

New Close News

Friday 10th March, 2017

Head Teacher - Miss Jane Brown
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Outdoor Pursuits and Team Building



On Thursday 6th April all of the children at New Close will be enjoying working on a range of outdoor pursuits. All of the children will be building shelters, toasting marshmallows, participating in team events and orienteering. Key Stage 2 children will also be experiencing archery.

I suggest that everyone comes to school in non-uniform that they don't mind getting dirty and should also be wearing suitable footwear or wellies. Key Stage 2 will be enjoying these events in the morning so it would be a good idea if they brought clothing to change into at lunchtime should they get dirty. It is the first time we have done this at New Close and I am certain that everyone will have a wonderful time and learn some valuable skills.

Badgers

As you know we have a colony of badgers living in the fenced-off woodland area of our school. Although we have often seen evidence of their existence in the form of 'snuffle' holes, we have never seen them in reality. I mentioned a few weeks ago that we have kindly been loaned a night vision camera and this has successfully captured photographs of a badger. The camera has now captured video footage of the badger this week and the children have been delighted to see this footage via the whiteboards in the classes. I am creating a display to keep the children informed about our nocturnal residents and would appreciate any fascinating facts, information or photographs you have.



The Great Egg Race



I'm pleased to announce that we will be holding 'The Great Egg Race' at the end of this term. We held our first race last year and it was a tremendous success and great fun. The aim is to build a non-motorised vehicle that is able to carry an egg over a distance. The winning vehicle is the one which can transport the egg the furthest. All vehicles begin from the top of a ramp to provide the initial propulsion and the surface that the vehicle travels over is the playground. Parents are welcome to come along and cheer their child although I must stress that it is not compulsory for children to enter. Naturally, as the vehicles are built at home, parents are welcome to work with their child on their entry. Further details will follow shortly. Good luck!!

★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

Ruby	Meddy	Sophie
Logan	Charlotte	Sebrina

PUPIL ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Amelia in Squirrel class for passing her primary ballet exam.



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FREE and SUBSIDISED COOL MILK

A reminder to all parents/guardians that school is able to provide free milk each day to all children under five and to those children entitled to statutory free school meals. Milk can also be provided to children aged five or over at a subsidised cost.

For further information please visit www.coolmilk.com or ask in the school Office.



E-Newsletter

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Office Hours

Please be aware that the School Office is staffed between 8.45am and 3.15pm.

