



Michael Drayton Junior School Newsletter

May 2010

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 31st May -
Friday 4th June - Half
Term
- Monday 7th June -
Teacher Training Day
- Friday 18th June -
Monday 21st June -
Year 6 Manor Adventure
- Tuesday 29th June -
9am, Parents' Portal
Introduction. Details to
follow.
- Wednesday 30th June
- Year 2 Parents'
Induction Evening, 7pm
- Thursday 1st July -
Induction Day
- Friday 9th July -
Annual reports home to
parents
- Saturday 17th July -
Summer Fayre
- Thursday 22nd July -
Year 6 Leavers' Disco
- Friday 23rd July -
School Closes



Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the final half term for this year, we are busily reviewing what's happened during the year in preparation for next one. I am pleased that some of the main initiatives we have promoted this year have proved very successful.

The school has been involved in the Looking For Learning project along with 30 lead schools in Warwickshire. The main focus of this is to make children's learning really at the heart of everything we do.

One of the features is encouraging children to talk about their learning. Could you help by asking your children what they have learned during the day rather than asking what they have been doing? We would be interested in some feedback on this. Are they more forthcoming?

John Buxton, Headteacher.

Don't forget

Monday 7th June - Teacher Training Day

Poem Awarded a Green Blue Peter Badge!

A big WELL DONE! to Elizabeth Suffolk from 6Rs who has been awarded a Green Blue Peter badge for her poem about the Rainforests which she sent in to the show. The Green Blue Peter badge is especially for Blue Peter viewers who care about the environment. Here is Elizabeth's poem:

"You're Only Killing Yourself"

*Falling,
As they chop my ankles,
It feels like you have killed me a second time,
Don't kill my family,
It's bad enough you killing me.
Why do you have to do this?
I drop to the ground,
They burn me,
My lovely green hair is blown away,
They chop me up,
I will never be seen again.*



Elizabeth and her Green Blue Peter Badge

Nuneaton Festival of Arts Winners

Michael Drayton Junior School has once again been awarded the Drachendale Cup for its high standard of Original Writing entries. A big WELL DONE! to the following pupils who were awarded Second Places for their writing: Ryan Bayliss, Jake Sharp and Chloe Martin. Well done also to Eleanor Hollis, Grace Jackson, Erin Husband and Oliver Fall who were awarded Certificates of Achievement for their work. We hope to feature some of the brilliant poems and stories in our future newsletters.

The Woodlands Entrance Car Park

Could we remind parents that The Woodlands entrance car park is for staff parking only and not for the dropping off or collection of children from school. We have noticed that this area is becoming increasingly congested at the end of the school day.

School Sports Days

Weather permitting, we have provisionally arranged for Sports Days to be held at 1.30pm on the following days:

- Year 4 - Mon, 19 July
- Year 3 - Tues, 20 July
- Year 6 - Wed, 21 July
- Year 5 - Thurs, 22 July



Summer Fayre - Help Wanted!

This year's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 17th July from 2-4pm. The Summer Fayre is our biggest fund raiser of the year and all profit is spent on equipment for the children. We rely on the help and support from volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are interested in helping out on the day, please contact either Mrs. Webb or Mrs. Baxter at the school.

Library Book Care

We have had a few incidents recently where library books have been returned water-damaged. This has been mainly due to drink and water bottles leaking in school bags. Please could you ensure that all drink bottles are water tight or that they are brought into school in a separate bag to school books. Thank you.

What's Been Going on in School?

There was much excitement last week when a Muntjak deer found itself the centre of attention at break time after it was spotted wandering on our school grounds. We can only assume that it managed to squeeze under the security fencing and then could not find its way out. After several fruitless phone calls to

the RSPCA and other wildlife organisations, we were saved by two parents who came to the rescue and caught the small deer and carried it back to its home in Hartshill Hayes, Did you know that Muntjak deer are Britain's smallest deer and that they were only introduced to Britain in the 1920s?



Muntjac Deer

Induction Day

Induction Day will be on **Thursday 1st July**. All pupils will be spending a day with their new class teachers. Current Year 6 pupils will be spending the day at their new secondary schools. They should go directly to their new secondary school and they will not be returning to this school at the end of the day.

Year 5 Junior Road Safety Officer

We are currently inviting applications from Year 5 pupils to become a Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO). This is a new scheme run by the Warwickshire Road Safety Team and it will involve the 4 new Junior Road Safety Officers promoting road safety issues within school next year. Application forms are available from Year 5 class teachers.

Junior Fire Safety Citizen Scheme

Our Year 6 pupils have been invited to take part in the Junior Fire Safety Scheme. This involves them using their fire safety knowledge to help an elderly person that they know. All children who participate will receive a certificate from Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Services. Information and application packs are being sent out separately.

Netball

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Nuneaton netball festival. All children played well and really enjoyed themselves!

Well done to: Louis Chabot, Calumn Spokes, Tyler Cotton, Emily Davies, Amy Price, Honor-Mae Woodcock, Ellie Mae Abram, Hollie Bateman, Amy Ludgate and Ellie Walton.



