



Michael Drayton Junior School

Newsletter

March 2010

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 16th March - 6.30pm, Easter Bingo
- Thursday 18th March - 7pm, "GEL" an MDYT production.
- Friday 19th March - Sport Relief Day
- Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th March - 6.30 - 8.00pm, Easter Discos
- Friday 26th March - Teacher Training Day
- Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April - Easter Break

**DON'T FORGET
THAT FRIDAY
26TH MARCH
IS A TEACHER
TRAINING DAY!**

Message from the Headteacher.

With an early Easter, this has been a fairly short term. No wonder it feels like there just aren't enough days left!

School continues to be incredibly lively with so many activities going on. Mrs Webb has arranged a really good range of after-school clubs which are proving to be very popular. Many thanks to all the leaders who run the various activities.

Dan Dainter and the Michael Drayton Youth Theatre team are busy rehearsing for their performance of "GEL" next week. Tickets are selling fast and we are sure it will be a fantastic show. The PTA discos and bingo will go ahead soon and will no doubt be as popular as ever.



4Go enjoy the new tyre park

We have recently had a new tyre park installed on the school playing fields. The tyres are new tractor and lorry tyres which have been rejected and therefore, still comply with Health and Safety standards.

Despite all this, we haven't forgotten the all important learning time. Children are working very hard and a special mention goes to Year 6 pupils who are studying hard during their final run up to the Year 6 SATs in May.

Sport Relief - Rise to the Challenge!

Michael Drayton pupils are invited to support Sport Relief on Friday 19th March by coming to school in their team colours or sports kit and donating a minimum of 50p towards the cause.

We will also be raising funds the following week by

holding team games and activities during lunch hours with the cost to participate being between 20p and 50p.

Are you doing anything outside of school to raise money? If so, let us know and we'll include it in future newsletters.



Jack Vallance - Motorsport Cadet!



We currently have a budding world champion in our midst in the form of Jack Vallance of 5Ra. Jack has completed his first year in Formula Cadet and is now in training to compete in this year's Easykart UK Championship Series. Easykart is the worldwide karting sensation for entry level kart racing. Jack's aim is to

qualify for the Easykart World Finals which will be held in Milan, Italy in October.

Jack has been karting since the age of six and has passed his Association of Racing Karts Schools test and gained his National B and A licences.

We wish Jack lots of luck and will be following his progress with interest.

Have you done something that you are proud of and would like to share with the school? If so, please give Mrs White the details and any photographs.



Jack in action!

Easter Bingo and Discos

The Easter Bingo will take place on

Tuesday 16th March at 6.30pm

Tickets available from the office - 20p each

Donations for prizes and help on the night would be much appreciated.

The Easter discos will take place on

Wednesday 24th March and Thursday 25th March from 6.30 - 8.00pm

Tickets will go on sale next week during break times. £1 per ticket.

What's Been Going on in School?

Our school library has recently had a big clear out and an injection of new books for the children to enjoy. Many thanks to all those who helped with the mammoth task of sorting out the old books.

On Friday 5th March we had our World Book Day. Pupils had a non-uniform

day and raised £229.75 towards Book Aid International. Class 4Go got into the spirit of things by having an Alice in Wonderland day and holding their own Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Many of the female staff were most disappointed that Jonny Depp did not make a guest appearance!



Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

Training Day.

The school will be closed for a Training Day on Monday 7th June.

It was anticipated that this training day would have been held later in the term in anticipation of the preparation required for the New Primary Curriculum, starting in September 2010.

However, we have recently been allocated an additional training day next year solely for this purpose and can therefore use 7th June as our final training day for this academic year.

Friday 26th March & Monday 7th June Teacher Training Days

Football

Our football team have been on a winning streak recently. Firstly against Wembrook where, after a bad start, our team pulled it together to win 4-1. Their next game was against Chetwynd where they were determined from the start. The team's determination paid off because they beat Chetwynd 5-1. Well done team and keep up the good work!

Netball

Our netball team recently competed in a schools' tournament at Higham Lane School. The team lost one match, drew one match and won three matches bringing them in joint second place in the tournament! Well done to our team: Lauren Roberts Tonicha Copson, Jack Randall, Charlotte Dewis, Ellie Stockton, Betsey Morgan and Callum Wood.

