



# Michael Drayton Junior School

## Newsletter

October 2011



### Dates for your diary:

#### OCTOBER

**Wednesday 12**  
PTA meeting 3:30pm

**Monday 17**  
Book Week

**Tuesday 18**  
Parents' Evening  
3:30pm – 5:00pm

**Wednesday 19**  
Parents' Evening  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

**Monday 24 – Friday 28**  
October – Half Term

**Monday 31**  
Closing date for secondary applications

#### NOVEMBER

**Tuesday 1**  
School Photographs

**Thursday 3**  
Open Evening for  
2012 Yr 3 intake

**Thursday 10**  
PTA Quiz night

**Monday 28**  
Teacher Training Day

### Message from the Head

We are well and truly into the swing of the year now and it's been great to see some fantastic learning taking place in classes and some wonderful opportunities out of class.

Behind the scenes quite a few things are changing. There is now far more emphasis on school to school support and we have been very active in coming together with local schools in the Hartshill Learning Cluster.

As a result of this, we have been able to commission services and we look forward to working with colleagues from local schools. In addition to that I am now a Local Leader of Education and with senior staff at Michael Drayton Junior School we will be supporting other schools in their development.

**Mr J Buxton**



The Global School Partnerships programme aims to motivate young people's commitment to a fairer and more sustainable world.

With this in mind we have been fortunate enough to succeed in an application to the British Council to take part in a joint curriculum project with our partner school in Mumbai, Guru Nanak.

We will be looking at issues of sustainability and recycling and children will be exchanging information on how different parts of the world address this problem. There will be 3 teachers from Guru Nanak School, Mumbai, visiting us in the last week of half term.



### Attendance

One of our priorities this year is to improve attendance. One way we are encouraging this is by having a friendly monthly competition for the "Best Class Attendance". It is important to point out that any child with ongoing health issues will be excluded from the statistics. The top class for September was:

**5WI - with a total attendance of 98.6% Well done!!**

#### PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on Wednesday 12 October at 3:30pm. Please sign in at reception and you will be shown to the staff room. If you haven't been before you would be really welcome. The PTA are a friendly lot who really have our children at heart. We have some big plans for developing our playing facilities and "many hands make light work".



## SPORT NEWS

WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER  
Cross Country at  
Queen Elizabeth School

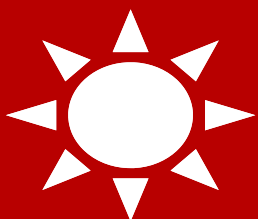
### New Intake Open Evening

There will be an Open  
Evening for prospective  
Year 3 intake children on:

Thursday 3rd  
November  
From 6 - 7pm  
in the main hall

### Photographs

The photographer will be in  
school on Tuesday 1 November  
to take individual photos.  
There will be an opportunity for  
group photos with siblings  
before school starts from  
8:00am



## ZORBING!!

There has been a lot of excitement in school about a new activity the children have had a chance to try—ZORBING! This event was provided by Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust to promote their “**Family Food and Fitness**” course. This is a free after school activity available for all the family to enjoy, including younger and older siblings, the children must be accompanied by at least 1 adult. The course will run after school starting on Wednesday 12 October, 3:30-5:00pm. The programme will run on a weekly basis and will involve sports activities, zorb balling, games, nutritional advice etc. If you would like to find out more we have arranged a taster/drop in session on Monday 10 October at 3:20pm



## Children's University

The following children have successfully achieved their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The Bronze and Silver Awards will be presented in school shortly. Those achieving the Gold Award will be invited to a graduation ceremony to be held at the University of Warwick on **Wednesday 9th November—more details to follow.**

**Gold:** Sophie Lenton, Courtney Mellon, Caitlin Stokes, Madison Howarth, Devon Page, Georgia Ison, Megan Smith, Tyler Cotton, Mason Williamson, Thuvaragan Saravanathasan, Sam Shirley, Rory Pearson and Anna Saje.

**High Achievers:** Caitlin Stokes, Madison Howarth, Amy Hall, Amie Wright

**Special Award:** Elise Ward

**Silver:** Luke Nicholls, Heaven Sheldon, Bethany Knight, Jared Atkins, Deanna English, Chloe Genner, Declan Page, Annalise Collins,

**Bronze:** Zara Iles, Jasmine Morris, Varani Saravanathasan, Grace Bailey, Oscar Bentick, Charlotte Day, Jake Hall, Megan Johnson, Holly Johnson, Terrina Ballard, Sophie Cooper, Lilly Manton, Caine Keeling, Sam Round, Tyler Ashwood, Keeley Burrows, Jacob Darlison. Lauren Evans, Jessica Roberts, Sophie Gill, Deanna Hawthorn, Morgan Phillips

Warwickshire Children's University has come to an end and we are now part of the National Children's University where children can be credited for hours not only at school activities but also for activities they attend out of school and visits to places of interest. - More details to follow.

