



St Peter's CE Primary School

Bratton

NEWSLETTER

Friday 7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to share in the newsletter this week. Year 4 have started learning how to play the Ukulele ...further updates coming on this soon. Year 4 have also been learning about recycling, with Veolia coming in to run a recycling workshop.

Year 5 have been continuing to learn about coal mining by learning about coal mining folk music. There are reports for all these in the newsletter and reception have included their own newsletter this week.

We have wider contributions from outside of school to the newsletter, with some of our Year 5 starring in panto. We are always keen to hear about children's achievements outside of school – please email anything into the school office.

Just a reminder, school is closed next Friday (14th February) for a staff training day.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mark Davis

Head Teacher

Thought for the week: 11th February Safer Internet Day - Life itself is your teacher and you are in a state of constant learning. Bruce Lee

UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Catering Team

The kitchen will be serving a special Italian Valentine's menu on Thursday 13th February. Please see the menu attached for details.

UPDATES FROM THE CLASSES

Reception

The reception team have attached their latest newsletter, take a look at what they've been up to.

Eco Warriors

On Monday the children in year 4 had a visit from the recycling company Veolia. They undertook the 'lunchbox challenge' and had to think of ways to reduce the waste they produced from their own pack lunches. The children wrote 5 top tips that they wanted to share with the school.

- *Place sandwiches in re-useable containers to replace foil/clingfilm.
- *Buy large/family sized bags of crisps and bring in an individual portion in a re-usable tub.
- *Take 'Tetra Pak' juice cartons to be recycled at the skip.
- *Buy fresh 'bakery' bread to avoid plastic packaging.
- *Make homemade snacks such as flapjack to avoid wrappers.

One of our children has created a poster to share these tips with the other classes. We really hope you can get on board as we work together to reduce our waste.

Small changes matter.

Year 4 Ukulele

We've been buzzing with excitement in year 4 as the children gained possession of their new ukuleles. School has invested in 2 class sets in order to provide all children with the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. It's a learning process for us all and so we ask for your patience and support. If you have any questions or indeed have any expertise that you would like to share then please feel free to come and speak with Mrs Kincaid or Mrs Jones.



Year 4 Local Walk

On Wednesday 12th February, Year 4 will take a walk around the local area to support their learning in science. They will be investigating the impact of environmental changes on local wildlife. Pupils will need to wear school uniform (as normal) and be dressed appropriately for the weather.

Coal Mining Folk Music in Year 5

This half term in music year 5 have focused on our mining heritage and how music has played a role. We started by watching the beginning of the opening ceremony of the 2012 Olympics. We thought about how different instruments were used to depict the different sounds heard in a mine. We also thought about the pitch, duration and tempo of the music. From this we started to look at folk songs and how they depicted

life in a coal mine. Firstly, we listened to The Collier Lass a Lancastrian song about a girl having to work in the mines. Whilst in Deep Down in the Coalmine it is Polly's father who works in the mines. From here we composed our own songs about mining using some phrases from the previous songs. This week we collectively sang another folk song basket full of coal dust. Originally this song was just a fragment of a song that was found in the Full English Archive and only consisted of a first verse. The rest of the song was written by pupils from another school.

Down In A Coalmine

Collected from a printed broadside by Frank Kidson
www.vwml.org/record/FK/18/196/2
Roud Number: 3502



In me you see a collier, a simple honest man
Who strives to do his very best, to help his fellow man
We toil away from morn till night, where hard work's to be found
Digging dusty diamonds from underneath the ground

Chorus: Down in a coalmine, underneath the ground
Where a gleam of sunshine never can be found
Digging dusty diamonds all the season round
Down in the coalmine, underneath the ground

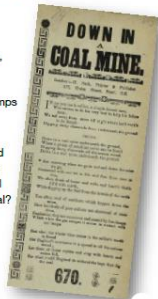
In the morning when we go to toil and down the mine we go
Contented with our lot in life and free from care or woe
We often think of home and wife, and heart's that's fill'd with mirth,
While digging up the fuel from the bowels of the earth.

Chorus

You oftimes read of accidents, which happen down the mine,
How hundreds of colliers are shortened of their time
Explosions they are numerous, and caused by fire damps
Which when the gas escapes it comes in contact with our lamps

Chorus

But when the winter time comes in the collier's worth is found
Old England's commerce it is spread to all the nations round
Let those at home rejoice and sing with hearts and voices full
For what would England do without the boys who dig the coal?



The Collier Lass

Words collected in a printed broadside by Frank Kidson
Tune compiled from two traditional tunes by Mike Harding
www.vwml.org/record/FK/11/107/2
Roud Number: V7863
Traditional

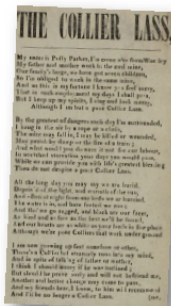
My name's Polly Parker, I'm come o'er from Worsley
My father and mother work in a coal mine
My family's large, we've got seven children
And so I am forced to work down the coal mine

By the greatest of dangers each day we're surrounded,
I hang in the air by a rope and a chain.
The mine may fall in, I may be killed or be wounded
May perish by fire-damp or the fire of a train.

And what would you do were it not for our labour
In wretched starvation your days they would pass
While we can provide you with life's greatest blessing
Oh do not despise a poor collier lass.

All the day long you may see we are buried
Deprived of the light and the warmth of the sun
And often at night from our beds we are hurried
The water is in and bare footed we run.

Although we are ragged and black are our faces
As kind and as free as the best we are found
And our hearts are as right as your lords in high places
Although we're poor colliers who work underground.



Year 5 Performers

Darcie and Betty from year 5 have been starring in the panto The Little Mermaid. They performed in a total of 4 shows between Friday night and Sunday afternoon at the Belfry Theatre. It was a great show.

Well done to both of you.



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th February	RE ambassadors meeting
Wednesday 12 th February	Safeguarding squad meeting
Friday 14 th February	PD Day
Monday 17 th February	Half Term
w/c Monday 2 nd March	Book Fair – details to follow
Tuesday 3 rd March	Y1 Exotic Zoo visit
Tuesday 3 rd March	RE ambassadors meeting
Thursday 5 th March	Y3 Wroxeter visit
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – details to follow
Thursday 5 th March	Year 2 Parents Reading Morning 9:00-9:30am
Friday 13 th March	Prayer meeting 2pm
Tuesday 17 th March	RE ambassadors meeting
Thursday 19 th March	Learning conference – details to follow
Friday 20 th March	Learning conference – details to follow
Friday 27 th March	Y5 Black Country Museum visit
Tuesday 31 st March	RE ambassadors meeting
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Service – St Peter’s Church, Wrockwardine 10:00am 1E1 2E1 3S1 4S1 5W1 6W1
Friday 3 rd April	End of term