

Mulbarton Junior School



Newsletter

March 2017

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www.mulbartonjunior.org.uk

Welcome to our newsletter which will show you some of the excellent learning which the children have experienced this last month.

A big thank you to the children who starred in the Dance Showcase; they did themselves and the school proud. The How Hill trip was a great success again and this is down to the superb organisation and the behaviour of the children. Thank you to all the staff who make these events happen for the children.

The governors spent a day in school last week and were very pleased with what they saw both in and out of class. They looked at lessons, behaviour, playtime, lunch, assembly and books. Thank you to these volunteers who willingly give of their time to ensure your children are getting the best education we can offer.

The next school forum for parents was planned for Monday 24th April but will be moving to Monday 8th May - please do send your comments/questions in good time.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Competition time!

We would like to invite the children to design a new logo for our new primary school. Please send in your designs by the 31st March. **Don't forget to write your name and class on your piece of paper!**

Reminders

Red Nose Day Friday 24th March - the children can wear non-uniform, red as far possible, for a £1 donation. Noses etc can be worn but NOT in lessons

Parent Consultations - 28th & 30th March - there are still appointments available if you have not already booked

Library Quest open session 4B 30th March - 3 places still available!

Children's Disco (details on p4) Thursday 20th April - only 3 days into next term so please make a note of the date!

World Book Day

We enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Every child took part in three different picture book activity workshops. We're sure you saw some weird and wonderful hats coming home! We also celebrated our love of Maths with a mathematic related picture book in our classes.

The day was topped off with a calm and relaxing paired reading session with classes paired up across the school. The children loved the opportunity to bring in their books from home and share them with another child. They also commented on how much they enjoyed taking part in so many different activities throughout the day.

Sports Roundup

Look out for a special sports reports newsletter coming out soon, which will be devoted to all the sports events that have taken place this term.

Bible Gift

Mulbarton Church have kindly offered to give a bible to every child in Years 4,5 & 6. However, if you do not wish your child to receive one, please let the office know.

Diary Dates

March

Friday 24th - Red Nose Day - wear red for £1
Tuesday 28th - parent consultations
Wednesday 29th - Y5 to see 'Annie'
Thursday 30th - Library Quest 4B
Thursday 30th - parent consultations
Friday 31st - school closes for Easter

April

Tuesday 18th - school reopens
Wednesday 19th - Y6 parents' meeting 7:00pm
Thursday 20th - children's disco
Monday 24th - Book Fair week
Friday 28th - Y4 visit to West Stow

May

Monday 1st - school closed (May Day)
Monday 8th - Thursday 11th - Y6 SATs
Monday 8th - parents forum 7pm

*(dates and times correct as at 22.3.17
- subject to alteration, if necessary)*

Children & Young People's Health Services

The telephone number for health advice from this NHS service is 0300 300 0123.

There is also confidential advice and support aimed at the 11-19 year old age group and their parents/carers via the Chathealth text messaging service on 07480 635060.

School Lunches

We have noticed recently that several children are throwing away part of their packed lunches. As we feel it is important parents/carers are aware of how much their child is eating, we are now making sure any uneaten food goes home in the lunchbox.

With regard to school lunches - both hot and sandwiches or wraps - there is quite a lot that is being thrown away and, when the children are asked, some say they don't like the menu option for that day. The menu is on our website www.mulbartonjunior.org.uk so you can see what is on offer. Obviously we want to ensure the children are eating enough, plus cut down on waste, so please let us know if there are meals your child has not enjoyed. We cannot cater for everyone's likes and dislikes but it would be useful to know which menu options are not so popular. If you have any suggestions for future menus we would be very pleased to have them.

How Hill

Year 3 children had a fantastic time at How Hill on their trip just after half term. As you can imagine, everyone was incredibly excited to see the big house and take part in all the brilliant activities that were planned! Even Storm Doris couldn't ruin our fun!

So many fantastic activities were packed in: thatching a mini-house using authentic equipment; exploring the grounds on an informative nature walk; getting away from the grown-ups whilst completing challenging orienteering courses; creating nature art in the woods; and so much more! It's no wonder that all the children were so tired in the evenings. After listening to Mrs Weyer read a story, everyone was ready for bed! Thanks to all the adults who came along and helped - we brought back tired but very happy children at the end of the trip!

Dance Showcase

On Wednesday 8th February 33 Year 3 & 4 children went to the Open venue in Norwich to perform our dance routine for the School Sport Partnership Dance Showcase. We danced to 'Step in Time' from Mary Poppins. There were 15 other schools and we performed in front of about 1000 people!

We all felt very nervous at first, but once we had done it in front of the first crowd we felt like we could easily do it again. We all found it very exciting and really grew in confidence. A great day and experience! Thanks to Mr Smith, Mrs Weyer and Lisa for organising and creating the routine for this and also to Mrs Crisp for all her help with rehearsals and on the day.

Food Tasting in Year 4

Year 4 prepared a Roman style feast recently, and ate it reclining on cushions and wearing togas! Foods they tried included cheese cake, dates, Roman bread, omelette and a salad of spinach, mint and goats cheese.

They have also been trying lots of different ingredients that could be used in salad. A big thank you to the Co-op for donating £10 towards the cost of the salad items.

Year 3 Maths Café

Year 3 welcomed parents into the classrooms this term when we held our Maths Cafe.