House Football

Well done to all the players who took part in the House Football Tournament which took place in school at the start of the term. The final results were:

Joint 1st	Azkabhan	13pts
Joint 1st	Quidditch	13pts
Joint 3rd	Gryffindor	8pts
Joint 3rd	Ravenclaw	8pts

Football

The Year 5 boys' team recently took part in a football tournament at Milby Primary School where they won their group. In the semi-finals they played superbly against a very good team from St. Josephs. Although MDJ were the stronger team, after extra time it was still 0-0 so we went onto a penalty shoot out. The boys really held their nerve and Sam Shirley pulled off some great saves, but after 9 penalties, both sides were still even! St. Joe's scored and MDJ lost by a very narrow score of 5-4 on penalties. Well done to: Conor McEwan, Harry Bartram (C), Jay-Jay Wassell, Sam Shirley, Joe Betteridge, Fred Pegg, Rees Swain, Rory Pearson, Harry Stain and Kieran McMurray.

In the Year 5/6 Football League: MDJ's boys' football team played a home game against Croft. It was a hot sunny day, where the lads really had to give 100% against a good team. It was still 0-0 after half time and even though they were beginning to tire, the boys went out determined and scored an early goal! In the end MDJ won 3-2. Everyone played superbly, but a special mention to our Man of the Match, Elliott Hurst who produced some fantastic saves!

Fun and Games

Evening Winners &

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU!** to all who helped out at the Fun and Games evening. A good time was had by all and the sun shone for us. Congratulations to the following winners:

Infants	Charlie
Yr 3/4	Tom
Yr 5/6	Ethan
12-14 yrs	Lara Vella
Adults	Sue Dennis

Summer Term Activities

Day	Activity	Dates
Monday	Yr 5/6 Homework Club	
Tuesday	Morning Gymnastics Club (8.00-8.45am)	
	Yr 6 Performing Arts - UFA from Hartshill High	
	Samba Drums	
	Yr 3/4 Homework Club	
	Year 3/4 Cricket	8th June - 20th July
Wednesday	Yr 5 Drama Club	Ends 16th June
	Yr 3/4 Cheerleading	9th June - 22nd July
	Yr 6 Tennis	
	Yr 3/4 Dance	9th June - 22nd July
Thursday	Yr 6 ICT Club	Ends 15th June
	Yr 3 Sign Language Club	
	Yr 6 Art Enterprise Project (Hartshill School)	
	Yr 3 Gardening Club	
	Yr 5/6 Cricket	10th June - 22nd July
	Yr 5/6 Rounders	

Please see Mrs. Webb if you are interested in joining any of these

School Councillors

The following pupils have been nominated and selected as School Councillors:

Harriet Lever, 3Ho
 Ellie Walton, 3Mc
 Emily Jennings, 3Wa
 Ethan Shurdy, 3St
 Megan-Rose Brookes, 4Br
 Curtis Kay, 4Ga
 Jacob Glenn, 4Go
 Thomas Hill, 4GB
 April Fairbrother, 5Bu
 Matthew Jones, 5Ra
 Joe Hadley, 5Ey,
 Alise Ward, 5Ma
 Hannah Massey, 6Za
 Luc Glover, 6Re
 Gareth McCabe, 6Rs
 Chloe Wilson, 6Hi



School Lunchtime Menu

May 17th - 12th November

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week 1

Red Band	Pork Sausages in Gravy	Fishy Wrap	Chicken Fillet in Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish Fillet
Green Band	Minestrone Pasta Pot (v)	Mediterranean Lamb Meatballs	Omelette (v)	Haddock Fillet Bites	Macaroni Cheese (v)
Veggie Only		Mediterranean Quorn Balls		Vegetable Pasta Bake	

Week 2

	Cheeseburger	Chicken Pasta Neapolitan	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (v)	Pork Loin Steak	Baked Alaskan Salmon
Green Band	Quorn Korma (v)	Fish Crunchy	Lamb Grill with Gravy	Cheese and Veg Bake (v)	Pork Patties in a Bap
Veggie Only		Tomato Fusilli			Quorn Burger in a Bun

Week 3

Red Band	Chicken Deli Wrap	Giant Cod Fish Finger	Sliced Beef/Pork in Gravy	Pork Meatballs in Gravy	Haddock Fillet Bake
Green Band	Quorn Sausages	Pizza Margherita (v)	Cous Cous Bake (v)	Spinach and Potato Omelette (v)	Chicken Tikka Masala
Veggie Only					Quorn Tikka Masala

May 2010

Wk	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri
1	17	18	19	20	21
2	24	25	26	27	28
	31				

June 2010

Wk	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3	4
1	7	8	9	10	11
2	14	15	16	17	18
3	21	22	23	24	25
1	28	29	30		

July 2010

Wk	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri
1				1	2
2	5	6	7	8	9
3	12	13	14	15	16
1	19	20	21	22	23
	26	27	28	29	30

Staff News

Mrs. Brandist and Mrs. Hill are now on maternity leave in preparation for their new arrivals. We welcome Mrs. Wilson to Year 6 and Mrs. Gardiner to Year 4 who will be covering the maternity leave.



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

Live to Learn



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