

# Sitwell Junior School

*Working Together To Be The Best*



## Newsletter October 2012

### **THIS HALF TERM...**

The last six weeks have proved to be really busy in school with our new curriculum getting off to a flying start, with all year groups taking part in exciting activities in school and visits out of school to really bring their learning to life. Our new staff members have all become part of the Sitwell team and our new Y3 children have settled really well. We have had our first class assembly for the year from 6L who shared some of their work on Gangsta Granny as part of their Heroes and Villains topic. This news letter will share with you some of the other events so far this school year and bring you some tasters of what's to come as we head rapidly towards Eid and Christmas.

### **DATES**

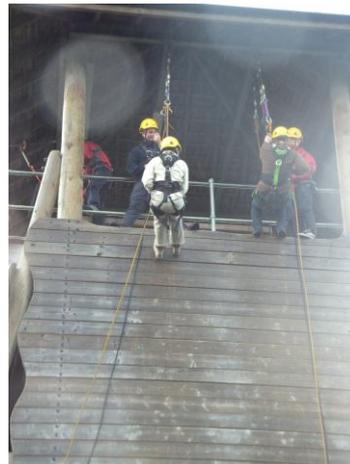
24/10/12: Y6 at Crucial Crew all day  
25/10/12: Possible date for Eid party (to be confirmed)  
5/11/12: Book week – book fair in school all week; start of Book At Bedtime month  
6/11/12 and 7/11/12: Open evenings – 3.30-6.00  
14/11/12: Y6 at Cadbury World  
16/11/12: 5S class assembly 2.00

### **FRIENDS OF SITWELL JUNIORS**

Thank you to the great response for our Friends Of Sitwell Juniors. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm in 3AS (Miss Sampson's room). The group hope to organise not only fund raising events but also social events, community development and opportunities for bid writing to secure more funding for our children. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting.

### **RESIDENTIALS**

This term has already seen our two residential visits. Y6 went on a team building weekend to Kingswood Peak Venture Centre. The children took part in lots of activities such as abseiling, zip wire, problem solving, quad biking and orienteering. They had chance to develop independence, problem solving skills and team work. It was a great chance for teachers to get to know their new classes.



*New teachers Mrs. Doran and Miss Sampson prepare to abseil*

Y5 had a fabulous time in London. 46 children and 6 staff saw all the sights and visited the National Army Museum and the Science Museum as part of their Blitz topic. Highlights of the stay also included a boat ride down the Thames, dinner at Planet Hollywood and the show Wicked. Our children received many compliments from members of the public about their exemplary behaviour. Well done!



### **SITWELL SPORTS**

Our sports teams and clubs continue to go from strength to strength. New clubs this term have included Zumba and gymnastics. Our football team brought home the shield following a hotly contested tournament at Rockingham. 22 out of the 40 places in the cross country finals have been taken by our children at the recent Oakwood Sports Festival. Our teams also won the hockey and football at the festival. All of our children showed good sporting behaviour and team spirit throughout the events. Many thanks to Mr.Allan, Mr.Dungworth, Mr Green and all of the other coaches and assistants who have given up their time this half term to develop the school's sporting reputation.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



Many thanks to everybody who supported our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. The event was very well attended, with lots of delicious home baking provided. Our children and staff looked very glitzy in their best bling during the day and the infants also joined in the day with a non-uniform event. Together we raised an amazing £815.71. The cheque was collected last Friday in assembly by a representative from Macmillan with huge thanks. The money will really make a big difference to the many people whose lives are touched by cancer. Many thanks to Mrs.Parker for organising the event.

### **OLYMPIC FUNDRAISER**

The children had a great morning a couple of weeks ago to raise money for sporting equipment for the school as well as helping to raise some funds for sports coaching schemes being run in preparation for the 2016 Olympics. All of the children (and most of the staff) took part in the fitness circuit and then we were all stunned by a display from top gymnast Matthew Firth. Please can you ensure all sponsor money is returned as soon as possible,

### **SMSA VACANCIES**

We are looking to appoint 2 new lunchtime supervisors to start after half term. We need people who are able to work between 12.00 and 1.00 each day to ensure that there is a safe, happy environment for our children during the lunch hour. It is essential that the children are encouraged to maintain the high standards of behaviour and good manners shown at other times during this period. Duties will be split between the hall and the playground. We are looking for people who are dynamic and can actively involve children in purposeful play while maintaining good order and respect. If anybody is interested, please could you see Mr.Moody as soon as possible for more details.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

We will be holding a coffee morning on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October between 9.00 and 10.15. This will be an opportunity for you to provide us with feedback on any issues affecting your children. We would especially like some feedback about visits (particularly the two residentials), the new curriculum and home learning. If anybody is able to provide any buns to sell at the morning, that would be greatly appreciated. We hope to make this the first coffee morning, with one being held each half term. Senior staff will be attending.

### **EID**

We would like to wish all of you celebrating Eid-ul-Adha on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October a very happy day. We are planning our own celebrations in school the day before on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October. More details will follow.

### **OPEN EVENINGS**

We will be holding our open evenings on the first week back after half term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November. This will provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss with your child's teacher how well they have settled into their new class and the progress made so far. You will also be able to see the great work done so far. Letters will follow.

