



Meadow Park School

# NEWSLETTER

Middle Years Department

**SUMMER TERM - 2014**
**June 2014.**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you find this newsletter useful. It will provide you with some useful updates and keep you informed about what we have been doing in school and what is planned for the near future. It has certainly been a very busy term so far.

I'd like to remind you that school closes on Wednesday 23rd July and we re-open on Tuesday 2nd September 2014. I have attached a copy of the term dates for 2014/15.

I am really pleased that 6 of our pupils were nominated for this year's School Collaborative Celebration of Achievement Awards, hosted at Kirkby High School on Wednesday 26th June. Our proud pupils who were awarded for their hard work and achievements this year are pictured below collecting their awards and certificates.

**Mike Marshall**  
Headteacher



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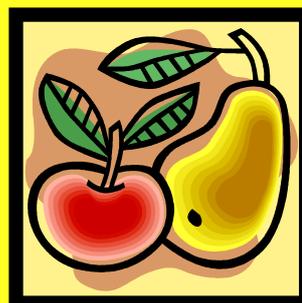
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**PLEASE  
REMEMBER**

Your child should wear plain BLACK shoes or trainers for school. New school uniform jumpers are available from school for £18.00 each

## FRUIT @ BREAK



As part of our quest to ensure that our pupils eat as healthily as possible, fruit is now available at break times. A variety of fruit is available each day - apples, oranges, bananas, pears and grapes. It is good to see all pupils taking advantage of our fruit @ break.

# ASKRIGG RESIDENTIAL

2nd to 4th June 2014

Several pupils were lucky enough to go on a 3 day residential to Low Mill Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Askrigg in the Yorkshire Dales. Among the activities were gorge walking, a night walk, orienteering, archery, abseiling and river raft building. It was a fun packed residential! Thankyou to Miss Parle, Miss Baker and Mr Strevens for giving up their time to make the residential happen.



Outside Low Mill—ready to go out



Absailing down the bridge.....



Ready to jump off!



The start of a long walk!

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Tuesdays (3-4pm)**  
**Ready, Steady, Cook!**  
 With Mrs Mangan & Mrs Davies



**Tuesdays (3-4pm)**  
**Everton in the Community**  
 With Mr Lyons & Mr McGee



**Wednesdays (3-4pm)**  
**Dance Club**  
 With the Miss Kiernan & Mr Langlois



**Thursdays (3-7pm)**  
**The Club in the Hub**  
 With the Mentoring Team



## THE WORLD CUP The Other Side!



Miss Parle did an assembly about the World Cup and another about Brazil. We learned about the unseen Brazil not shown on television. Here are some shocking facts about Brazil :

- There are 17 millions street children aged 5-14 years, these are sometimes known as the 'Unspoken People from Brazil.'
- They live on the streets because home life is not good, they need to find other ways to get food, or they are orphans.
- They live in abandoned buildings, cardboard boxes, parks or on the street itself. They are deprived of family care and protection.
- Street children have no access to education or healthcare, or lots of things that we take for granted.

We learned that we need to be thankful for all the opportunities we have in our country!

# SPORTS UPDATE

As usual we have been very busy taking part in a number of sporting events. This term we have taken part in the following competitions and tournaments -

- Wheelchair Basketball
- Wheelchair Handball
- Football matches
- Boccia
- Quick Cricket
- A schools tournament at Goodison Park.

Thanks to Mr Lyons for his hard work organising these events.



## **CONSULTATION EVENING & REVIEW MEETINGS**

Consultation Evening is planned for : **Wednesday 16th July, 330-530pm.**

Please ensure that you are able to attend, in order to discuss your child's progress throughout this academic year, and help us to set targets and plan for next year.

### **Review Meetings**

Many pupils will be having review meetings which you will be invited to. If your child is in Year 6 they will be having a transition review to decide on the next steps in their education, which may be moving on from Meadow Park. If they have a Statement of Special Educational Needs, they will be having an Interim Review of their Statements in order to plan the next steps, which may be moving on from Meadow Park. Please do your very best to attend these meetings.

# ..... AND THERE'S MORE

## End of Year Progress Reports

You will be receiving your child's end of year progress report just before the Consultation Evening. Please take the time to read this report and discuss your child's progress with them. You will be able to discuss your child's report at the Consultation Evening planned for 16th July.



## STAFFING UPDATE

I am pleased to tell you that our newly appointed staff have all settled in really well to our school family after their first term of work at Meadow Park. Mrs Griffiths will be starting work with us in a few weeks as our new Schools Business Manager.

Mrs Stewart who works in our school office will be retiring at the end of this term after an amazing 28 years of service. We wish her a happy retirement after her many years of dedication.

## We need a PARENT GOVERNOR

Get involved with making important decisions about our school.

Interested? Contact Mr Marshall for more information about this rewarding role.

Meadow Park School



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## QUICK NEWS

- Our Calm Caves are working well. Pupils can self select to take ten minutes out to re-focus if they need to. It is great to see many pupils taking responsibility to do this.
- We are building an outdoor Multi-Use Games Area over the summer break.
- We have a residential trip to the Yorkshire Dales planned for the Summer Holidays, for 14 pupils from 25th to 29th August, and another planned in November.
- There will be a range of activities on offer for pupils to take part in over the summer break. We will be sending more information out soon.
- We have used the World Cup as a great opportunity to learn about life and cultures in other countries.
- Our Community Garden Project will start to be developed during the summer holidays.
- Our pet rabbits have settled in well - the pupils voted to name them Ant & Dec. The chickens are coming soon!
- Our new Mentoring Base 'The Chillout Zone,' has gone down a treat with everyone.
- Many pupils are benefitting from our Interventions Programme, you can hear about how your child has been getting on at the Consultation evening.
- Get ready for Meadow Park's Got Talent! More details soon.
- It was good to see many pupils use our visiting hair-dresser service earlier this month.
- We hosted a visit from a group of Headteachers from Namibia who were keen to learn all about our school.

## TRIPS AND VISITS

- Class Spirit visited Chester Zoo
  - Class Freedom visited Martin Mere Reserve
  - Class Aspire visited the Crocky Trail
- And there's more .....
- Cinema trips (2), Crabbing at Crosby Marina, Croxteth Park, Blackpool Pleasure Beach,

**Chewing gum, energy drinks and fizzy drinks are NOT allowed in school.**  
**Please help us by making sure your child leaves home without these banned items.**