



SLIMBRIDGE

primary school

Newsletter 4—23.10.14

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of Term 1, we look back at eight weeks that have been full of unexpected surprises! We have had to manage without two very important members of staff—Miss Randall and Mrs Priday, neither had expected to be off for extended periods and both have been greatly missed. However, we have been incredibly lucky to have Mrs Carter and Mrs Wilde ready and able to step into the gap. Both are hugely experienced and have done a fantastic job supporting Class 4. We thank them both for their hard work and are very happy to say they will both continue their involvement in the school. Mrs Carter has obviously been working incredible hard to plan, teach and assess Class 4 and therefore has not been able to fulfil her commitment to her budding recorder groups. After the holidays she will make sure she makes up the missing lessons and will catch up with all the children.

We have been very busy of the last few weeks. Class 3 have been on a trip to the John Moore Museum in Tewkesbury, where they had 'hands on' workshops in calligraphy, Tudor toys and looked around the Merchant's House.

Thank you to all the parents and governors who attended our recent 'New National Curriculum' information evening. It was a good turn out and the parents asked some insightful questions. If you missed out on the evening I do have some information sheets that will help you understand the changes or I can email you the presentations if individuals are interested.

Rednock School invite Year 4 and 5 pupils and their families to a series of exciting and stimulating Family Learning events. The aim is to promote family learning and to provide an opportunity for children and families to experience Rednock School. Events are:

Wednesday 5th November, 3.30pm —Flash Bang (Science Department)

Wednesday 12th November, 4pm—5pm: Skills based curriculum

Wednesday 19th November, 4pm—5pm: Grease (Drama Department)

Wednesday 26th November, 4pm – 5pm: Design & Technology

Wednesday 3rd December, 4pm—5pm: Mathematics

For more information please see the Rednock School website.

We will also be holding an information evening to give parents and carers the opportunity to find out more about OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning), ask questions about the expected benefits to the children. The children are welcome to come to school that evening as we will have a 'Bedtime story' session. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cross Country

We are all really excited with the results after the first Cross Country race.

Slimbridge Junior Girls are in 3rd Position

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Slimbridge Senior Girls are in 3rd Position

Slimbridge School is in 2nd Place overall for Small schools

These events are always really exciting and once again we were really proud of all our Slimbridge runners trying their best and encouraging their team mates.

There were really impressive runs from Emma Philpott and William Fairall who both came second in their races.

Also, a special mention to Pippa Reynolds, Jessica Smith, Seren Wytchard, Lilia Norman, Dan Maule and

James Carter who raced for the first time on Saturday.

Next race November 15th !!!

Gloucester Rugby Club.



Congratulations to Curtis Hiles in Class 4 who was picked by the staff and children of his class to be the mascot at the Gloucester vs Brieve Match on Thursday 16th October.

Our thanks go to Rendcomb College, Cirencester for giving us the mascot duty.



Well done.

To all the Class 3 and 4 children who attended the village commemoration of World War 1 on Thursday 16th October.

The children shared their poems, sang songs and performed a very moving memorial with hand made poppies. My thanks go to Mrs Carter for all her hard work and the staff who helped her on the night.

INSET DAY

The school will be closed to children on Monday 3rd November.

Little Otters & Early Years staff will be working at Slimbridge

Teaching staff will be learning about 'Be the Best you can Be!' a 21st Century Legacy programme from the London Olympics. We will be joining with Stone with Woodford School to find out how we can encourage the children's aspirations and target setting, an exciting addition to our PHSCE curriculum.

Pavement Safety!

Please ensure that children on scooters stay close to an adult and are not a danger to other pavement users.

If you are dropping off near the school do not block the pavements. This can result in children and their parents having to walk on the road!