Cross Country

Well done to our cross country team in their races. The girls' team finished second overall, narrowly missing out to Twycross. The boys' team finished first, putting in some excellent performances. Eleven children from our squad of twelve were selected to represent Nuneaton in a race at Kingsbury Water Park and out of those; Briony Harris,

Elise Ward and Jack Rothero will be representing North Warwickshire at a cross country race at Newbold Comyn on Saturday 20th March. Good luck!

Indoor Athletics

Well done to our Indoor Athletics boys' and girls' teams who won the area competition and are now through to the next round!

Pupils' Work - Franglais by Eleanor Hollis.

Year 4 have been writing stories in foreign and made-up languages recently. Here is a piece of work by Eleanor Hollis written in Franglais (French and English mixed!) for their French Day:

La Chenille Qui Fait Des Trous

Dans la lumière de la lune, there was a petit, pure white egg that was perched on top of a dark vert feuille.

Le Dimanche matin, the bright and shining le soleil glistened down the petit oeuf. Suddenly the oeuf popped and a little chenille crawled out into the soleil. Elle a tres faim! The petit chenille went out searching for some food because she was very hungry.

Le Lundi she ate une pomme. Mais elle a encore faim!

Le Mardi she ate dues poires. Mais elle a encore faim!

Le Mercredi she ate trios prunes. Mais elle a encore faim!

Le Jeudi she ate quatre fraises. Mais elle a encore faim!

Le Vendredi she ate cinq oranges. Mais elle a encore faim!

Le Samedi she ate un brioche, un tart aux cerises, un gâteau, une sucette, un cornichon and un cornet de glace. She was not hungry anymore! Le Dimanche she made une maison, un cocon. After deux semaines she turned into a lovely superbe Papillon!



House Cross Country

Weather permitting, the school Cross Country will take place on

Wednesday, 24th March.

The races will start as follows:

Year 3 - 09.30 a.m.

Year 4 - 10.00 a.m.

Year 5 - 10.30 a.m.

Year 6 - 11.30 a.m.

The race is for all children, runners and walkers alike!

Parents are welcome to come and support their child.

Please remind children to have their kit in school on the day.



We are Collecting!

Please send us your Tesco, Sainsbury's Active Kids, Nestle Box Tops and Flora Cooking with Schools vouchers. They will help us to acquire new resources for our school. Post-boxes for the vouchers are located in the Main



Hall.

Thank you!



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Wk	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	1	2	3	4	5
3	8	9	10	11	12
1	15	16	17	18	19
2	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31		

School Lunchtime Menu

February 22nd - May 28th.

Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

Week 1

Red Band	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake	Plain Omelette (v)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (v)	Quorn Sausages (v)	Tomato Fusilli (v)
Green Band	Lamb Grill in a bap	Pork Loin Steak in Gravy	Chicken Korma	Meaty Pasta Bake	Haddock Fillet Bake
Veggie Only	Cheese & Veg Country Bake				

Week 2

Red Band	Tuna Pasta	Jacket Potato, Cheese and Bacon	Sweet & Sour Chicken & Noodles	Farmhouse Omelette (v)	Quorn Korma (v)
Green Band	Pork patties in a bap	Spaghetti Bolognese	Giant Cod Fish Finger	Sliced Beef/ Pork in Gravy	Baked Alaskan Salmon
Veggie Only	Cheesy Pasta Shells	Cheesy Jacket Potato	Cheese & Veg Country Bake		

Week 3

Red Band	Pasta with Peas & Bacon	Lamb Meatballs & Gravy	Fish Crunchy	Cous Cous Bake (v)	Cheese & Potato Pie (v)
Green Band	Chicken Fillet & Gravy	Pizza Margherita (v)	Beef or Lamb Lasagne	Pork Sausages & Gravy	Breaded Fish Fillet
Veggie Only	Pasta, Peas & Sweetcorn		Vegetable Lasagne		

Check our website for information on the current menus!

Staff News - Vacancies



Mid-day Supervisors & Relief Cleaners

From time to time we require relief mid-day supervisors and relief cleaners to cover staff absences. Are you interested in becoming a relief mid-day supervisor? If you are please contact the school office. Legislation now requires all school employees to possess a Criminal Records Bureau clearance certificate. Please contact the school office for further details and forms if you are interested.

Please could all telephone messages from parents to pupils be done before lunchtime to enable us to put them in the registers? Thank You!



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