



# Ladybarn Primary School

## Newsletter - Autumn 1, 2014



### IN MEMORIAL

To coincide with Mrs Glover's funeral next Wednesday, children from year 1 to 6 are going to remember and celebrate her life by letting off a balloon each in her memory. Any donations will contribute towards flowers and can be handed in at the school office.

### WHEN IN ROME..

This half term the topic for Year 4 is 'The Rotten Romans'. For topic launch day they were visited by a Roman Soldier. He spoke to the class in Latin and called them Brituncles (Britons). He was dressed in full armour and carried a sword. The soldier gave them lots of information about Roman life in the army and the countries they invaded. The children learnt battle formations and how to protect themselves with shields!



### SPACE

Year 2 children received a top secret letter from NASA asking for new students to join their space program. The children had to prove they were fit enough, bright enough and have the ability to create a moon buggy! They are still in the midst of creating the buggy and are also buffing up on space facts for an end of half term quiz.



They are also really excited about their up and coming trip to Jodrell Bank. There they will get the chance to have a journey into space through the Space pavilion and also have the chance to experience the inflatable planetarium.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR HELP

Would you like to help organise the Christmas Fair? If so we are holding a meeting on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September from 9.00am until 10.00am in the Community Room for anyone who would like to get involved. If we have enough willing helpers, we hope to hold the fair on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please come along to the meeting, or pass your name to Mrs Dorrian or Mrs Farmer.

### FOODBANK

We are now a referring agency for the Withington Food bank. Families in short term crisis can apply for one off food parcels and some baby items, plus other support and advice at the centre. Please contact Clare Pitts, Parent Support Advisor on 07994 481095 for more information.

### BRITAIN POST WW2

The Year 5 topic this half term is 'Britain, Post World War 2'. Within this topic, the children have been looking at pop art and will be creating self portraits based on the style of Andy Warhol. They have also been playing traditional British playground games such as hop scotch and skipping, and eating traditional British food like scones and cucumber sandwiches.



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## ALIEN INVASION

Alan the Alien wants to come and live on earth so Year 1 decided to find out about themselves, their families and the local area in order to help him settle in.

They looked around the school and found lots of slime in the quad. They received special video message from Alan – he wanted to learn all about the children as he eventually wants to move to Ladybarn!

The children drew around their bodies and labelled pictures of their favourite things. They saw that they are special and kind and made a friendship tree full of compliments for their friends.



## REMINDERS

Only children in year 6 are allowed to walk home on their own. You must apply in writing to school if you wish a younger child to walk home. Older siblings cannot walk home younger siblings.

Earrings - Children are only allowed to wear small studs but these cannot be worn for PE lessons including swimming. Your child will need to take out their own earrings for these lessons. If your child is unable to do this please, do not wear earrings on the day you have PE. The school cannot take any responsibility for any earrings that get lost. Please do not have ears pierced during the school term for this reason.

For children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, the cost of school dinner has reduced to £2.20 per day, a weekly cost of £11.

The new bike shed will be ready for action next week so children can cycle to school again. All children must wear a helmet and lock up their bike.

## SETTLING IN

Nursery class have been busy exploring their new classrooms and doing lots of fun activities like making cloud dough, using the new painting easel, and playing with cars and the dolls house. They love their new outdoor area and have been playing with water, sand and building blocks and whizzing around on the new bike track. They are also learning how to use the school toilets, how they have their lunch and all about their new school.

## EID CELEBRATION

The Eid celebration day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October involves fun activities around Eid in the morning and class parties in the afternoon. There is also an after school Eid event for families on that day with Bollywood dancing by the children, henna, poetry about Eid, a raffle and food and refreshments. Admittance is by ticket only, 3.45 until 5.15pm. Tickets will cost £1 and will be available nearer to the event.

## HOMEWORK CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Monday after school in the new Community Room. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them.

## NUTS

Could we please ask parents/carers to not give children nuts in packed lunches. This includes not having peanut butter in sandwiches. We have some children with really severe nut allergies and even the smell of nuts can trigger a severe reaction – thank you.

## A SURPRISE GIFT!

Year 3's topic launch was very exciting as they received a surprise gift from space! They found out that Super Food heroes Super Sam and Super Sally need their help; they had been given the job of becoming food heroes but had no idea what to do! Children spent the morning learning all about healthy foods and even tasted some food with blindfolds on. They then put their new found knowledge to use and created their own balanced plates of food.

