



# *Roseberry* Primary & Nursery School Newsletter

May 2014



## SCHOOL EVENTS

### Links to Sri Lanka

In November, Miss Blakeney visited our partner school, Gonadeniya Maha Vidyalaya, in Sri Lanka. The visit was reciprocated by Miss Dayani in April. Both teachers had the opportunity to deliver lessons and observe practice in their partner schools. It was a very enriching experience for all concerned, although Miss Blakeney had the added benefit of a week of sunshine. Poor Miss Dayani had a week of non-stop rain!





### Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents who attended the spring term parents' evenings. Attendance, as usual, was very good. If you could not make it, your child's teacher is still happy to discuss his/her progress with you at a time to suit you. Please contact the teacher to arrange a convenient time. We would also like to thank all parents who filled in our curriculum questionnaires. We are currently reviewing our curriculum to implement in September in line with government requirements. Once decided, we will send you this information out via newsletters and the school's website.

Class	% attendance		Class	% attendance
Nursery	100%		2	87%
Rec	100%		3	82%
1 (Miss Dodds)	100%		4	71%
1 (Miss Webster)	90%		5	100%
			6	100%

### Year 6 SATs

Just to mention that our Year 6 pupils did fantastically well during SATs week. Every pupil attended school every day and tried their very best in the tests. We are all very proud of them. Well done!

## LEARNING SHOWCASE

### Chicks hatch in Nursery Class

This term our children in Early Years watched with baited breath to see our eggs hatch. Liam holds one of the chicks.



Ava, Zoe and Ruby watching the chicks' antics.



### Owls visit Key Stage 1

Children in Years 1 & 2 were treated to a visit from 4 owls as part of their Science topic – ‘**What lives in our local area?**’ The pupils have been developing their enquiry skills by answering the following questions:

How do minibeasts grow?

Where might animals live in our local area?

What do these animals eat and where do they get their food?

What are the names of the plants and trees in the local area?



The visit of the owls brought the subject to life for the pupils and they produced some fantastic work.

### **Library visit**

As you can see in the photographs, our pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the local library. However several books still need to be returned. The librarians have asked if parents can check for any missing books and return them to school. They will then be collected by library staff. We thank you for your co-operation.



*Years 1 & 2 browse the books*



*Sam & Keane reading*

### **SEND reforms**

In September 2014, the government are reforming special educational needs. Attached to this newsletter is information for parents from the Department for Education about the reforms.

## **Sainsbury's Active vouchers**

Mrs Hodgson had a nice surprise this week when she received a letter from a member of the public. An anonymous person sent in an envelope full of vouchers for this worthwhile scheme. Just in case this person reads our website, we would like to say a big thank you!

## **DIARY DATES**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Puberty Talk in Year 6

(Letters will be coming out for permission after half term)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Family Technology Challenge (afternoon)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Firefighters' clothing collection

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day (Rec – Yr 2 a.m. Y3-6 p.m.)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Robinwood visit & Y3/4 sandcastle Challenge

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre (afternoon)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Brass Band Performance (Les Bomb Zatonik from France)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Disco

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers' Disco

School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May for the half term holiday and reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is an INSET Day for the staff.