Our excellent Calculation Captains demonstrated division using a number line and multiplication using grid method. After that, adults and children took part in a variety of activities on a host of maths subjects including fractions, properties of shape and calculation. It was a fantastic opportunity for the adults to see their children in the classroom environment and to learn about some of the calculation methods used at Mulbarton Junior School. Thanks to all who attended!

A green zipped top was left in one of the classrooms - please claim from the office.

Attendance at School and Holidays During Term Time

The law requires all parents/carers to ensure that their child attends school regularly. Our aim at Mulbarton Junior is to ensure that our pupils receive the most from their education and achieve their maximum potential, which means good attendance is absolutely crucial.

Obviously there will be times when you need to take your child out of school for medical/dental appointments etc. and these occasional absences will usually be authorised. Please notify the school office as soon as you can.

If your child needs to miss school for regular appointments for any reason, please would you provide evidence, e.g. a letter from the hospital or GP.

If your child is not well enough to come into school, **you must** email or telephone the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Children who are unwell with vomiting and/or diarrhoea **must not** return to school until 48 hours have passed since the last occurrence.

If you wish to take your child out of school for a holiday of any kind, regardless of whether it is one day, a short break or a longer holiday, **you must:-**

- **request permission** at least two weeks in advance, ideally earlier than that if possible
- send in your request via email or letter (**all** emails must be sent to office@mulbartonjunior.norfolk.sch.uk - please do not email Mrs Theobald direct
- office staff will reply to confirm receipt
- absences for holiday can only be authorised if there is unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child, which outweighs the loss of teaching time

When children are absent from school for a block of time it can be very difficult for them to catch up on work missed, which can have serious consequences for their future learning and progress. Sometimes absence cannot be avoided - children do have to miss school when they are unwell, but absences for holidays is something that parents/carers do have control over, so please think carefully before deciding to take your child out of school for this reason.

Children's Disco

Thursday 20th April - Disco

Y3 & 4 6.00 - 7.00pm

Y5 & 6 7.15 - 8.15pm

ENTRANCE £2.50

Refreshments available

Please bring no more than £1

Please collect your child from inside the school entrance hall promptly afterwards.

48 Hour Rule

Please remember that if your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, he/she must not return to school until 48 hours since the last episode.

This is to reduce, as far as possible, the risk of illness spreading to others and we appreciate your co-operation.

Ancient House Museum, Thetford

On Wednesday 8th March, all of Year 6 went on a Tudor trip. We all had to dress up - even the grown ups! It was very good fun going on the trip because I liked dressing up as a Tudor boy. Also, the activities were really good too. The best activity I liked was making the marzipan treats because I love marzipan!

Brandon Hyde

It was great fun to go on the Tudor trip because you got to learn about all the Tudor weapons. The house we went to was a real Tudor house with a merchant who lived in it! If you ever decide to go, you will be told about the people who worked for Mr Taylor, the merchant.

I'd love to go again and you would if you went too!

Harry Tubby

Our day out was really good fun. The activities were really good and fascinating. We were taught about life all the way back in the Tudor times and what happened on a day to day basis. We were also taught about Tudor weaponry and what the weapons were used for. We also learnt about cooking in the Tudor times. Summing up, it was a great day out and I would recommend it to anyone.

Olly Beuttell

We met Mr Taylor, the merchant, Sam the steward and Janey and Bess who were the servants. We took part in 6 activities. Tudor dancing, making marzipan treats, Tudor writing, looking at weapons, playing Tudor games and looking at all the things Mr Taylor had brought back from his voyages.

We all really enjoyed this trip. It was really good fun and I would recommend this trip to everyone.

Lola Thorpe

Term Dates 2017

Spring Term 2017
School closes for Easter
Friday 31st March

School is also closed Monday 1st May

Summer Term 2017
School opens Tuesday 18th April
School closes Friday 26th May
Half Term
School opens Monday 5th June
School closes Friday 21st July

Dates for the academic year 2017/2018 have been published by Norfolk County Council and can be found on the Council website www.norfolk.gov.uk.

Lunchtime and After School Activities

'The Hub' is open Monday, Thursday & Friday lunchtimes, in 5W classroom, 12:40 - 1:10. Anyone who would like to take part in quiet activities such as board games, jigsaws, colouring etc. is very welcome.

Day of Week	Activity	Organised by	Contact Details
Monday	Cross Stitch Club 12:45 - 1:15	Mrs Sowter & Mrs Lockitch	via school office
Monday	Set Your Sights Drama Club 3:15 - 4:15pm	Set Your Sights	Tom 07881 802769
Monday	Ukulele Club 3:20 - 4:00pm	Clara Wiseman	www.iloveukeco.uk
Monday	Yoga (adult) 7:30 - 9:00pm	Harry Young	Tel: 01603 412072
Tuesday	Table Tennis (Y5/6) 3:15 - 4:25pm	Premier Sport	premiersport.org
Tuesday	DramActive 5:00 - 6:00pm	Jane Ashdown	Tel: 01953 788285 Mobile: 07768830668
Wednesday	Recorders lunchtime	Mrs Burchell	via school office
Wednesday	St John Ambulance (adults) 7:30 - 9:30pm	Belinda Buxton	c/o the school
Thursday	Fencing (Y3/4) 3:15 - 4:25pm	Premier Sports	premiersport.org
Thursday	Zumba (adult) 7:00 - 8:00pm	Rachel	Mobile: 07789 748457 rachel@zumba- norwich.co.uk
Friday	Art Club (Y5 only - currently full) lunchtime	Mrs Cockrell	via school office