

St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

February Newsletter 2009

Dear Parents,

It's a change to hear good news at the moment, what with the bush fire in Australia and the wars in countries around the world plus the credit crunch. This newsletter is full to bursting with good news.

Thank you to all the families in our parish who joined together to lead and support Education Sunday last week. Fr John was very pleased and he is very involved with our school, leading us spiritually and guiding us in many ways.

This week we were the first school in Blackpool to be awarded the ICT mark in recognition for our hard work using ICT to enhance learning. The mobile project has been so successful in Y5 and Y6 that people have come from all over the world to see it, and as a direct result have introduced something similar in their schools because they were so inspired by our pupils and staff. We had a letter from a headteacher in Perth, Australia thanking us for our hospitality when he visited us last month and

as a direct result has introduced it in his own school.

Last night at the Grand Theatre, our School Choir with pupils from Y4, Y5 and Y6 performed three Abba songs and were brilliant, a credit to their families and our school.

Many thanks for all your continued support and have a good, restful half term break.

Yours sincerely,

Frances Wygladala

PTFA News

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday
11th March
7.45pm in the Parish
Centre

NEXT EVENT

RED DISCO
Friday
13th February
6.30pm

All children must
accompanied by a
responsible adult for
the evening

Cinema Night

Thank you to everyone
who supported this
new event.
We all had a fantastic
night and raised
£187.55 for PTFA
funds

**Total Raised since
September
£973.26**

Thank you to the
dedicated committee
and fro everyone for
supporting the events



Y4 having fun with our creative curriculum.
Working in our new Creative Partners scheme.

ALTAR SERVERS

Many Y4,5 & 6 children have expressed an interest in becoming altar servers. The best way for them to learn is to come to Mass at the weekend to receive "on-the-job" training by the more experienced and older servers. Please support your child as they volunteer to serve the parish in this ministry.

BOOK QUIZ

GOOD NEWS!

Congratulations to the four pupils from Years 5 & 6 who reached the semi finals of this quiz, organised by Blackpool Library Service.

They now have to read "The Stormbreaker" for March 23rd at Palatine Library. Well done getting through to the final four and good luck

FOOTBALL

A good start to 2009.

We played Christ the King and beat them

9 - 0, it was a very one sided match in the rain, but one the team will remember for a while!

The score against St. Bernadette's this week was 5 - 0 to them, not such a memorable match! Thanks to Phil Clark the coach for offering his time and skills to benefit our team.

Creative Partners

Year 1 and Year 4 pupils have been very fortunate to work with Graham Kay, a photographer.

He has inspired them to be very creative and they have produced some fantastic work. My thanks to Mrs Sandiford for co-ordinating this. This is a wonderful opportunity that we are very grateful for.



MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

Thank you to all the families in school who supported our charity day last Friday, 6th February. Children came to school wearing yellow in their outfits and paid £1 to the charity. Mrs Chamberlain baked some delicious cakes and other cakes were donated. Miss Stewart in Year1 organised the event and the planting of the daffodils in the 'mini pots of care' that went home and were appreciated by many families. The total raised was £243.45, thank you.

SCHOOLS ALIVE

Our choir did a **FANTASTIC** job last night at the Grand Theatre singing three songs from Mamma Mia by Abba. Their presence on stage was awesome, they sang their hearts out and enjoyed themselves. They were a credit to their parents and our school.

Thank you also to Miss Bennett and Miss Smith for their support and choreography. Lots of fantastic comments from parents, governors, other schools, the deputy major and the head of the Music Service in Blackpool, we all thought St. Kentigern's were the best on the show!!

THANK YOU and WELL DONE!!



CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday 10th February we invited Mr Eamonn Horton from BECTA to our school to assess our ICT provision against a National Standard. He was 'bowled over by the innovative practice that is well embedded' in our school. He enjoyed talking to the pupils, staff, parents and governors and in the feedback said that he had really enjoyed his day with us and it was a delight to award us the ICT mark. We are the first school in Blackpool to be awarded the standard with less than a thousand primary schools achieving the standard Nationally, out of over 33,000 primary schools. May thanks go to Mrs Heyes who leads ICT and all the staff, parents, governors and pupils who share our vision with ICT underpinning the whole curriculum, engaging and inspiring our learners.

Spring Term Class Masses and Assemblies

Class	Mass	Assembly
Reception	February 3rd	March 20th
Y1	March 10th	February 6th
Y2	February 10th	March 6th
Y3	March 24th	February 27th
Y4	March 31st	March 13th
Y5	March 4th	January 30th
Y6	March 17th	February 13th

All family members are welcome to come along and support the children at the Masses and Assemblies.

Did you know that we collect and re-cycle lots of items in school?

We can claim cash and resources back for these items and would very much appreciate your support.

- **PRINTER CARTRIDGES** such as **HP, EPSON, CANON & LEXMARK** etc.
- **NESTLE CEREAL BOX TOPS:** Please keep sending in the Box Tops. They can be found on packets of Shreddies, Fibre 1, Clusters and other Nestle cereals which provide a healthy start for the day for the family, so far this year we have banked 373 tokens which gives us £37.30 to spend on books, thank you
- **BATTERIES:** There is a collection point in the Office. Please send them in. Types; 6v, D,C,AA,AAA,9volt & button.
- **SAINSBURY'S:** Active Kids vouchers, collect one voucher for every £10 spent between February 11th and 3rd June. The school Council will exchange the vouchers for playground equipment.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13 February

- 10.10am Y6 Class Assembly
- 3.30pm School closes for half term break
- 6.30pm PTFA "Red Disco" in the Hall

Monday 16 February

- Seaside Art Exhibition opens at Grundy Art Gallery, Queen Street.

Tuesday 24 February

- 8.45am School opens
- 11am Y5 Swimming

Wednesday 25 February

- 10.15am Ash Wednesday Mass
- 1pm Year 2 and 3 to a drumming workshop and tour of the Grundy Art Gallery
- 3.45pm Book Fair in School

Thursday 26 February

- 3.45pm Book Fair in School

Friday 27 February

- 10.10am Y3 Class Assembly
- 3.45pm Book Fair in School

Monday 2 March

- 3.45pm Book Fair in School

Tuesday 3 March

- 4-7pm Consultations Evening for parents in the Hall
- 3.45pm Book Fair in School

Thursday 5 March

- 10am World Book Day Assembly
- 10.30am Year 5 and 6 going to the Grand to see the 'Horrible Histories WWII'

Friday 6 March

- CAFOD lent Family Fast Day, collection in school

- 10.10am Y2 Class Assembly

Monday 9 March

- Letters out offering places for Reception in September 2009

Tuesday 10 March

- 10.15am Y1 Class Mass

Wednesday 11 March

- 6.30pm Y3 Sacramental Programme in the Parish Centre
- 7.45pm PTFA meeting, all welcome

Friday 13 March

- 10.10am Y4 Class Assembly
- Seaside Art exhibition closes at the Grundy

Tuesday 17 March

- 10.10am Y6 Class Mass

Friday 20 March

- 10.10am Reception Class Assembly
- St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School