

Issue 24 Value for Life theme this term: FORGIVENESS 14th March 2014

Headteacher's Comment

Book Fair – A **BIG** thank you to everyone who bought books at our recent Fair and to the PTFA for manning the fair after school each day – thanks to your generosity we are able to buy books for the school to the value of **£602.81**!

Strike Day – a letter went home yesterday explaining that the school would be open, however children in classes 2, 4, 6 and 8 should not come into school.

Change of Dates

Year 3 swimming on Wednesday 26th March has been re-arranged for Wednesday 23rd April. Morfa Bay Parents' Meeting will now be held on Wednesday, 2nd April at 3.20pm Parents' Coffee Afternoon & Toddler Group – Wednesday, 2nd April at 2.00pm

We look forward to welcoming our Reception parents into school on Thursday, 20th March for a 'Let's Learn Together' afternoon from 2.00pm.

Sport Relief - Friday 21st March

Come to school with a gold coin and in your sports kit ready to run, skip, jump or hop a mile to raise money for Sports Relief. The children will complete the mile during the afternoon on the school field after members of the School Council have led Friday worship.

Tag Rugby

Well done to the tag rugby team who took part in the SWR Tournament on Monday. Although an inexperienced team, they only just lost their first match 6-7. Well played Bailey Spencer, Mackenzie Buford, Ben Glover, Dominic McMahon, Zac Colby, David Oblyschuk, Joe Smith, Chloe O'Callaghan and Chloe Packer.

Cross Country Update

A massive well done to all those children who have run in the cross country races over the last few weeks. Every child ran with great determination and should be really proud of themselves with many achieving personal bests. Congratulations to those that received medals - **Grace Purnell** (2 Bronzes), **Oscar Purnell** (1 Silver), **Stella Harper** (1 Bronze) and **Harry Purnell** (3 Silvers). Also congratulations to the following children who finished in the top ten in a race: **Tyler Jaggers**, **Rose Pollok-Morris**,



Congratulations to:

'Class Mathlete of the Week'

'School Mathlete of the Week' Dhiraj Scouller

PTFA

We are holding a **Frog Race Night on Friday 4**th **April** from 7.15pm onwards in the School Hall. Adult tickets: £5.00 – make up a team and come along and have some fun! Buffet provided (Cheese Ploughmans); bring a bottle (or two!). If you require tickets, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of this newsletter and return to the School Office. Thank you for your support.

Chevy Sujeewon, **James Norris** and **Theo Harper** - Well Done!

This year has been outstanding with four children qualifying for the County Race due to the positions they finished in. These children are: **Stella Harper**, **Harry Purnell**, **Chevy Sujeewon** and **Oscar Purnell** - we wish you all the best of luck!

A big thank you to all parents that helped transport the runners to the events, without your support they would not have been able to race.

Cross Country will continue until we break up for Easter.

Netball Update

Week commencing 3rd March the St Mary's Lions got their 2014 league campaign off to a flying start with two impressive wins against St Mary's in Yate (an impressive 23-0 victory) and on Wednesday 5th against St John's Mead in Chipping Sodbury (14-1 win). In the first match **Oscar Purnell** stepped in as a last minute substitute for Theo Harper and the biggest cheer of the afternoon was heard after he scored his first ever match goal! Player of the Match was Daisy Farthing for some lovely interceptions and great determination. Well done to Stella Harper, Harry Purnell, Ellie Jones, Klara Fletcher, Chevy Sujeewon, Maddie Farthing and Daisy Farthing. On Wednesday the team remained unchanged with Theo Harper back on form and Oscar Purnell (in for Harry), who was awarded **Player of the Match** for huge improvements with footwork and for scoring 3 goals.

On Monday 10th March the Lions played again at The Ridge Junior School in Yate. A shaky start rattled the Lions when the Ridge scored first, however, we should never have doubted the skill of the team, as by the end of the quarter it was 4-2 to the Lions. The goals then followed in quick succession with a final score of 24-2! Ellie Jones was Player of the Match for being a consistently great player. Well done to the rest of the team Klara Fletcher and Chevy Sujeewon, who each scored 6 goals, Harry Purnell, Stella Harper, Theo Harper, Maddie Farthing and Daisy Farthing.

Roller Disco Join in the fun and go along to Tetbury Leisure Centre on Fridays from 3.45pm to 5.00pm!! Open to all ages / Cost: £2.50 – just turn up! The Leisure Centre has a few spare roller skates if you do not have any of your own. Please continue to book the after school club direct with the Leisure Centre.

Reminders

As it is the end of our financial year, please pay any outstanding **music invoices** by Friday of next week.

If you have borrowed any spare school clothes, please return them to the School Office. We are also very short of clean boys and girls pants in KS1. Thank you.

Scarlet Fever

There has been an increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever, above what is normally expected at this time of year. Scarlet fever is mainly a childhood disease and is most common between the ages of 2 and 8 years. It is usually treated with antibiotics and children with the disease would need to stay at home to minimise spreading the infection. Symptoms are sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours a fine red rash develops and a white coating on the tongue .If you think you, or your child, has scarlet fever see your family doctor as soon as possible.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Help us to collect as many Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers as possible. The more we get, the more sports and cookery equipment we can buy for the school. Collection Box outside the School Office. Thank you.