



Weekly Newsletter The Tweeddales

Tweeddale Primary School
Thursday 12th July 2012



Dear Parents/Carers

We are now very close to the end of the summer term. Tweeddale is a fun place to be, with exciting opportunities to get involved in Sports Days, skateboarding for year 6, kiddi-karts for year 2, singing in Voice in a Million, end of year reports and sharing a year's work with parents and our families. It's action packed for the next two weeks so hang on to your hats!!!

Tweeddale Sports Days - Last Thursday and Friday, children from Reception to Year 6 participated in their sports days. On Thursday, the weather was dry and Reception to Year 3 competed against children in their own year group in the 4 colours, red, blue, green and yellow. The children were great competitors and showed real sportsmanship in pushing themselves to win and achieving their personal best. Red colour won the most points in Middle Phase and ran a lap of honour around the Arena track.

For years 4, 5 and 6 the weather was wet and disappointingly, the official sports day event was cancelled. Tweeddale not being defeated, created a different sports event and organised indoor sports instead. The colours still competed and the points were counted. Overall, in Upper Phase Blue won the Sports Day Cup. Congratulations to all the children taking part and to the staff for slick organisation and creative planning!

Voice in a Million - Last Wednesday, Miss Turton took the whole school choir, comprising 26 children, to join in a Voice in a Million concert in Croydon. There were only 3 Sutton schools taking part and we were proud to have a soloist, Hermione Banyon, singing to a packed theatre during 4 songs. The choir practised several songs for the concert, led by Miss Turton and supported by Mrs Sollis. Other staff members supported the event and the children sang so beautifully that it brought a tear to their eyes! Mr Higgs, our Site Manager said it was the best concert he had ever been to! High praise indeed! Congratulations to the choir for a fantastic concert. Perhaps your child would like to join the choir next year to take part in these once in a lifetime opportunities. Look out for information about clubs next term.

Skateboarding at School - This week, year 6 had an opportunity to have a go at skateboarding or improve their skateboarding skills. A ramp was erected in the front playground and children in groups of 10, were schooled by Sutton Ramp Events to try some tricks and stunts. The children were all kitted out with protective clothing and had a great time. I wonder if this could be the start of a real skateboarding hobby for some children!

On Friday, Camp Beaumont are coming to give year 2 an opportunity to try driving kiddi-karts in the playground and the hall. Let's hope they are good drivers!!!

End of year Reports - On Monday, the children took home their end of year reports. They are written by class teachers and teachers taking the class for maths in the different ability groups. This is the first time I have read Tweeddale Primary School's annual reports for parents and I was very proud of the children's achievements and how hard they have worked this year. Some of our children have made fantastic progress and some have really surprised themselves! I know you are very proud of their latest accomplishments. I would also like to thank the staff for all their hard work to complete the reports and helping the children in their learning this year.

Welcome Nursery children to Reception Classes - On Monday this week, we welcomed all our Tweeddale Nursery and new children to our Reception classes. Parents came to find out about life in mainstream school and to meet their children's new teachers. New children and their families sampled our school dinners and our kitchen staff created special tasters for families. The children played in their new classrooms and parents and carers can now visualise their children in their new classrooms. One child was crying because they didn't want to go home!

Attendance and Punctuality - Since half-term, we have seen our attendance drop below our target of 94%. This is the first time, since the autumn term that we have been seeing 7 out of 14 classes below 94%. May I remind parents and carers that the new Attendance Policy will begin next term and requests for absence will not be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. I congratulate all the classes that have maintained 94% or more attendance this week.

DON'T FORGET THAT WE FINISH AT 2PM ON FRIDAY 20TH JULY.

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

Morrisons - "Let's Grow" vouchers

Morrisons will start to hand out these vouchers again from 20th August until 28th October. We will be collecting these vouchers, so if you receive any, please bring them into school.

Thank you



Class Attendance - w/c 2nd July 2012

100% Polar Bear Class	97.6% Turtle Class	95.3% Panda Class	91.0% Eagle Class
99.0% Ladybird Class	96.8% Puffin Class	94.4% Kestrel Class	88.2% Jaguar Class
98.3% Hedgehog Class	96.3% Monkey Class	93.0% Badger Class	
97.8% Cheetah Class	95.7% Butterfly Class	91.1% Wombat Class	



Dates for your diary



- Thursday 12th JulyYear 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures
Friday 13th JulyCharlie Farley in school—Nursery, Reception and Year 1
End of year discos:
3:30-4:15 Years 2 & 3
4:30-5:15 Years 4 & 5
5:30-6:30 Year 6
Monday 16th July.....Class swap day
Friday 20th July10:00 Year 6 Leavers' assembly
Break up for Summer holidays at 2pm

Autumn Term 2012


- Tuesday 4th SeptemberINSET Day
Wednesday 5th SeptemberINSET Day
Thursday 6th SeptemberChildren return to school

Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for 2012-2013 along with the Tweeddale INSET days.

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th September 2012	- INSET Days	Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term
Thursday 6th September 2012	- Children return to school	Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day
w/c 29th October 2012	- Half term (1 week)	Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school
Friday 21st December 2012	- Last day of term	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Monday 7th January 2013	- Children return to school	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Friday 15th February 2013	- INSET Day	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term
w/c 18th February 2013	- Half Term (1 week)		

Children's Centre Information

A full timetable of our activities can be found in the file downloads area on the Tweeddale website www.tweeddaleprimary.sutton.sch.uk. You can also follow us on  www.twitter.com/TweeddaleCC

Family Fun Activity Group at Tweeddale Children's Centre - Saturday 14th July 9:30-11:30am

This is a stay and play activity group for Dads, Mums, Grandparents, Step Families and Carers with their children who are under 5. The group is aimed at under 5 year olds but our doors are open to your child's siblings up to the age of 11 years old.

No need to book, just drop in and join in the fun!

