

Preston Grange Primary School



Newsletter - March 14th 2017

Maths challenge

In Key Stage 2 there is going to be a focus on children learning their times tables. To do this, children will be given a 'times table of the week'. Children will be given a times tables card on Monday. There will then be a times tables quiz on Friday. The two top scorers from each class will compete against each other to become the times tables champion in assembly the following Monday. We are really excited to award our first champion certificate!

Year 5 basketball team

On Friday, our Year 5 team played at the home of the Newcastle Eagles, in the North Tyneside Hoops4Health tournament. They played absolutely brilliantly, controlled the game and the play was all down at their end. Unfortunately, St Columbas scored the only basket of the game, and it wasn't meant to be. We are so proud of our team for their hard work, teamwork and passion for the game. They were very happy to be awarded a medal for their achievements in qualifying to this stage in the tournament. Thank you also to our families for the tremendous family support! A fantastic night was had by all. Thanks to Eve Reid for the photos below:



NLT Star Awards



As a school in the North Tyneside Learning Trust, we can nominate children for one of the eleven categories in the NLT Star Awards. The awards are designated to inspire children, to recognise personal achievement and to celebrate success. The categories for which a child may be nominated are as follows: Local Hero award, Fundraising Award, Resilience Award, Green Award, Leadership Award, Inspiration Award, Volunteering Award, Inclusion Award, Can Do Award, Achievement Award and Breakthrough Award. A nomination form may be picked up from the school office, or please visit: www.nltlearningtrust.org.uk/trust-activities/starawards, as parents, staff and

children are all able to nominate a child for a category. Please call into the office if you would like a nomination form, on which you will also find further details about each category. Each nominee is considered a winner in their own right and will receive a certificate. Finalists will be invited to a glittering awards ceremony later in Summer term. The closing date for nominations is April 28th.

Easter egg competition



We are having a decorated hard boiled egg competition at the end of this term. If you remember, we have a children's competition where the eggs are decorated in school time (with no adult help) in the class. Although we have a range of craft materials, please feel free to send in any specific art or craft materials, which your child may like to use to decorate their egg. We would be grateful if you would send into school one hard boiled egg for your child to decorate, on Wednesday 5th April.

We will also be having a family decorated egg competition and there will be eggcellent prizes for these! We were so impressed by the amazing family entries that we had last year! Please send in all family entries to the hard boiled Easter egg competition by 12 noon on Wednesday 5th April at the latest thanks. There will be an opportunity for parents to pop into school to see the range of wonderful competition entries at the end of the school day on the Wednesday. Good luck everybody, we can't wait to see the entries this year!

Science Week

Across school this week, the children have been doing some amazing messy Science activities and experiments as part of the theme 'changes' for Science week! Please see our school twitter account (@pg_primary) or the bottom left hand side of the website (shows our Twitter feed without needing to have an account) for film and photos of some of the activities.

Dates for your diary

- Thurs 16th March - football team to JSCHS 3.30-4.30pm
- Mon 20th March - The Big Pedal starts (more details to follow)
- Thurs 23rd March - Romeo & Juliet theatre production in school (pm)
- Fri 24th March - Red Nose Day (non uniform)
- Fri 31st March - Superhero day to celebrate end of The Big Pedal
- Tues 4th Apr - Year 4 badminton tournament at JSCHS
- Wed 5th Apr - hard-boiled egg into school for children to decorate
- Wed 5th Apr - family egg competition entries to be submitted by 12 noon
- Thurs 6th Apr - final of Preston Grange Has Talent (more details to follow)
- Fri 7th Apr - Break up for Easter holidays

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher, March 14th 2017