



Ancaster CofE Primary School

Newsletter 12- 8th March 2013

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Special Mentions



In our celebration assemblies, certificates have been given to:

Class 1 – Ben Fuller, Benji Heron, Jasmin Ghenoiu, Jimmy Sheridan and Dan Quilligan

Class 2 – Phoebe Duggan, Charlie Askham and All of Class 2!

Class 3 – William Cullum, Jessica Annan, Harry Demetriou, Ashleigh Hayter

Class 4 – Patrick Sheridan and Ebony Sumner

Class 5 – Kirsty Crawford, Mitchell Seng, Alexander Bartlett, Charlotte Hinbest, Heather Butters and Ben Elmes.

WOW Writers: Matthew Holmes, Max Vangasse, Rosie Lawson, Poppy Jennings, Ebony Sumner, George Fisher and Mitchell Seng.

Mega Mathematicians: Soraya Morais, Harry Askham, Lois Taylor, Charlotte Blackledge, Lilly Hartley, Jessica Heron, James Farrant, Libby Stafford and Megan Dillon.

Team Point Totals:

Maia - 310

Apollo - 351

Minerva - 381

Saturn - 389

Class 1 and 2 Trip to Woolsthorpe Manor



Classes 1 and 2 will be enriching their learning further this term by visiting Woolsthorpe Manor on **Monday 25th March** to investigate 'Sir Isaac Newton' further and carry out learning tasks to identify why he has left a lasting legacy. Letters have gone home to parents with this information and we would ask that any letters of consent and voluntary contributions are at the office as soon as possible.

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Simon's Balloon Release



Last week, we remembered Simon Farrant, a pupil who sadly passed away last year. The staff and children were keen to commemorate the date with events that Simon himself would have loved. We were absolutely overwhelmed with the generosity of parents and carers who donated money to the 'Silver for Simon' fund as well as the stall created by our pupils to raise extra money. Monies raised in the silver collection totalled £305.70 and the fantastic stall at the end of the day ran by Charlotte and Hannah Hinbest and Josie Taylor raised £65.70

Both of these are huge totals and we will be splitting the money between CLIC Sergeant and Cancer Research. Thank you to everyone for your incredibly kind donations.

To end the week, the children were encouraged to write a special message to Simon which was tied onto a red helium filled balloon. We released the balloons to the chorus of choir singing 'With a Little Help from My Friends'. Watching the balloons fly off into the distance, the event was made even more moving by a special fly-over from RAF Cranwell.

We then made our way to the Peace Garden and said a special prayer remembering Simon. Simon is forever in our hearts and we know that he would have loved each of the special events that took place over the last week.

PARENTS EVENING

Thank you to the huge number of parents who attended their meeting with teachers. However, there are a small number of meetings in each class that still need to be arranged. These meetings are a statutory legal requirement and we would appreciate any parents who have not yet had their meeting to contact school to arrange a suitable appointment.



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Class 4

Whilst parents of Class 4 children have been made aware, please note that Mrs Fiona Cousland has joined our staff team and will now be teaching Class 4 on a Thursday and Friday.

Comic Relief-Friday 15th March



We will be celebrating Comic Relief on **Friday 15th March** with a variety of different events to raise money for the charity.

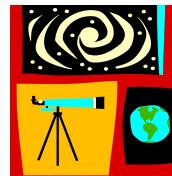
Wear RED for Comic Relief

Children are invited to wear red clothes and accessories in return for a donation to the charity.

Comic Relief Bake Off!

Parents and children are also invited to take part in our **Comic Relief Bake Off** which will be 50p to enter. We are looking for the tastiest and most delicious cakes in the whole of Ancaster. We are also hoping to use the cakes for a cake sale at the end of the day. You can choose to enter in any of the three categories; biscuits, cupcakes and novelty. The cakes will be judged by Ali Stafford and Sally McDowall and prizes will be given to the winning cakes of each category. This is a fantastic opportunity to show off your baking skills and we cannot wait to see the entries.

Science Enrichment Week-Is it really Science?



We are really looking forward to our Science enrichment week which will be taking place w/c **18th March**. We will be focusing on taking science beyond the classroom and into the outdoors to develop key areas of the school. We will be using scientific knowledge and understanding to underpin the activities across the week and parents are invited to come into school on **Friday 22nd March at 3pm** to see the developments with your child. More information about this will be given nearer the time. For many of the activities, we are going to try to recycle and reuse materials to create new products. Therefore, if any parents are able to donate the following items, we would be extremely grateful; **clean carrier bags, plastic bottles, plant pots and newspapers**. Please send any donations in with your child.

Mrs Good's 'out of School' Arrangements

Mrs Good is out on a number of courses and leadership events this term. Therefore, Mr Eden as Deputy Headteacher will be taking on further leadership responsibilities. Cover for Class 2 has been arranged with Mrs Trudy Baptiste taking the class in the absence of Mr Eden.

Classes for September 2013

Many parents have started to enquire about the classroom organisation for September. However, as it is only half way through the current academic year, those conversations have not yet taken place. Staff members are not aware of where they will be teaching in September and we have not yet looked at the classes in which pupils may be in. Once we have finalised this information, and when appropriate, we will share this information with all parents. This will be shared in plenty of time before the end of the current academic year and we will then detail your child's class teacher, how many pupils are in the class and which class they are in. This information cannot be shared before May 31st due to the teacher resignation deadline (which we must always consider even if we are not expecting any changes).



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Year 5/6 Castleton Trip

Year 5 and 6 children will be going on their residential trip to Castleton in the Summer Term. Parents are reminded that they can now start making payments via the school office.

Easter Service



Please note that our Easter Service will take place in church on **Tuesday 26th March at 2pm**. All children from each class will be attending and presenting learning at the service and it is also a good opportunity to begin the Easter period with a good sing along to the hymns. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sickness

There are a lot of sickness bugs around at the moment. Please remember children should be off school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhea. Please contact the school office and let us know if your child is absent for any reason.

Talent Show

We will be holding a Talent show on **Wednesday 27th March**. Children are invited to demonstrate any talents they have. There will be no overall winner this year, instead every entrant will receive a small prize. Entry is 50p. All proceeds will also go to Comic Relief.

PTFA Quiz



The PTFA have met and discussed their next event. This has been agreed to be a family fun quiz to take place at the Village Hall on **Friday 26th April at 6.30pm**. The quiz will have a 'Best of British' theme and will be an opportunity for families to team up and take on the quiz. There will be other opportunities to win with a raffle and adults are also invited to bring their own alcohol to the event (BYOB) as well as plastic cups etc, as these will not be provided. There are 100 tickets and these will go on sale on **Monday 25th March** on the school gate. PTFA members will be selling tickets at school pick up times and are on a first come first serve basis. Tickets are priced at £3 for adults, £2 for children and under 4s are free. We hope to see many of you at the event and hope you extend the invite to friends and family outside of the school.

Headlice

There have been a number of cases of headlice reported to the school. Please help by checking your child's head and treating any cases immediately. Thank you.

End of Term

Please be reminded that school closes for the Easter break on **Wednesday 27th March** at the normal time. Staff will be in school on Thursday 28th March for an INSET day, but school is closed to pupils. We will reopen on **Monday 15th April** at the normal time.

Keep up to date and find out more information at our school website;

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