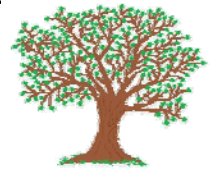




Weekly Newsletter *The Tweeddales*

Tweeddale Primary School
Wednesday 13th March 2013



Dear Parents and Carers

Well, winter appears to have come back again and the bitter wind is bringing back some snow! Please make sure that your child has a warm coat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes and that they are wearing black, sturdy shoes.

Book Week - Last week, we had a Book Week that studied 'The Magic Mirror' by Anthony Browne. The whole school focused on the book, looking at the story, the characters and unusual illustrations. The children have read the book, made predictions about what the story could hold and created their own Anthony Browne style illustrations. Displays of the children's work will be in the corridors upstairs and down. Look out for your child's work at our Parent Consultation meetings this week and next. The week ended with the children dressing up as their favourite book character. The children looked absolutely amazing. So much thought and effort went into the costumes. Thank you all so much for your support with this event, which was such a success! I would also like to thank and congratulate Paula Evans, Literacy leader, for a fantastic week. She has worked so hard to ensure the children really enjoyed an opportunity to focus on reading and we will be feeding back the children's comments next week.

The Tweeddales Vision Statement - At our INSET Day before half-term, we looked at our vision statement. '**Working in Unity with the Community for Our Children's Future**'. We discussed how our Vision Statement can be seen in what we learn, how we learn and how we can improve. In our assembly on Monday this week, we discussed the meaning and what this would look like in our school. We will be working hard to ensure that this is visible all around The Tweeddales and that you can see how the Vision Statement underpins everything we do. Look out for a display about our vision in the Reception Area at the beginning of next term.



Voice in a Million - On Tuesday this week, Miss Turton took our choir to sing alongside children from a range of schools across London, to sing at Wembley Arena. The children were incredibly excited and talking to parents they were also caught up in the anticipation of seeing their children sing in such a famous venue. I am very proud of our children taking part in such a fantastic opportunity and I thank all the staff, particularly Miss Turton, for organising the trip. I can't wait to hear all about it!



Comic Relief Day March 15th - Don't forget it's Comic Relief Day on Friday this week. We are becoming a school that loves to dress up and show how creative we can be! Please make sure your child is wearing sensible shoes and can move freely in their RED costume! We are asking children to donate £1.00 towards the charity.

Attendance and Punctuality - Our target this year is 95.5% and last week we achieved 95.7%!!!! For 2 weeks running a class has achieved 100% attendance! This is 'Outstanding' and I congratulate classes achieving this high standard. However, our punctuality is not as good. 42% of our children have been late for school this year!!!! This is not acceptable. Children miss valuable learning time and this is reflected in their progress. Teachers will be commenting on attendance and punctuality as part of the Parent/Teacher meetings this week and next.

Class Attendance - w/c 4 March 2013

100%	Jaguar Class		96.1%	Kestrel Class		94.7%	Puffin Class
99.3%	Wombat Class		95.8%	Monkey Class		94.3%	Eagle Class
97.9%	Cheetah Class		95.5%	Butterfly Class		93.3%	Ladybird Class
97.7%	Badger Class		95.3%	Polar Bear Class		89.0%	Turtle Class
96.2%	Panda Class		95.0%	Hedgehog Class			

Blue - Mo Farah
1,378

Green - Sir Chris Hoy
1,330

Red - David Weir
1,095

Yellow - Victoria Pendleton
1,159

Parents drop-in sessions with the school nurse

Once a fortnight, the school nurse holds a drop-in session for parents/carers in the Round Room. If there is anything you would like to discuss with her, please go along to the Round Room after 2pm. There is no need to book. The remaining date for this term is Tuesday 19th March.



Dates for your diary

w/c Monday 11th March.....	Scholastic Book Fair in the school hall after school
Thursday 14th March.....	9:00am Eagle Class assembly 2:15pm-7pm Parent/teacher consultations (school closes at 2pm)
Friday 15th March.....	Comic Relief Red Nose Day (wear something red - £1 donation)
Monday 18th March.....	3:30pm-5pm Parent/teacher consultations (school closes at normal time)
Wednesday 20th March.....	Wombat Class Mosque visit
Thursday 21st March.....	Year 5 trip to Shere Village
Thursday 28th March.....	Hat Parade 2:00pm Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 15th April.....	INSET Day - School and Children's Centre closed
Tuesday 16th April.....	Children return to school at normal time

Term Dates 2012-2013

These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for the remainder of the 2012-2013 academic year along with the Tweeddale INSET days:


Thursday 28th March 2013	- Last day of term	w/c 27th May 2013	- Half term (1 week)
Monday 15th April 2013	- INSET Day	Friday 28th June 2013	- INSET Day
Tuesday 16th April 2013	- Children return to school	Wednesday 24th July 2013	- Last day of term

Headteacher Awards

Well done to the following children who have received Headteacher Awards during the last few weeks:

Benji Nightingill	James Guy	Blayne Shanahan	Harriet Stockton	Pirashana Pirabagaran
Alysha Bracknell	Joanie Smith	Billy Roberts	Ohona Ahmed	Alex Cajucom
Sonique Mullings	Jessica Gilmore	Liyah Ellison	Bradley Bartley	Owen Roberts
Emma Galvin	Katie Buchan	Marcela Lopacinska	Chloe Culleton	Ataul Bhuiyan
Skye Gough	Hayden Gilpin	Ben Bullas	Hannah Angchangco	

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

Contact the Centre on 020 8404 1640 or email tweeddalechildrenscentre@suttonlea.org

Coffee Morning Cake Competition & Cake Sale

At Tweeddale Children's Centre
On Thursday 14th March 2013 from 11:30am until 1:00pm
All welcome...

