



Green End Primary School

Newsletter Autumn 2, 2014

CHALLENGE 4 CHANGE

Student Leaders from Green End and Ladybarn visited Challenge 4 Change in Trafford Park recently. They took part in a range of activities to develop team work and leadership skills. They had a great day!



VIPS – PEOPLE WHO HELP US

This half term, Nursery are learning about the people who help us. They had an end of topic celebration where they came to school dressed as someone they wanted to be when they grew up. They had a visit from a police officer that day too. They learnt about the people that help at school, in families and in the community. They had a call centre and a baby clinic in their structured play area. The local librarians visited and read stories and gave out books as presents. They wrote letters to their families and walked to a local post box to post them



CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are holding parents/carers meetings every week on Fridays, 9-10am in the community room to prepare for the Christmas Fair. The agenda is as follows:-

- 21st Nov - Craft sessions, decorating glass jars, and making things for the Christmas fair
- 28th Nov – School closed for teacher training day
- 5th Dec between 9-10am, preparing stalls and gift wrapping
- 5th Dec 2pm onwards, Setting up in the hall

If you can help, please drop in to one of these sessions. If you cannot come in, but would like to help or donate in any way, please see Mrs Davidson or Mrs Pitts in school. We would be grateful for donations of unwanted gifts, chocolate/sweets (no bric-a-brac please), if you would like to donate, please bring to the Community room or school office on 21st November



MAGIC AND MYSTERY!

Year 2 had a special Spooks workshop as part of their topic launch day on their theme of Magic and Mystery. The children acted out witch trials, made their own spells and used disgustingly delicious ingredients to make potions that their teachers had to drink!



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LEGOLAND

Reception classes visited the LEGO factory to find out how the bricks are made and learnt to make aeroplanes in the LEGO master model builder class. They had great fun creating their own Lego models as well as watching the LEGO cinema film in the 4D cinema and climbing, sliding and swinging in the LEGO ball pool.

HOMework CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in Community Room 2. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

On the 25th and 27th November children in years 3 and 4 will be making a pine cone tree decoration. On the 8th December they, along with the choir will have a supervised walk to Kingsway Crescent where, in conjunction with Southway Housing they will place their decorations on the Christmas tree and the choir will sing a selection of festive songs.

GARDENING CLUB

Gardening club had great fun harvesting our amazing crops from Summer - here they all are doing a great interpretation of the enormous turnip! Some of our crops were used in the harvest assembly the cooks in the kitchen made a delicious soup.

A big thank you to everybody who collected the Morrison's Lets Grow Vouchers. In total we received 281 so we will be able to buy gardening club more seeds to plant next spring. If you have still got vouchers at home please donate them ASAP.



AFRICA

Year 1 have been learning all about Africa this half term. For topic launch day they found Africa and England on a map of the world and started to compare them. They made African weaving placemats and their own Kenyan flag. They had a special visit from an African drummer and took part in a drumming session and put on a lovely performance for parents.



POSITIVE PARENTING IN THE EARLY YEARS

We are running a course for parents of EYFS and Year 1 children, called Positive Parenting in the Early Years. The course starts on 12th November, and will run for 6 weeks. The course will look at managing difficult behaviour and getting the best out of young children. Join other parents with similar experiences every Wednesday morning, 9-11am in the Community Room. There are a few spaces left, please contact Clare Pitts on 07794 481 095 for more details.

LIGHT IN OUR LIVES

Year 3 learnt all about the ancient British tradition of Halloween recently. During the day they created light and dark pieces of contrasting art using chalks. They also learnt about the origins of trick or treating (originally called souling) and designed and baked their very own soul cakes. These were the treats that would have been given to children who went souling hundreds of years ago.



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