

Tividale Community Primary School

Newsletter May 2015



SATs - Year 6 and Year 2

A very big thank you to all parents who made every effort to ensure their children were in school every day during the test week.

We will not have official results for about 6 weeks, but we are confident that the children worked really hard and each individual did their very best. Well done and have a well-earned relaxing holiday!

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

As in previous years, we have been collecting these vouchers again. The deadline for us to place our order is coming up very soon, so please can you ask family, friends, neighbours etc to send as many as they can find lying around the house, or at the bottom of bags, our way! Over the years these have helped buy £1000's worth of games and PE equipment for our children to use both in lessons and in the playground. With ever-shrinking school budgets, collections like these are vitally important to help us out. This year we are hoping to be able to order some cooking equipment and outdoor games items.

Oldbury Neighbourhood Team Police Surgery

On Friday 22nd May. I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting another police surgery at school. This will run in the same way as it has done previously. The officers will be available for you to speak to confidentially between 8.45am and 10am. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to drop in and discuss any issues, concerns or questions you may have about the local community. The police are also keen to listen to any ideas you may have about keeping our neighbourhood a safe place for us and our children to grow up in.

New Parent Governor

Following the recent elections, we are pleased to announce that Mrs S Dosanjh has been appointed to the post. We welcome her onto the Board of Governors, and are sure she will find the experience a valuable and important one, being closely involved in the continued success of Tividale Community Primary School. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Green, the outgoing parent governor, for her time and effort she put into Tividale School.

A Spring half term at Tividale....

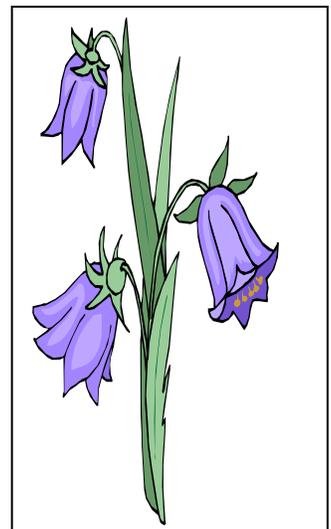
The weather may not have quite lived up to our expectations for this half term, but things have definitely been heating up in the classrooms here at school! Tividale is buzzing with the soft sound of inspirational and exciting teaching and learning in every classroom. We have had a number of visitors, including school advisors and Head Teachers, who have commented on how hard the staff and children work here to ensure all the children are given the opportunity to do their very best every day. One commented that, "It is clear everyone at Tividale matters, no matter what their role," whilst another told me that she "had never been into a school which felt so outstanding to its very core." This is testament indeed to the extra effort put in by everyone, and I would like to say a very big thank you indeed to everyone involved in the life of our school: All staff, children, parents, governors and the volunteers - you all make a difference and a positive contribution to our school community. Tividale nursery children have been learning all about environmental issues in their Under the Sea topic, whilst Y4 developed the environmental theme on their trip to Conkers where they learned all about classification of aquatic insects and minibeasts. Y1 have been on a trip to Aston Hall in Birmingham where they learned about the legacy of the Great Fire of London. Also this week, our school corridors have been filled with the smell of fresh bread, scones and salads that Y2 have been cooking - delicious! Y3 have been telling me all about how shocked they were to learn that in Tudor times only rich men were allowed to go to school. Meanwhile, our children in Y5 have been busy designing and growing their own mini-gardens and hatching frogspawn, whilst Y6 is a hive of excitement as SAT's are finally over and they have launched full swing into preparations for their end of year production. This year we are looking forward to a Tividale rendition of the musical 'Cinderella, Rockerfella.'

An extra special mention this month has to go to our Reception children. They have designed and made some excellent models to show what they know about 3-D shapes, they have been writing about and re-telling traditional tales to actions, and also, as well as all of this, they have managed to learn all about telling the time! Well done Reception, what a busy half term!

Dates for your Diary...

Please be aware that we break up for spring half term this Friday 22nd May and school will re-open on Monday 1st June. Other dates to be aware of include:

June 4 th	Mid-Summer Disco
June 17 th	Reception Sports Afternoon
June 18 th	Nursery Sports Day
June 14 th	KS1 Sports Afternoon
June 25 th	KS2 Sports Afternoon
June 26 th	Summer Fayre and Non-Uniform Day
July 8 th	Y6 Production: Afternoon and Evening
July 10 th	Pupil of the Year Assemblies
July 10 th	Y6 Prom Night
July 17 th	Break up for Summer



Signed:

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