

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

## Dates for your diary

- 01.03.15 Hidden Birmingham Event
- 10.03.15 Benjii & the Aliens Show
- 11.03.15 BSL class at Longwill
- 13.03.15 Parents Morning 10am
- 13.03.15 Red Nose Day
- 16.03.15 Friendship Week
- 20.03.15 Training Day
- 24.03.15 Egg Rolling/ Hat Parade
- 27.03.15 Training Day

## Governors Newsletter

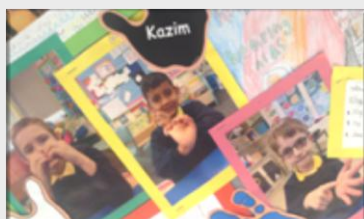
The Governors have produced their first newsletter which introduces each of them to parents. Please look out for your copy which will be sent home soon. This is also available on the website.

## KS1 begin Yogabugs...

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 have begun weekly sessions of yoga! They are really enjoying these sessions which are linked to story time.

## KS2 Language Morning...

Y3, 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed their first foreign language morning! Pupils started off by celebrating all the home languages spoken in the school. This will be a half termly event.



## Spring Term Highlights

### *Year One visits the local garage...*

Ben Smith from the garage met the pupils and told them a bit about the garage and what he did. The children then had an opportunity to ask questions. Ben then showed them around the garage and allowed the pupils into several different cars. Pupils had the opportunity to take lots of photographs of close ups and long shots of the different cars and different car parts which they used to create posters back at school. Pupils really enjoyed sitting in the different cars and being able to look at the controls and pretend to drive. Before we left Ben gave everyone a toy car and a car flag (including enough for the children that were absent).



### *School Council's Film about our School Community ...*

We were fortunate enough to be asked to take part in a festival which celebrates the many communities which make up the City of Birmingham. The festival took place at the Old Library in the Custard Factory on Sunday 1st March. Some parents and pupils were able to attend. School Councillors helped me show the festival goes all about our wonderful community of Deaf sign bilingual pupils here at Longwill. They have amazed myself, the large audience on the day and the Governors who have seen the film! Their film can be viewed on our website. Please take a look!

## Trumpet Workshop...

We were pleased to welcome Sean Chandler into school last Wednesday. Sean is a Deaf teacher who specialises in teaching music.



He brought in a wide selection of brass instruments for the children to explore. Pupils loved playing the trombones and tubas!

Sean demonstrated the skills needed to play these instruments and pupils watched and listened avidly! We have put up a selection of photos and film clips on the website if you want to share in the children's fun!



**Don't forget...13.03.15**

**Parents Morning 10am**

## Safety Visit to Bright Sparks...

Pupils in Foundation and KS1 learned about Fire safety when they visited Bright Sparks. It was an excellent visit and we have asked Fireman Matt to come to teach all pupils more about fire safety on 16th APRIL.

## Welcome to new pupils...

We are pleased to welcome Esmeranda back to school. She joins pupils in Y2. Also, Morgan joined Y1 in January. We now have two classes in Year One because there are now 11 pupils in that year group!

## A Message from Mrs Carter...

Once again staff and pupils have had a productive half term! The school has been a hive of activity, with many trips, visits and visitors to school.

For me, the highlight must surely be our film describing our school community and what makes pupils proud. Whilst School Council were the driving force behind this project, every pupil had an opportunity to have their say as they told us all why they were "Proud to be Deaf".

Our school mission statement aims to support pupils to become ' independent free thinkers, ready for 21st century life, capable of embracing the technology of tomorrow, who are adaptable, self-reliant resourceful and tolerant of change and who can contribute to the wider community. And so that pupils function effectively within both the Hearing and the Deaf world; proud of their heritage and confident to move freely in whichever world they choose'.

Having heard our School Council young leaders speak so confidently of our school community I am confident that these aims are being met! We are all so proud of them!

Alison Carter

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