

Year 2/3 Newsletter

May 2010



Year 2/3 with Fitness Freddy



At the garden centre



Outdoor fun

News and Events

Last Month...

We arrived back in school well rested and ready for a new term! We spent the month continuing our work on Spring by learning about Spring flowers. We went to Moat Park and to the garden centre to see flowers and we planted bulbs and seeds in our play tray, in pots in the class and outside in our tyre. We will continue to water our bulbs and watch them grow and we will also have further opportunities to use spades, pots and watering cans during structured play.

We also participated in a Fitness Challenge with 'Fitness Freddy'. This event was great fun and all of the pupils really enjoyed Freddy's dance routines to familiar songs!

We celebrated two birthdays last month as Kevin turned 7 and Lucia turned 6. We enjoyed their parties and would like to thank them for treating the class to lunch!

Thank You

Lucia's great-granny celebrated her birthday recently (we won't reveal her age!) She asked for

donations instead of presents and then gave this money to Tor Bank. We used the money to purchase new outdoor play equipment for the primary department and the new materials are very useful for developing key skills in throwing, catching, balancing, turn taking, waiting and sharing. THANK YOU!

Diaries

Thank you for completing the new diary templates. The information you give us is extremely helpful in further enabling us to communicate with your child.

Ideas for Home Activities for May

- Visit the beach or use sand in a sand-pit or container. Explore wet and dry sand, fill buckets and build sandcastles
- Make ice-cream sundaes. Taste different flavours and communicate preferences
- Use pirate hats or costumes to dress up. Practice those pirate phrases and actions!
- Develop the routine of putting on sunscreen, hats and sunglasses when going outside (we're being very optimistic about the weather!) Don't forget to send these items into school as well!

Monthly Topics

Our colour of the month in May is 'purple'. Our term topic is 'under the Sea' and this will link with an end of year performance of 'Peter Pan' that the Primary Department will be working on with Hullabaloo theatre company. An introductory session will take place on the 11th May and we will then be involved in a workshop on the 25th May and

will rehearse and make props and scenery in class. The (provisional!) date for parents to attend the final performance is the 8th June at 10.30am so save the date in your diaries! More details will follow.

In May we will explore 'sand and sea' and 'pirates and boats'. We will learn to pack a beach bag and will make and taste ice-creams. We are going

to make and sail paper boats and will see old boats at the Transport Museum on the 1st June. We also have a special outing on the 6th May to the Build a Bear factory where we will all have the opportunity to make our own bear. I'm sure the pupils will love bringing them home to show you!