

Weekly Newsletter

The Tweeddales



Tweeddale Primary School
Tuesday 3rd July 2012



Dear Parents/Carers

This is a very exciting time for Tweeddale with unexpected inspections, outstanding pupil achievement and fun and frolics shared at our Summer Fete.

Day Nursery and Extended Services Ofsted Inspection - Last Monday, we had an unannounced Ofsted inspection of our Day Nursery-Kangaroos and Play Centre, operating out of the Tweeddale Centre. This was a one day inspection with one inspector looking at the whole nursery provision and how we provide wrap around care at the beginning and end of our school day. Our staff were ready for the inspection and showed their professionalism and commitment to their care for our children's welfare, preparation for and learning through play. The report is presently being written and we will be able to publish the official document and our overall grade just before the end of this term. I thank all the staff in Kangaroos and the Play Centre for all their hard work and dedication.

Mathematicians in Year 6 - To add to our exciting week, we also saw success in our Year 6 pupils' participation in a Maths Challenge at Nonsuch High School. We are very proud of our year 6 children who have clearly achieved very high standards in their maths attainment this year and were able to work together, in very strong competition, to come second across Sutton schools. May I also congratulate the teachers for competing and gaining first place! What a team!



We have also received our year 6 SATs results for maths this year. We will need to confirm our results later this term, but we already know that our results are the BEST EVER for Tweeddale and that we have exceeded our targets for level 4 and level 5 maths. I will report on the exact percentages later on this month. I am so proud of the teachers and teaching assistants across the school and the children for their amazing achievements. Well done everyone!

Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) Summer Fete - Last Saturday, the PTFA organised and ran a very successful Summer Fete. This was led by Sarah Drinkwater, Karen Judd and their team. It was a very happy, fun filled event with plenty of activities for children and adults, great entertainment from the school choir and dance club and delicious food and refreshments. We officially opened our Quiet Area in the playground, designed and organised by Mrs McDermott, Mrs Mitchell and the School Council and funded by your generosity.

The weather was perfect and everyone was very happy to chat to me as I worked my way around the fete, collecting your pounds for the Golden Bucket. The 'Gunge the Teacher' was a new event to add to the fun and I wasn't sure what to expect as I sat down on the chair under a well positioned tank of slimy, pink gloop. There was plenty to soak me and thankfully it wasn't too cold! I hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to gunge the head and it will become a firm favourite at the Tweeddale Summer Fete.

Congratulations and thanks to everyone who helped on Saturday and to parents, friends and families who came and supported the development of our Playground facilities.

Goodbye to Miss Gowing - At the end of this term, we say goodbye to Miss Gowing who has been teaching in year 2 this year. Miss Gowing has been teaching at Tweeddale for 5 years and has made a huge contribution to our children's learning in literacy across the school, as well as a massive impact on her own class each year. We thank you for all you have done for our school and we wish you good luck in your new school and your new life as a married lady.

Open Evening Wednesday 11th July 3.45-5.30pm - On Wednesday 11th July, Tweeddale Primary school invite you to come and look at all your children's work that they have produced across this academic year. It will be an opportunity for your children to talk to you about their learning and to show you the progress they have made from September 2011. This week, we are all focusing on topics surrounding the 2012 Olympics and there will be additional topic work to see in the classrooms and along the bottom corridor. We have planned some very creative activities this week and we hope you will take the opportunity to marvel at your children's achievements and see the expectations of the children as they move into their next year group. I look forward to seeing you then.

Best wishes Geraldine Wood, Headteacher

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.

There is one session left this half term on Tuesday 10th July.

Class Attendance - w/c 25th June 2012

98.2% Puffin Class	94.8% Turtle Class	92.9% Panda Class	89.6% Butterfly Class
98.2% Hedgehog Class	94.6% Wombat Class	92.9% Polar Bear Class	89.2% Jaguar Class
95.6% Cheetah Class	94.2% Eagle Class	90.8% Monkey Class	
95.4% Ladybird Class	93.7% Badger Class	90.5% Kestrel Class	



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4th July	Choir to Fairfield Halls
Thursday 5th July	9:15-9:45 Reception Sports Day at Sutton Arena 10:00-12:00 Years 1, 2, 3 Sports Day at Sutton Arena Year 5 trip to Shere Village
Friday 6th July	9:15-12:15 Years 4, 5, 6 Sports Day at Sutton Arena
Wednesday 11th July	3:45-5:30 Open Evening
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 trip to Chessington World of Adventures
Friday 13th July	End of year discos 3:30-4:30 Years 2 & 3 4:30-5:30 Years 4 & 5 5:30-6:30 Year 6
Monday 16th July	Class swap day
Friday 20th July	10:00 Year 6 Leavers' assembly

Break up for Summer holidays at 2pm

Term Dates 2012-2013


These are the London Borough of Sutton term dates for 2012-2013. **INSET days are now confirmed for the next academic year and are shown below in bold.**

Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th September 2012

- INSET Days
Thursday 6th September 2012 - Children return to school
w/c 29th October 2012 - Half term (1 week)
Friday 21st December 2012 - Last day of term
Monday 7th January 2013 - Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2013 - INSET Day
w/c 18th February 2013 - Half Term (1 week)

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

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

Community Coffee Morning

This is your opportunity to come and find out about the new Tweeddale Centre and what it has to offer to our community. The group is open to all ages, and refreshments are available for a small price. 50p for a drink and 20p for biscuits or fruit.

Thursday's 11:30am-1:30pm at Tweeddale Children's Centre

