



November Newsletter

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An Orchard for Brockwell!

Our ECO group led by Leah in year 6 are involved in an exciting project for our 50th birthday with Jon Murcott from Nationwide Solutions. They'll be designing and planting an orchard area along with various variety of trees on the bank by the large yard and down the drive on November 21st.

IGenies!

Congratulations to all our IGenies! After a series of inspiring interviews many children now will be attending club each week before cascading their learning to help all their friends...and teachers!

Our website has an IGenius section where you'll be able to get a flavour of the interviews and you'll see the standard already in our school! Thanks to all those parents who helped prepare the children and well done to you all. Do also look at the website to see our Blogs - particularly families of Y5 & Y6 children. There are some fantastic 100 word challenges and you get the opportunity to give feedback should you choose to.

Autumn Assembly and Jackson Pollock

Thank you to all of you for supporting the autumn assembly and for donating items for Chesterfield Food Bank. We'll be boxing all the donations up during weeb beginning 3rd November so if you'd still like to send something in please do. Friday 7th November is the last day. In addition to year group work linked to Jackson Pollock, our Take One Picture work has resulted in four Pollock inspired pieces: Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer. Soon they'll feature outside for you to talk to the children about. Our year three children wrote and performed their Jackson inspired poem during the autumn assembly which was wonderful. Thank you to everyone involved.

Parents & Friends (17th Nov 9am Staff Room)

Looking for something personalised to make Christmas special? Soon Christmas cards, designed by your children, will be sent home for you to decide if you'd like to order. Please look out for them soon. We'll be having another 'Winter Warmer' - an opportunity for you to come in and buy a book before reading with cake and coffee! We'd really appreciate donations of unwanted children's books and children's magazines.

COME FOR COFFEE

RAISED £650 FOR MACMILLAN
THANK YOU!

School Council

Congratulations to all our newly elected School Councillors.

All the children are allocated a house and they work hard to get house points for their team. Councillors have been given the challenge of finding and agreeing four new names for our 'Houses'.

We'll keep the colours red, blue, green and yellow but each is to have a name too.

We'd like it to be something linking local places or people of significance.

Councillors are leading the debate in their classes and will select the four winners through a democratic process! Some suggestions we like so far include:

Roaches,
Stevenson,
Stanage,
Chatsworth...

Please send in your ideas..Twitter, email, phone or paper!

Curriculum Update

Would you like to know more about the things your child learns in school? Would you like more detailed curriculum news? In addition to the Curriculum Statement on our website, we will be adding the age related expectations for each year group so you can learn about the types of things your child will be expected to learn. We'll text you when they are online and should you like a paper copy do let us know. We'll be adding a drop in / workshop for anyone with questions later in the year but do call in and chat to the teachers if you have any questions.

100 Years Remembered



888,246 ceramic poppies - one for each British and colonial military fatality of the First World War - created by Paul Cummins, 36, of Chesterfield are displayed at the Tower of London.

The evolving installation, entitled Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red, is by the ceramic artist in partnership with stage designer Tom Piper.

This term children will be making poppies in school inspired by Paul which we hope to display by the theatre by Tuesday 11th November. Poppies now on sale in school from 20p.

SOS Basse / Children in Need 14th November

For several years we have sponsored a 'Children's Village' in The Gambia. The village is the Basse Village that opened a Nursery and Primary School in 2007 thanks to the support of people like us. You can find loads of detailed information about the Village at www.soschildrensvillages.org.uk We'd like to continue this sponsorship and ask you to support our event on the 14th November.

It is a charity that states 100% of sponsorship is spent in the vicinity of the child - not used for UK admin. The charity also has no political or religious connections.

Children at Brockwell are invited to raise money to support children at the village and Children In Need. Through assemblies children will further develop their geographical understanding and will see exactly what their money is being spent on. The fundraising day this year will be November 14th.

The following has been planned:

- Assembly - A Speaker from SOS Children's Villages will explain the impact of the work done in Basse.
- **Dressing Up! BE A HERO!** A cape? A mask? Unleash your fancy dress superhero identity. Children may dress up for the day and are asked to bring in a donation.
- 2pm Bun sale. Please send any buns into school that morning for us to sell in the afternoon.

Please support the day - I'm sure we will have lots of fun raising money to support children that are significantly disadvantaged and without families of their own. Any money over our sponsorship will go to BBC Children in Need. I'll text amounts to you on the week/day. Thank you.

Clubs

This term include:

Choir Y4,5 & 6 (Wednesdays to 4.15pm),
 Synergie Football - Wednesdays to 4.30pm
 Filmclub Mondays to 4.30pm
 Rugby (all year groups) - Tuesdays
 Y6 Sport Club Thursdays

Dates for your diary:

November 4th Christian Faith Group 'Crackpot' join us for assembly.

Tuesday 11th November
 Poppy Event
 Interviews for Midday Supervisor (advert on www.derbyshire.gov.uk)

Friday 14th November
 Be a Hero! (Children may dress up. Donations for SOS Basse / Children in Need welcome)

24th and 25th November
 Drama Workshop
 Nottingham Playhouse Y3

25th November
 Shakespeare Workshop Y6

18th Governor Les Blunt monitoring Reading in school.

Thursday 20th Fire Safety Talk Y6

Tuesday 2nd December
 DISCO Any help appreciated - brockwellpfa@hotmail.com