



MICHAEL DRAYTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

Newsletter

FEBRUARY
2012



Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 31 January
Yr 5 trip - Space Centre

Wednesday 1 February
Yr 4 French Day

Tuesday 7 February
Safer Internet Day

Parents' Evening

Tuesday 7 February
3:30pm-5:00pm

Wednesday 8 February
6:00pm-8:00pm

Half Term Holiday
Monday 13 — Friday 17
February

Monday 20 February
6FS and 6ZA—Botanical Gar-
dens

Tuesday 21 February
6RE and 6GP—Botanical Gar-
dens

Parents Evening
4GA only

Tuesday 21 February
3:30pm-5:00pm

Wednesday 22 February
5:30pm-7:00pm

Learning is at the heart of this school and we are really pleased with the quality of so much of the work we see around school. A recent check on books showed some fantastic work. Well done to staff and children for all their efforts.

Our school senior management team is currently supporting the management of another school. To strengthen the management team here Mrs Webb will be Acting Deputy Headteacher and Mrs McNeil will be Acting Assistant Headteacher. Whenever Mr Buxton or Mrs Baxter are not on site there will always be adequate management presence here.



SATURN TELECOM SPONSORS MDJS

Saturn Telecom Ltd have kindly sponsored our school football team. Saturn are a local company whose Managing Director, Len Lippit, lives in Hartshill. The company is based in Atherstone and the school looks forward to a strong partnership with them in the future.

Pictured above is the team with Mr Eardley (Coach) and Steve Rogers and Katie Mansfield from Saturn Telecom

Can your child tell the time from a clock face?

We have increasingly noticed that with digital watches and phones many children are struggling with the old fashioned way of telling time. Grandma's and Grandad's are brilliant teachers of telling time, why not get them to check?



Hartshill Library

The bad news - Warwickshire County Council have decided to close the library in the vestry at the end of March.

The good news - Hartshill Parish Council have agreed to try and set up a community-managed library.

However if we want to keep a library in Hartshill we will need volunteers to help staff it. If you can spare any time at all on a fairly regular basis - even if it is just for an hour or two, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Nick and Jan Blamire-Brown - 024 76395467 or email njbb@hotmail.co.uk

Do consider if you can help or know of anyone who might - it should be interesting work and you will meet lots of people, as well as helping to keep a valued community facility open for all.

Mumbai calling!

Mrs Webb and Miss Garner will be further cementing our links with Guru Nanak School when they visit Mumbai in the week before half term. This is part of a joint curriculum project funded by the British Council which aims to promote global citizenship.

In particular they will be sharing ideas on recycling and sustainability. As long as the technology works, we will be hoping to link up with them while they are in school there by video conference. They also intend to set up a blog so that children can share ideas.

School Councillors

Danny Riley	3MC	Tegan Storer	5WI
Liam Genner	3RS	Natasha Williams	5BU
Phillipa Twigger	3WA	Sol Edwards	5SU
Maisie Turpie	3HO	Keaton Husband	5MA
Owen Hollis	4BH	Megan Welch	6RE
Ava Manton	4GR	Jessica Bourne	6ZA
Jack Martin-McInnes	4ST	Jonathan Bates	6FS
Owen Betteridge	4GA	George Paintin	6GP

Ice Hockey Star

Louis Chabot—6RE plays for Coventry Blaze Ice Hockey Team and has recently been successfully trialed for the Midlands Team. 45 people were involved but only 17 plus 2 goalies qualified. He will now travel to Holland for a match in March

Following his trip to Holland he will take part in a regional tournament in Hull and have trials for the England Team.

Well done and Good luck!



Our Junior Road Safety Officers, Courtney Neal, Tyler Cotton, Charlotte Bibby and Chloe Phillips have organised a **"Design your own Road Safety T Shirt competition"** En-

tries should be handed to one of the Officers by Friday 10 February. No computer designs allowed

Yr 4 - French Day

On Wednesday 1 February, we will be holding a French Day where pupils will have the opportunity to learn more about France and the French way of life.

Part of the day will involve making and tasting food, therefore if your child has any food allergies please inform their class teacher.

To get into the spirit of the day we would like the children to dress in the colours of the French Flag—blue, white and red.



PTA

The Michael Drayton PTA held it's AGM on Wednesday 25 January.

Thank you to all who attended. Newly elected members are:

Chair	Mrs April Thomas
Vice Chair	Mrs Louise Yates
Secretary	Mrs Julia Baldwin
Treasurer	Mrs Trudy Hodgson

UP COMING EVENTS

Easter Bingo
Easter Disco

Further details to follow.



Internet Safety Day

Mr Mark Sharrott, Advisory Teacher for ICT in Warwickshire and also one of our

School Governors, will be coming into school on Tuesday 7 February to talk to the children about internet safety.

Mr Sharrott will also be holding a session for interested parents at 3:30 that day - all welcome.

Play Rangers

Canoeing, Trash drumming, valentines crafts, assault course and zorbs.

The Play Rangers are offering free sessions at Riversley Park, Nuneaton and Miners Welfare Park, Bedworth during the February half term holidays.

These free sessions are open access to children and young people—who can come and go as they please. Sessions are designed for children aged 5 - 13, but under 8's must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



Sports News

Year 6 netball team went to a netball match on Tuesday 24 January at Ambleside. The teams we played were St Nicolas and Twycross House. We played St Nicolas first and the score was 3-2 to us. Ella Brindley scored 1 and Mia Dolman scored 2. We were very pleased we won that match.

Our next match was against Twycross House. In the first half of the match we took the lead 2-0 but in the second half they overtook us and won 3-2. We were close but we just didn't make it as we never scored that winning goal at the last minute. We are doing our best on our shooting, defending and foot work. Hopefully we will do better in our next match on Tuesday 31 January.

The people who played this game were Ella Brindley, Elliemae Abram, Mia Dolman, Amy Price, Amy Knappe and Tyler Cotton.

Written by: Elliemae Abram and Mia Dolman



**International
School Award**
INTERMEDIATE

work she has put into achieving this recognition.

Michael Drayton School has just been awarded the Intermediate International Schools Award and we are working hard towards gaining full accreditation. Our thanks go to Mrs Foster, our International Co-ordinator for all the hard

Parents' Evening

You should have already received a letter regarding Parents' Consultation Evenings on Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 February. Please remember to return them to your child's Class Teacher as soon as possible so that time slots can be allocated.



World Book Day - Thursday 1 March 2012

County Caterers are having a special menu for World Book Day on Thursday 1 March

Fantabulous Crispy Fish Finger Wrap with Sautee Potatoes

Or

Big Dreader Dragon Pie (Baked bean pie with a crispy potato and cheese topping)

Jam Packed Tart with Custard

Or

Winnie and Wilburs' Fruity Salad