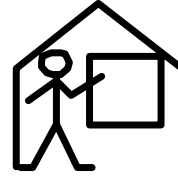


May 8th 2009



Dear Parents and Carers,

Healthy Schools Moderation Results

On Tuesday of this week our Healthy Schools status was subject to moderation and assessment by the Local Authority. We were successful in achieving this again and so our Healthy School status is now confirmed until 2011, which is fantastic news. A big thank you has to go to all the pupils who assisted with the day, Jackie Mutch who came in as a parent representative, Sue Rowley our PSHE coordinator and to Hazel and Palms for running the healthy tuck shops throughout the school year.

Our focus week this week is Modern Foreign Languages and our Italian Week



Lucy's Italian flag



Holly helps to make pizza



Atisha puts the finishing touches on her pizza

Last week we held our annual Modern Foreign Languages Week, focusing on Italy and, in particular, Venice. These were just some of the activities we took part in during the week:

We made a range of dishes using Venetian recipes, for example, "tiramisu" as well as other traditional ones such as pizza, minestrone and biscotti. We listened to, and joined in with songs in Italian. Students from both The Radcliffe and St Paul's Schools came into school to do some work with us and we really enjoyed seeing them and taking part in the activities they organized for us. Some classes made copies of famous Italian buildings out of pasta and beautiful, glittery jewellery by decorating pasta. One class even held a fashion show in Italian!

We finished off the week with some dancing to Italian music followed by an Italian food-tasting session. We enjoyed ciabatta bread spread with pesto and eating mozzarella cheese with peppers and tomatoes. We also tried panettone and a creamy dessert called panna cotta. To drink, we had sparkling mineral water flavoured with peach or lemon and orange.

As always, we had a very busy, fun week thanks to the efforts and enthusiasm of both students and staff.

Running for Redway

On September 20th Brad and I will have the pleasure of participating in the Great North Run in Newcastle. We will be aiming to raise money for the school and welcome any offers of sponsorship from you. The money raised will be going towards a new minibus and developments for our large playground area.

In the meantime - - we are hard at work training and looking forward to it a lot - we think!



Summer Fete - Change of Date - July 11th

We have had to change the date of this years summer fete. This will now take place on **July 11th** not July 4th, between 11am and 2pm. Lets hope that the weather will be sunny for us all.

Summer Activity Scheme

We are awaiting confirmation of funding for this years summer activity scheme from the Local Authority. Once we have received this, then details of this years scheme will be sent home to all parents and carers.

Creative Arts Week

Next week is our Creative Arts week where our theme is India. We certainly have a lot planned for the pupils. The timetable for the week is

Monday - a local artist is joining us

Tuesday - an Indian dancer will be working with various groups of pupils

Wednesday - we have a textiles focus day with Kay and Sue

Thursday - Chinar's Mum is joining us for some special activities

Friday - Potz are returning following their success last year.

During the week there will also be wheelchair dancing for those pupils who are wheelchair users.

In addition we are all having an 'Indian Banquet'

I have no doubt that it will be a fantastic and enjoyable week, with something for everyone.



Have a good weekend.

Ruth