

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 6th June 2008

From the Deputy Head

This week the children have been involved in an Economic Awareness week. Mrs Wood organised a variety of activities for children, including engineering projects. The children have very much enjoyed these activities as well as the problem-solving opportunities provided by each class teacher. Thank you to all the staff, parents and children who have worked so hard to make our first Economic Awareness Week a success.

If you haven't already done so please could you return the 'Money Earned' sheet together with £3 to cover the costs of the activities arranged for Economic Awareness Week by Tuesday 10th June.

May is the time of year when schools organise staffing for September. We have two staff who will finish their maternity contracts in July: Mrs Murton and Mr Williams. Both teachers have done an excellent job of teaching the children in Elm and Chestnut, and we wish them every success in the future. Mrs Murton will be teaching in schools in the local area and Mr Williams will become an Assistant Headteacher at Stanbridge Primary. Mrs Harrison and Miss Rios will be returning to school in September, and will share a class on a job share basis. We are also very pleased that Mrs Jabarín will be staying within the school. She will be working on a part-time basis in a job share arrangement with Miss Smith. Miss Woods will be leaving us at the end of term. We would like to thank her for the very good work she has done with both Rowan and Cedar classes this year.

We are delighted to announce that Mr Faires (currently a student teacher in Lime Class) and Miss Rawlings (who was a student teacher in Walnut earlier in the year) will join our teaching team from September.

Parents and children will be informed of the classes for September in advance of the first 'shuffle up' day on 3rd July (when children spend a day with their new teachers). Staff have been asked to keep arrangements confidential until this point in case of last minute changes. Please could we ask that staff are not asked to discuss class arrangements before the official date to avoid unnecessary embarrassment. It is our intention that all classes will be moving up to the next year group without any changes.

Our student teachers in Oak, Chestnut, Lime, Rowan and Elm will be leaving us over the next few weeks. We would like to formally thank them for all their hard work and for the very good learning opportunities they have provided for the children. All the student teachers have settled in very well as part of our teaching team and we wish them well for their next post.

Tae Kwon Do Club – Wednesday mornings

Richard Thornton has started the Tae Kwon Do club on Wednesday mornings 7.45 – 8.30 am. He has kindly agreed not to charge for attendance for the first few weeks that your child attends so that they can see if they like it. The club is open to children in Y3-6 (and Y2 children who attend PUMA at the Emersons Green Village Hall). The second session will be on 4th June and we have spaces available. The children who have already joined the club are enjoying the activity.

Infant Sports Day Competition – closing date 13th June

All infant children – we are planning to make a leaflet for sports day and we would like you to design the front cover. Please draw a picture (using only pencil) of what sports day means to you, and return it to your class teacher by Friday 13th June, and the winning design will be printed on all infant sports day leaflets. Enjoy being creative!

Enterprise Scheme Fair – TONIGHT!!

Year six have organised an 'Enterprise Scheme Fair' to raise money to watch the Lion King at the West End (London). The year group has been split up into small groups of 4-5 to run a stall at the fair; all stalls have been made and organised independently by Year 6. Each stall will contain a raffle, games etc. This fair will be held on **Friday 6th June**. Pupils at the school have visited the fair during school hours. Parents and guardians are welcome to visit 3:00pm to 4:00pm (tea and coffee will be available to buy). Please bring small change to spend at our amazing fair. If we raise enough money we will be able to watch the Lion King to give us ideas for our Year 6 Leaver's Production. We hope you can come!

By Tom Wareham and Alana Abrahams (on behalf of year 6)

Teaching Assistant and Lunch Break Supervisor Position

We are currently advertising for 2 people to work as a Teaching Assistant or Lunchbreak supervisor to work on a 1:1 basis with a child with medical needs. For more information, please contact the school office.



Friends of Mangotsfield Primary School – Mangotsfield Festival, 14th June 2008

The Mangotsfield Festival is again to be held at Cleve Rugby Club on Saturday 14th June, this year the FOMPs will be running the food stall together with 2 other stands. This is always a fun family day out, and a great fundraiser. The FOMPs would be grateful for any help that you can offer, to help run stalls on the day, please complete the attached sheet advising what times you will be available and return to the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

FOMPs are also organising a **non-uniform day on Friday 13th June**. Children can come in their own clothes in exchange for a bottle to use on the bottle stall at the Mangotsfield Festival. Children can bring any bottled item (please make sure they are unopened and in date). Please give these to your child to give to their class teacher.

Empty cereal boxes

Year 4 would like empty cereal boxes for an art project. If you are able to help out please send them in with your child.

Lost Items

Junaid Hameed has lost a green Timberland school bag/rucksack, which was named and another pupil has lost a black nylon ProSurf jacket. Please could you check if your child has brought either of these home by mistake or let the office know if you see it within the school.

Also two, what appear to be, antique rings in a small jewellery box have been handed to the office, if you think you may have lost or misplaced these items please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Williams
Deputy Headteacher



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