



Market Harborough C of E Primary School Annual Review 2010-2011

The 'normal' school day...

You'll see from the attached list of Calendar Events that there's almost no such thing as a normal school day! In order to give you an overview of the many and varied activities that have taken place in school this year, we have pulled together this, our first Annual Review. The activities it outlines are all in addition to the required curriculum teaching that the children receive – and it's a long document! We have been amazed at just how many varied and exciting 'extras' our staff have managed to pack in, and they all enhance the children's everyday experience of school life...

The number of sports and other physical activities that the children took part in is really quite astonishing – there always seemed to be one or other class or year group on the move every day! Our thanks go to Miss Booth for co-ordinating the majority of the outside activities such as cricket, tennis, squash, gymnastics, etc. We have also been nominated for a Primary Schools' Sports Initiative Award for our work with *Big Moves*, and our Y5/6 Girls' Football Team won the League! Several of our children also represented the school at the recent Harborough District Area Sports in Corby and the Youth Games in Loughborough.

Our French learning in school has had some exciting 'extras' this year. Just before Easter Mme Aurelie Dale came to work with each KS2 class. She taught the children about Easter customs in France and they were able to sample some traditional French foods. In the Summer term the Onatti Theatre Company delighted us with 'The World's Gone French', a very entertaining show in French and English with lots of audience participation. Our year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in two taster German sessions recently, when Year 9 students from Welland Park Community College planned and delivered games and activities in small groups, supported by Mrs Debbie Edwards, Head of Languages.

You will see the children's wonderfully creative artwork everywhere around the school. We have been putting our new Community Art Block and re-housed kiln to good use, and the children have been working on projects throughout the year. Miss Taylor has also been hosting specialist G&T workshops for our own children and children from other local schools.

Music and drama are an important part of the school life, and all the school productions and church services were once again of a very high standard. Singing assemblies were held every week, and the children (and staff!) really enjoyed them – it's lovely to hear them belting out the songs! The newly-formed School Choir gave two excellent concerts this year, as well as being invited to sing in the town square during the switching on of the Christmas lights. Instrumental lessons continued to be available in school, and in addition this year all of the Year 5 children had group lessons under the Leicestershire Arts Wider Opportunities funding scheme. Mrs Rodi is delighted that many of the children who expressed an interest in clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and French horn will continue to have lessons in Year 6.

The school has strong ties with St Dionysius Church, and as usual we held our end of term services and the KS2 carol service in the church. Revd Brand is one of our Foundation Governors and is a regular visitor to our school. As well as his informal visits, throughout the year he worked with the children on specific projects, such as the Nicholls Cup and the Year 6 'Moving On' transition, and he and other Anglican ministers took it in turns to lead our whole school assemblies on Thursday mornings. Our Collective Worship group of children went to Launde Abbey in April for a special ceremony involving commissioned sculptures for

the Stations of the Cross. We also held a special assembly in May, with the handover of the 'Held Together' statue, and each class had the opportunity to visit the statue, to touch it and to talk about how it made them feel. All the children have been looking at different faiths during this school year, and then created our Faith Stops, which can be found all around the school. The Year 4 children took part in an exchange with Brookside Primary School in Leicester, and learnt about the Vaisakhi Celebrations.

We were delighted that so many of our local residents came in to school for our events, such as afternoon teas, coffee mornings, PTA events and school productions, and we got some lovely feedback from them on how delightful our children are. All of our children have been out into town for various projects, and we received many compliments on their exemplary behaviour. Our Foundation Stage children visited the local Fire Station, and an unsuspecting Inspector Holland from the local Police station was literally waylaid at the school gates by Mrs Rodi and Mr Lee and found himself embroiled in a Year 6 project – and the enthusiastic and patient way in which these professionals engaged with the children was fantastic. We took part in this year's Harborough in Bloom competition, and won awards for our participation in and fundraising for the Rotary Club SwiMarathon (with special thanks to Miss Stephens). As part of their WW2 topic, our Year 3 children took part in the Memorial Service on the town square, and this year the children have been issued a special invitation to both take part in the service and also visit the Council offices afterwards so that they can meet the veterans. Five Year 10 students and one A level student from Robert Smyth School came to us in the Summer term for their Work Experience week, and we provided placements for three trainee teachers from the University of Northampton.

There was a huge amount of PTA and other fundraising throughout the year, and it never ceases to amaze us how generous you are! The PTA does a fantastic job and we would like to thank them for all their hard work and the myriad ways in which they enrich school life – they raised just short of £2,500 on the Summer Fete alone... We have also raised money for Lyaniso, Children in Need, Red Nose Day, Macmillian Cancer and the Rotary Club, and the children (and staff) also organised their own mini-fundraisers for specific charities.

