



Michael Drayton Junior School Newsletter



Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 17
November
Ilam Hall meeting
for parents —
6:00pm

and
Manor Adventure
meeting for par-
ents—7:00pm
- Monday 28
November
Teacher Training
Day—School
Closed
- Tuesday 6 Decem-
ber—Christmas
Bingo
- Tuesday 13 Decem-
ber—School Disco
- Wednesday 14 Dec-
ember—School
Disco
- Friday 16 December
Jack and the Bean-
stalk Pantomime—
all school
- Friday 16 December
School closes for
Christmas holiday



It was nice to see so many at the Parents' Consultation Evening and the recent New Intake Evening. Your support is invaluable.

Colleagues from Guru Nanak School visited our school last week. Mrs Ropson, Mrs Raj and Sumit had never been to England before so they found the whole experience very rewarding. In school they were in various classes and met with our School Council (pictured below) and the Eco Council. As we are completing a joint

Mumbai Visitors



environmental project they told us how their Government saved electricity and water by simply turning off supplies. In their houses they said that water was often rationed for two hour periods twice a day.

They had time to visit London, Warwick Castle and Stratford. They especially enjoyed a trip to the Snow Dome. Overall the verdict was that we have a lovely school with some every hard working teachers and pupils but the weather is too cold and the food not tasty enough!!

We have had a lot of visitors looking around school recently and the children have always been a great credit to us. At the recent New Intake Evening it was really nice to hear how many children were proud of our school.

I have heard from some local residents about issues of inconsiderate parking and I would be grateful if you could respect their needs. I will be meeting shortly with a Local Councillor to review the situation.

I enjoyed watching our children at the recent Children's University Graduation and particularly our first ever National Award Winners, Elise Ward and Thurvaragan Saravanathansan.

Busy times ahead!!

Mr J Buxton
Headteacher

Best Class Attendance

6ZA - with a total attendance of 98.6% Well done!!

Teacher Training Day - Monday 28 November

Parent-School Association

Christmas Disco
Tuesday 13 December
6:30pm—8:00pm

Christmas Disco
Wednesday 14 December
6:30pm—8:00pm

Christmas Bingo
Tuesday 6 December
Doors open at 6:30pm—
9:00pm

Class Assemblies

18 November—6RE
25 November—5WI/4BH
2 December—4GA
9 December—3MC



What will you do to 'show your spots and help raise lots' for this year's BBC Children in Need Appeal?



Friday 18th November is "Children in need Day" This will be a non-uniform day at Michael Drayton School and children are invited to come into school wearing **SPOTS**. We are asking children for a donation of 50p each for the day.



Children's University Graduation

Our school was well represented at this special event at Warwick University on 9 November 2011. The Chancellor of the University, Professor Sonia Blandford presented the following awards:

GOLD: Sophie Lenton, Courtney Mellon, Devon Page, Megan Smith, Tyler Cotton, Sam Shirley, Mason Williamson, Rory Pearson, Luke Revill, Anna Saje, Thurvaragan Saravanathansan, Caitlin Stokes, Madison Howarth,

HIGH ACHIEVERS: Amy Wright, Amie Hall, Caitlin Stokes, Madison Howarth, Elise Ward

In addition two of our pupils received National Awards.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT & CONTRIBUTION TO THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY — Elise Ward

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING — Thurvaragan Saravanathansan

Jessica Smith, one of our ex-pupils has the accolade of being the face of the Children's University. A photograph that was taken at a previous awards ceremony and used extensively was presented along with a signed copy Michael Morpurgos' (President of the Children's University) recent book.

We will soon be launching the National Children's University in our School, look out for more information.



Christmas Poem competition

The Play Rangers have decided to run a Christmas competition which involves writing a short poem about what Christmas means to you. The winner will receive a prize and be invited to switch on the Nuneaton Christmas lights on 3 December. Entry forms are available from the school office and should be returned no later than 24 November 2011

School Sports



NETBALL

On Tuesday 8 November the Year 6 Netball Team had a tournament at Ambleside. The first match we played was against St Joseph's. In the first half the score was 3-0 to us and in the second half, we beat them 5-0 so we were very pleased. For our next match, we played St Nicolas. In the first half we beat them 2-0. In the next half the overall score was 3-0. The only thing that let us down was our shooting, as we missed several attempts to score, so we will work harder on our shooting. Mrs Butterick was very pleased with how we played. The next match is at Ambleside on 22 November and the best of luck to them. The people that attended were Ellie Mae Abram, Amy Knape, Amy Price, Alex Quaid, Ella Brindley, Tyler Cotton and Jack Price.

