

CALDECOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

26th June 2009



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday 9th June it was our turn to host our Comenius partners from Carmona in Spain, Heppenheim in Germany, and also Kingham County Primary School.

Mrs Mountain has written the following report about the visit:

Our German partner brought nine children with her (aged 9 and 10). Four of the children stayed with Mrs MacDonald and myself, and the rest enjoyed staying in guest houses in our very pretty home town.

On Monday our visitors came into school and took part in our Germany Day - all of the children in school had prepared something to do with Germany. The children and teachers were very impressed with the interactive whiteboards in all of our classrooms - German schools still have blackboards and chalk! All of our visitors loved our school and were very impressed by how hospitable the children were to them.

On Tuesday 11th June we took our visitors to Kingham Primary School. George Carter, Shannon Field, Naomi Claridge, Amy White, Wiktoria Bak, Josh Mbuzia, Sachin Patel, Megan Clark, Dustin Addison, Bethany Goodway, Luke Rough and Ellie Heathcott accompanied our visitors. All of the children took part in P.E. lessons and the sharing of work and stories. The children were fantastic and fulfilled their roles of ambassadors extremely well.

On Wednesday morning, we said our goodbyes and the German children all left with tears in their eyes. This has been a most successful visit and we hope to keep in touch with all of the children who visited via emails and letters.

Caldecott through the Years

Please do come and have a look at our display entitled 'Trip down Memory Lane'. We have put this together as part of our Open Day celebrations and we have a wide variety of photographs and memorabilia dating back to the early 1970s which I am sure that you will find very interesting.

The Big Toddle

You may remember that on Monday 11th May, children from the Nursery, Caldecott Tots and the Children's Centre childminders joined forces on a sponsored walk to raise money for Barnardo's. They completed two laps of the school grounds and were rewarded with certificates and medals.

All the money raised goes to help children learn and play, so they have the best start in life. Thank you to parents, carers and our Nursery and Caldecott Tots children who raised a grand total of £491.41.

Guitar Lessons

There will be places for guitar lessons available from September for children in Year 2 – Year 6. If your child is interested in learning this instrument please speak to Mrs Rodgeron in the school office.

Swimming Lessons at Abingdon School

As part of the Amateur Swimming Association Coach Education Programme at the Sports Centre, Abingdon School are offering swimming lessons on Saturdays 19th and 26th, and Sundays 20th and 27th September 2009. These lessons are designed to be 'taster' sessions - they are not ongoing lessons or part of a course.

These lessons will be delivered by people training to be level two swimming teachers – assistant teachers training to be lead coaches under the supervision of the course tutor. It is open to people of all ages and ability levels, although it is most suitable for beginners and improvers.

The lessons will run for one hour each, either 13.00 – 14.00 or 14.00 – 15.00 on the above dates and cost £3 per swimmer, per session.

If you are interested please contact Abingdon School on 01235 521563 or by email felicity.brown@abingdon.org.uk.

Sports Clubs

Next year we would like to encourage as many children as possible to attend one after-school sports club each week. We want every child at Caldecott to be doing 3 hours exercise a week in school (2 hours PE plus 1 hour after-school).

Below is a list of clubs that we hope to offer but we need some parent volunteers please. If you can help with a club, even if it is only for one short term, please see Mrs Sellers as soon as possible. There are also some opportunities for paid training leading to a qualification to run a club that Mrs Sellers will be able to tell you about.

We hope to be able to offer:

Running	Years 1 – 6	All year
Football	Years 4 – 6	Terms 1 – 3
Hi Five	Years 4 – 6	Terms 1 – 3
Rugby	Years 4 – 6	Terms 3 – 4
Cricket	Years 4 – 6	Terms 5 – 6
Gym	Years 1 – 3	Terms 1 – 3
Tennis	Years 1 – 3	Terms 4 – 6
Dance	Years 1 – 6	Terms 1 – 3

Abingdon Market Place Forthcoming Events

Shoppers will be able to enjoy a taste of Italy when Abingdon hosts the town's first Italian market on Abingdon market place from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June. The Mamma Mia Italian market will be selling a wide range of authentic Italian treats, including cheeses, olives, cakes, breads, biscuits, olive oil, Parma ham, cured meats, Arancin and pasta.

Yeah Baby! is a free live music festival taking place on Saturday 4th July from 12 noon to 5pm in Abingdon market square. This has been organised to raise money and awareness for Ronal McDonald House and Oxford Children's Hospital. There will be plenty going on for adults and children including live music (from the *Benbows*, *Who's Next* and *Flex the Muscle*), face painting, badge making, Oxfordshire Playbus and great food!

Class Visits

Children will visit their new classes on the afternoon of Monday 13th July. Parents will have an opportunity to meet with class teachers on Tuesday 14th July at 3pm.

Foundation Stage Parent Interviews

Mrs Rouse and Mrs McDonald will be holding parent interviews for children in Robins and Hens in their classrooms on Tuesday 7th July and Wednesday 8th July after school.

2009/2010 Term Dates

Please note that Term 1 of the new academic year starts on 2nd September 2009.

Term dates for 2009/2010 are available via the school website – www.caldecott.oxon.sch.uk – alternatively you can pick up a copy from the school office or check the school notice board.

Reminder of Dates

Tuesday 30 th June and Wednesday 1 st July	Fitzharrys Induction Day for Year 6 pupils
Wednesday 1 st July	John Mason and Larkmead Induction Days for Year 6 pupils
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 5/ 6 trip to the Science Museum
Monday 6 th July	KS1 Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park
8 th July at 1.30pm 9 th July at 10.15am 10 th July at 10.15am	The Wizard of Oz
Monday 13 th July at 9.30am (Wednesday 15 th July reserve)	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Bowling Trip
Thursday 16 th July at 7.00pm	Leavers' Disco
Friday 17 th July at 1.00pm	Leavers' Assembly