School Council: Led by Miss Gogerly

This year the School Council has worked hard to raise the profile of our sponsored child, Lyaniso. We arranged for Kiran Gupta of the charity, EveryChild, to visit school and talk to each class about Lyaniso and how we can help him. We discussed different ways of collecting money for him and decided on a weekly year group rota. This has been a big success and children and their families have responded very generously. Our current total of money raised since March is £355! The School Council has also supported the Leicester Animal Rescue Centre by collecting food for a special Christmas hamper, and we will be visiting the Centre on 13th July to meet the staff and the cats and dogs that they look after.

Green Team: Led by Mrs Guiver

The Green Team began by launching their main project for the year, which was to promote and encourage waste free packed lunches (WFPLs). This was applauded by the cook, Mrs Douglas. The Team photographed, recorded and weighed the waste and this amounted to an incredible 4.5kg each day on average! They also set up a bin-watch rota so that they could encourage children to take their packed lunch waste home rather than put it in the school-dinner bin. They made posters to encourage people to bring less food, less waste and to take home what wasn't needed at school. A new dashboard was set up for Green Team members on the school VLE; it contains sites which may be of interest to them. In March, an Eco-review was undertaken by the Team, who had to find out the answers to questions relating to energy, litter, waste, water, transport, healthy living, bio-diversity, school grounds, global perspectives and pupil participation. Before Easter, the Green Team began to make PowerPoint presentations for assembly about WFPLs. These were eventually amalgamated

into one and the Team had its own assembly, which was finished off nicely with The Green Team Rap! They also launched a poster competition for a catchy way to promote WFPLs, and when the winning entry was judged, examples of children's own WFPLs were shown. Two merits are now given for every WFPL that children bring in. The Team visited the Nature Area and discovered that we have lost our palm tree to the harsh winter, and the prolonged season of below freezing temperatures could also be the reason why there has been no frog-spawn in our pond; not even one frog or toad was spotted! The last two meetings of the year were spent writing persuasive letters to parents encouraging them to provide their children with healthy, waste-free packed lunches. Let's hope the bins weigh less next year!

Fairtrade Steering Group: Led by Miss Stephens

It's been a busy year for the Fairtrade team. After achieving Fairtrade Status for the second year we've continued building on our previous success with a number of events. We have continued to hold monthly snack bars in school, and enjoyed great success with our Christmas and Summer Fair stalls. We have also held stalls at the family services at St Dionysius's church every few months, and attended their Church fete in September for the second year running; we've been invited back again this year. The PTA have been very supportive, making sure that they stock fair-trade products in their cafes at our school events. Fairtrade Fortnight was incredibly successful. We held our second Afternoon Tea and the children baked cakes using fair-trade ingredients, and invited the residents of the local nursing homes along. Our other huge success was our bunting challenge! Every child and adult in school made a piece of bunting which an army of volunteers stitched together, and we wrapped up our week by wrapping the Old Grammar School 6 times on that final Saturday of Fairtrade fortnight – which made all the local papers. We also took part in the fair-trade foundation bunting challenge, when children decorated fair-trade cotton bunting which was sent off and joined onto the world recording breaking single continuous length – this has been on display up and down the country! Phew! All this **and** the children have continued learning about the value of Fairtrade in the classroom. We're now all set to apply for our status renewal!

Governors

We have a committed and proactive Governing Body, and would like to thank all our Governors for their hard work – a glance at the Governors' Signing-In Book in the reception area will give you an idea of the variety of ways in which they have been involved with the school throughout the year.

Mrs Joan Williams – Chair
Dr Rachel Morley – Vice Chair
Ms Sue Bovill - Headteacher
Miss Carolyn Booth
Mr Craig Bosworth
The Revd Richard Brand
Mrs Sue Dove
Mrs Julie Johnson
Mrs Sally Kirke
Mrs Heidi Newman
Mrs Jane Snelling
Mr Richard Whitehouse

Please take time to visit the Governors' 'Post-It' session in the school hall – we'd like your feedback and any ideas for inclusion in next year's School Improvement Plan. We would also like to thank you for returning your Parent Questionnaires earlier this year – your responses and comments give us valuable information on what we're doing right and what we can do to improve!

Calendar of Events 2010-2011

After-School, Pre-School and Lunchtime Weekly Clubs & Activities

Y5/6 Team Netball
Y5/6 Boys' & Girls' Team Football
Y3/4 Netball
Cross Country Club (KS2)
Cricket Club
Y3 Squash Sessions at MH Squash Club
School Choir (KS2)
Dance Club (KS1 & KS2)
Y2 Christmas Craft Club
Origami Club (all ages)
Cookery Club (all ages)
Japanese Cookery Club (Y5/6)
2 x Creative Writing Workshops
Needlework Club (KS2)
Homework Club
Y6 Maths Booster Sessions
Science Club (KS2, led by Megan Cousins as part of Robert Smyth Science Academy)
Dyson Engineering Club (Y5/6)
Club Français (FS – Y2)
Jim-Jam Club
Chess Club
Hotshots Basketball
Mark Hedley Football
Premier Soccer FS – Y2 Football
Premier Sports FS – Y2 Multisports
Premier Sports KS2 Dodgeball
Premier Sports Fun & Fitness (all ages)

Regrettably, the School Music Ensemble only ran for a short while this year. We are hoping to start this up again in the new school year.