Written by: Ellie Mae Abram and Amy Knape.



HOCKEY

On Wednesday 9 November some of the year 6 pupils went to Queen Elizabeth School to take part in a Hockey Tournament. It was great fun!! We scored some cracking goals, won a few and lost a few matches but we didn't care because we played some great sides. We were impressed we came so close!!

FOOTBALL

Unfortunately, Michael Drayton lost 2-1 on Thursday 3 November. In the first half, George Paintin set up Matthew Plumpton for a glorious goal. After half term, Croft School took 2 goals in quick succession because of a mix up in defence. We hope to have more success in the following games.

Written by Matthew Plumpton and Ollie Fall

Cross Country

Both Boys and Girls Team did really well, with the Boys finishing in 12th, 13th and 14th place. Elliott Stone, the youngest contestant in the competition, aged 9, finished an amazing 20th. Well Done!



ICT MARK
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NEXT
GENERATION
LEARNING

ICT Mark

We are proud to announce the successful renewal of the schools ICT Mark. Our thanks go to Mr Uttley, Miss White and Mr Reardon for their hard work in ensuring the school met the required level in all respects. In 8 of the 57 aspects the school exceeded the expected level of work. It pointed out particular strengths in making experiences memorable for children and children building continuously on existing skill levels. A special mention goes to the following Year 6 pupils: Louis Chabot, Jacob Glenn, Charlotte Conner, Isabella Thompson, Caine Keeling and Mia Dolman for providing some examples of our work.

Relief Cleaners

We currently have a vacancy for a relief cleaner. This would involve an early morning start at 6:30am. If you are interested please contact the school office for an application form and a CRB disclosure.

New Governors

We would like to welcome 2 new Parent Governors to our school, Mr Darren Rudge and Mrs Trudy Hodgson. We hope you enjoy your time on our Governing Body.

PTA Quiz Night

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the PTA Family Quiz night on Thursday. Special thanks go to Mr Price for doing such a good job of organising our first ever quiz and to the Windmill Club for providing the prizes.



School Lunchtime Menu

14 November 2011 - 18 May 2012

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

Week 1

Red Band	Welsh Lamb grill in a bun	Cheese and tomato pizza	Sliced pork with apple sauce	Gammon Slice	Salmon nibble tortilla wrap
Green Band	Chick pea and potato curry	Chicken pie with gravy	Broccoli and tomato cheesy pasta	Cheesy omelette	Quorn pasta bake
Veggie Only					

Week 2

Red Band	Chicken korma	Pork sausages	Chicken breast in gravy	Beef spaghetti bolognaise	Breaded Had-dock fillet
Green Band	Fish crunchy	Cheesy pasta bake with potato & sweet-corn	Frittata omelette	Cheesy filled jacket potato	Quorn sausages in gravy
Veggie Only	Quorn korma				

Week 3

Red Band	Beef meat-balls in gravy	Fillet fish fingers	Chicken deli Wrap	Pork loin steak in gravy	Salt and vinegar battered fish fillet
Green Band	Cheesy leak and potato pie	Sweet and sour chicken	Tomato fusilli	Margherita pizza	Cheese and sweetcorn flan
Veggie Only		Sweet and sour quorn	Quorn Bolognese		

November 2011

Wk	Mon	Tue	We	Th	Fri
1	14	15	16	17	18
2	21	22	23	24	25
3	28	29	30		

December 2011

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fri
3				1	2
1	5	6	7	8	9
2	12	13	14	15	16

January 2012

Wk	Mo	Tue	We	Th	Fri
2			4	5	6
3	9	10	11	12	13
1	16	17	18	19	20
2	23	24	25	26	27
3	30	31			

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

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