 20th July "Primary Praise" takes place once again in Mangotsfield Primary School hall from 9.30am – 10.00am. "Primary Praise" is a service for primary school children and their families. Led by a team from St James Church. It includes videos, songs, activities and refreshments. This month's topic is "Creation". All are welcome, so please come along we are looking forward to meeting you. (Rev Steve Abbott)

Safer Stronger Community Group

You are warmly invited to the next meeting of this group to be held on Wednesday, 3rd September at 7pm at Emersons Green Library. The aims of these groups are to promote pride in the area in which we live, work and play, to ensure people feel safe and to reduce crime, disorder, drug and alcohol misuse. The group is a way for people to speak out and be heard about problems within their community which they feel should be prioritised. Safer Stronger community groups are not police led; many agencies should be involved to tackle a wide range of concerns, for instance, the membership of the Police, Local Authority, Parish Council, Fire and Rescue Service and Primary care Trust should ensure a balanced representation.

Issues raised at the previous meeting of this group, held at Bromley Heath Junior School in May, included anti social behavior, speeding, the proposed changes in local bus services and the vandalism of bins. Attendees will receive an update on progress made regarding some of these matters at the next meeting in September. We hope to see you there.



Team Read; Don't just sit there – get reading

Every library in South Gloucestershire will be taking part in this year's exciting reading challenge for children – Team Read. Join in the sports buzz this summer as the Olympics are celebrated in Beijing by calling into any library after July 19th to sign up and collect your membership card and poster. Your challenge over the summer is to read 6 books and achieve your gold medal.

Along the way there are stickers and other goodies to collect. Libraries will also be offering free drop-in activity sessions with puzzles and games and helping children choose top reads from the thousands of books available. Check out the website for details from July onwards www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries or contact the libraries on 01454 868006

Mangotsfield Summer Club

The Mangotsfield Out of School Club will be running a Summer Club for pupils from Mangotsfield and Emersons Green Primary Schools between 28th July and 2nd September. Sessions are available from 7.30am – 6pm, and parents may book half day (£10.50) or whole day (£20) sessions. Children are provided with a range of activities to entertain them throughout the week, including: craft; sporting activities; bouncy castle; computer games etc. The Summer Club will be held at Mangotsfield Primary School this year. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Cole on 07872 622942.

Mad Science Camp

Please note that the Mad Science Camps arranged for the Summer holidays will now run from 8.30am to 4.30pm, there will not be an extra charge for this.

Avon Valley Railway tickets

We have been sent a number of Summertime Special Discount Vouchers from Avon Valley Railway offering one child travels free with each paying adult. If you would like to take advantage of this offer then please pop to the office and collect a ticket. Please note that this will be on a first come first serve basis.

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps
Headteacher

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