## School councillors:

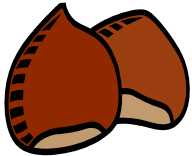
Callum Keatley, Anais Williamson, Rory Kobrin, Sammy Molloy, James Pittam, Joseph Mann, Maisie Lacrouts, Ben Sharrott, Jamie Baldwin, Erin Husband, Hope Randle, Charleigh Taylor, Tom Daly, Morgan Kearns, Megan-Rose Brookes and Ellie-Mae Abram



## Nuneaton and Bedworth Poster Competition

Design a poster in A4 portrait style to advertise the Nuneaton and Bedworth bonfire nights for 2012. The competition is open to all children who are aged between 4 and 14 years old who also live or go to school within the borough. Design a poster that is bright and colourful and will stand out from the rest! On the back of your entry please write your name, age, address and telephone number and return to school by Tuesday 1 November

## NUT ALLERGY



We have a child in school with a severe allergy to nuts. For this reason we ask all parents/carers not to send nuts of any type or description into school as part of their child's lunch or snacks as just by sitting by someone eating nuts could cause the child to go into anaphylactic shock. This policy has been made on the recommendations of the child's consultant and I'm sure all parents will respect this decision in order to prevent the child having a reaction in school. **THANK YOU**



We now have 4 certified Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO's) at Michael Drayton whose aim it is to raise the awareness of road safety to all in our school. Our JRSOs are: **Courtney Neal, Tyler Cotton, Charlotte Bibby** and **Chloe Phillips**. Being a Junior Road Safety Officer is a very responsible job and our team are on to a good start. They will be encouraging all our pupils to be road and cycle aware with the aid of various competitions and presentations in assemblies. We wish them well.



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have two vacancies for new Parent Governors. Governors are responsible for strategic planning and finance. They help to appoint our staff and to build good relationships between the school, parents and our local community. Our Parent Governors are very valuable members of the Governing Body and we rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact the school office for further details.

## SEN NEWS

We have recently reviewed the individual needs of our pupils, those on the SEN register will now have new Individual Education Plans or Provision Plans, a copy of which will be coming home to you in the near future. If you do not receive it or require any further information please contact your child's Class Teacher or make an appointment to see Mrs Webb—SEN Co-ordinator. A meeting has been arranged for parents of Yr 3 children on the SEN Register for Thursday 13 October at 2:40pm in the Group Room (Meet in reception)

# MDJS Book Week 2011



The Book Fair will arrive in school on Monday 17th October. During this week all children will have an opportunity to browse and purchase books during the school day. The book fair will be open in the school library on :

**Monday, 3.30 - 3.45pm, Tuesday 8.40 - 8.55am, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.40 - 8.55am.**

In addition, the Book Fair will be open in the main hall on Parents' Evenings - Tuesday 18th October, 3.30 - 5.00pm and Wednesday 19th October, 6.00 - 8.00pm

The school receives 60% of the proceeds taken from the purchase of books.

The theme this year is "TIME MACHINE". On **Wednesday 19th October**, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book linked to this theme. Prizes will be given for the most imaginative efforts in each year group.

## Cross Country

The first Cross Country was held at our school on Wednesday 5 October. The Girls' Team did brilliantly, finishing in **FIRST** place with great performances by:

- 2nd Alex Quaid
- 3rd Ella Brindley
- 10th Emily Davis
- 16th Anya Atkins
- 17th Libby Makepeace

The Boys' Team ran well also with Jack Price our best placed runner in 10th position

## Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are scheduled as follows for the next half term. Parents are welcome to attend either in the morning at 10.30 or in the afternoon at 2.40. Please note that 5WI will be only in the morning and 4BH only in the afternoon

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| Friday 14th October  | 6GP         |
| Friday 4th November  | 5MA         |
| Friday 11th November | 3RS         |
| Friday 18th November | 6RE         |
| Friday 25th November | 5WI and 4BH |
| Friday 2nd December  | 4GA         |
| Friday 9 December    | 3MC         |

## Parents' Evenings

Parents should have already received a letter about the Parents Evenings on:

**Tuesday 18th October, 3.30 - 5.00pm**

**And Wednesday 19th October, 6.00-8.00pm**



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



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