

Gledhow Primary School



Newsletter no. 7 Week beginning 2nd November 2015

Dear Parents / Carers,

As November 5th falls into this first week of half term, it is certainly starting with a bang! We hope that everyone enjoys their firework celebrations, whether at home or at Leeds' famous display at Roundhay Park.

We have been pleased to welcome back Miss Karfopoulos after her maternity leave. She has quickly settled back into routines and is enjoying being with her class from Mondays to Wednesdays in the Reception Village. Mrs Walker will continue to work with the class on Thursdays and Fridays.

The Partnership Balloon Race



We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who played a part in making our recent Balloon Race, to raise funds for our partnership with Summerfield Primary School, the most successful so far! We sold almost 1000 balloons, raised much needed money to support future partnership activity and received over 50 returned balloons from complete strangers who took the time and effort to get back to us. These ranged from balloons that landed in Beeston in South Leeds, to some that landed in the Alps in the south of France! However, the furthest balloon was returned from Northern Italy!! The wind was certainly on our side that day!! One balloon was found by the young chap on the left who sent us his photo!!

The children in Year 6 wrote personal thank you letters to all those who returned balloons and Grace received a response to that letter. It read:

Thank you very much for writing to me for returning your balloon tag, it was very sweet of you. I must say your writing was of a very high standard, you must have some very good teachers at your school. Your balloon nearly fell on top of me whilst I was mowing our bowling green (I almost crashed the mower!) I would like to make a donation towards your fundraising projects so please find enclosed a cheque for £25. Please ask one of your teachers to fill it in. Finally, I will place your letter on our club notice board for all our members and guests to read. Best wishes to you and all at Gledhow School. Dave Parkin.

A huge thank you goes out to Dave and a huge thank you to you all again!

Sarah Black and the Gledhow-Summerfield Community

Summer Library Scheme - Author Visit

Thanks to the continued enthusiasm of our fantastic pupils, Gledhow received a wonderful prize in the form of a workshop from the author and illustrator Chris Mould. He has had many books published, including 'The Smugglers' Secret' and 'The Great Cheese Robbery'.

The visit took place on Tuesday 3rd November and was the prize for having the most participants in the 'Summer Reading Challenge', a scheme offered and organised by Leeds Library Services.

It was a fantastic experience, enjoyed by children and adults alike, and we were very proud to allow all the Key Stage Two children who had participated in the scheme to join the workshop. As a little gift, Chris Mould drew a fantastic illustration for display in the school. It will be framed and displayed in the library in the near future. Watch this space!

A huge thank you to all the parents for encouraging their children to participate in this superb initiative over the summer holidays.

Ken Welch

The Nursery's 'Wellie Wednesday'

'Wellie Wednesday' has gone very well over the last few weeks. Our children have fantastic learning opportunities from our visits to the Reception Village outdoor area. On our last visit they used implements to dig in the gravel, build a wall and a road! Other children mixed large pans of 'mud' soup and counted the spoonfuls! We had stories and songs sitting on the toadstools and special story telling chair. Some of us built a pathway to the wooden castle at the top of the hill using the logs and branches that we found. Group activities involved the re-telling the 'Bear Hunt' story and following each other through the area. The children (and staff) had great fun!

Sally Plume

Reaching High Notes!

Congratulations to Rosie Lewis who has been successful in her audition for the Opera North Chorus. Her first public performance will be when she sings with them on 17th December. A great achievement, Rosie!

Children in Need 2015

Friday 13th November is this year's Children in Need Day - often known as Pudsey Bear Day! Pudsey was, of course, named after Pudsey in Leeds as it was where his designer, Joanna Ball, was born. He is famous for his red spotted bandage. Pudsey is 30 this year – Happy Birthday!

Each year we join thousands of schools and other groups across the country to raise funds that go to help children throughout the UK. Traditionally, Year 6 make and sell buns for 20p. We also have a non-uniform day so children can come dressed as they like with or without spots! We suggest a minimum donation of 50p which will go towards our contribution to this worthwhile charity.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Friday 27 th November | Year 3 'Mad Science' workshop |
| Saturday 28 th November | Ceili at St Edmunds' Church Hall – more information later |
| Thursday 3 rd December | PSA Discos – more information later |
| Tuesday 15 th December | Christmas performance at St Edmunds' Church |

Have a very good week.

Stephen Archer, Joy Burrows, Sue McCann and Louise Cleveley