



NEWSLETTER

26th September 2011

African Topic

This year's whole school topic was Africa. We have learnt about the "Big Five", which are the main animals of Africa – buffalo, rhino, elephant, lion and leopard. Many of the children created pictures of the animals which have been displayed around the school. We also learnt about how the people of Africa recycle their clothes and used old clothes to make capes, bags, scarves and jewelry. The highlight of the two week topic was the visit by the Zulu Nation Dance Company.



They showed the children some African dancing and singing and played some drums. They then taught the children how to do their own African dance, which they performed to each other.



Open Morning

Friday 16th was our Open Morning and lots of parents came in to help the children with some African activities. They made: African masks, footballs from carrier bags (like African children do) and African jewelry. They also decorated some maps of Africa with animals and African patterns. 3a ran an African Maths Fair, which was enjoyed by the parents and children alike. Thank you to all the many parents, carers and family members who came in and enjoyed the fun.



Forest Fun!

Forest Fun has now begun! The children have been learning lots of fun activities in the forest including shelter building and whittling.



A new group will be chosen each term – letters will be sent home when your child is chosen to attend.

Year 6 Residential Trip

The dates for this year's residential trip are the 2nd – 6 July. Apologies for omitting this information from the letter sent out last week.

Cake Sale

Year 6 are holding a cake sale to raise funds for the coach costs for their residential trip. If your child would like to purchase a cake please ensure they bring the money in an envelope clearly marked with their name. Cakes will range in price from 20p to 50p.

Language of the Term

We are launching Language of the Term this year. Each term the children will focus on a different language and will learn six new words: hello, goodbye, please, thank you, yes and no in that language. There will be a launch assembly to introduce the new words and to give children the opportunity to learn about famous speakers of the language. The children will then be encouraged to use these words in the classroom and around the school. There will also be an opportunity for children to investigate the language further by producing a project (KS2) or a poster (KS1) about a famous speaker of the language. This is entirely voluntary and there will be a small prize for the best project each term. The language of the term for term 1 will be Afrikaans, linking with the initial topic across the school. Below are the words we are learning in Afrikaans:

hello = hallo

goodbye = totsiens

please = asseblief

thank you = dankie

yes = ja

no = nee

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on 30th September at 9.15. All Parents, Carers and Friends are welcome. All donations will be distributed to a charity to be chosen by the children.

Playground Equipment

Would parents please make sure that children do not play on the play equipment before and after school as it is not supervised at these times.

Warburtons

Mrs Grindle would like to give a great big thank you to Gemma and Lorna of Warburtons who came to deliver 2 healthy sandwich workshops to year 3 and 4 pupils this week. They gave the children goodie bags to take home as well as free samples.

Community Cookery Club

The Community Cookery Club has now started and the course runs for 5 weeks. There will be a Christmas Special session from Wednesday 9th November to Wednesday 7th December. Please contact Lynn at the school on 427134 to book a place as places are limited.

Morrison Vouchers

Morrison's Let's Grow programme aims to help schools capture the imagination of the nation's children by showing them where food comes from and inspiring them to grow their own fruit and veg in the school grounds. If you, or your friends and family have any vouchers, please pop them into school. Many thanks.

Registration for Reception 2012

Registration is now open for children wishing to start Reception next September. All registrations need to be completed by January 15th 2012. If you have access to the internet you can apply online at <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions>

Alternatively, the school office will be receiving some application forms shortly and will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the forms, they can also post them off for you.

If you have children in Year 6 children, you will have received a letter from School Admissions advising you how to apply for a secondary school place of your choice. **The deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October 2011.**

DIARY DATES:

September

30th Harvest Festival

October

4th Parents Evening

5th Parents Evening

18th KS2 Lion King Performance

19th KS2 Lion King Performance

21st Last day of term

31st Return to school

December

2nd Inset

13th KS1 Performance

14th KS2 Performance

15th KS2 Christingle service

16th Christmas Dinner

16th Last day of term