We could not have run the school's own clubs without the assistance and hard work of parents and staff. Our grateful thanks go to: Mrs CopeKoga, Mrs Goodman, Mrs Halberda, Mrs Hawkridge, Mr Iliffe, Mrs Kennard, Dr McCarton, Mr Muggleton, Mrs Walker, Mrs Wordley, Mrs S Adams, Mrs Arthur, Miss Booth, Ms Bovill, Mrs Fellows, Mr Flynn, Mrs Guiver, Mrs Holton, Miss Lee, Mr Lee, Mrs May, Mrs Pickering, Mrs Rodi, Miss Stephens, Mrs Taylor and Mr S Tidmarsh (with apologies to anyone we may have missed off the list!).

We would like to add a Gardening Club to the list for next year! Please see Mrs Fellows in Year 2 if this is something you are interested in and might be able to help with...

We're delighted to announce that, thanks to Mrs Fellows' hard work, we are now being considered as a lead school for G&T and extra-curricular activities, and cited as a good example for how schools can get parents more involved with school. Well done Mrs Fellows!

We would also like to thank all the parents, grandparents and other volunteers who came in to support us during the school day and helped the children to read, accompanied them on trips, or worked with them on other activities. Our very first World of Work Week was a huge success because of the number of parents who got involved. Thank You!

Calendar of Events 2010-2011

Diary Dates

September

Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th
Week beginning 20th
Thursday 23rd
Friday 24th
Thursday 30th

Basketball taster sessions
Y6 cycling proficiency course
PTA AGM 7pm, Music Studio
Macmillan Coffee Morning from 8am
Harvest Festival Assembly (children only)

October

Friday 1st
Saturday 2nd
Thursday 7th
Week beginning 11th
Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th
Wednesday 13th
Thursday 14th
Week beginning 25th

Monday 25th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th
Sunday 31st – Friday 5th November

Ragtex - recycling collection
Cross Country race, Leicester
World Poetry Day
World of Work Week; E-safety week for Y6
LOROS – Fitness in Schools
Individual school photos
PTA Discos: KS1 6 – 7pm, KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
E-safety Week for rest of school
Walk to School Week
Y6 Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
Y6 Parents' evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
Parents' E-safety presentation 6pm (Hall)
Y6 Kingswood Residential

November

Monday 1st
Tuesday 2nd
Wednesday 3rd
Saturday 6th
Friday 12th
Week beginning 15th
Tuesday 16th
Friday 19th

Friday 26th
Tuesday 30th

FS – Y5 Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
2VH Class Assembly 9.15am
FS – Y5 Parents' evening 3.30 – 7.30pm
2nd Cross Country Meeting – Western Park
Y3 WW2 Day – Beaumanor Hall
Community Cohesion Week; Anti-Bullying Week
3HS Class Assembly 9.15am
Children in Need – Go Spotty!
Launch of the Golden Mile
School Choir– Christmas lights, town square 5.30pm
2EF Class assembly 9.15am

December

Friday 3rd
Saturday 4th
Tuesday 7th
Wednesday 8th
Thursday 9th
Saturday 11th
Tuesday 14th
Wednesday 15th
Thursday 16th

Friday 17th
Monday 20th
Tuesday 21st

Christmas Fair 3.30 – 5.30pm
Cross Country Meeting
KS1 Nativity 6.30pm
KS1 Nativity 2pm
KS2 Swimming gala
Christingle Service 4pm, St Dionysius
KS2 Carol Concert 7pm, St Dionysius
FS Nativity 2pm, with refreshments
PTA Non uniform day
School Christmas Dinner
School Choir Concert 7pm
End of Term service 9.30am, St Dionysius
KS2 Carol Singing in town
Y2 Carol Singing at Clover Court
Y6 Beaumanor Hall Victorian Christmas trip

January

Friday 14th
Week beginning 24th
Thursday 27th
Saturday 29th
Week beginning 31st

Fairtrade snack bar
Community Cohesion Week– Faith in the Community
PTA Mad Science family evening 6.30 – 7.45pm
Primary Science Conference – Robert Smyth School
Life Education Week – Bus at school

February

Thursday 3rd
Monday 7th
Tuesday 8th
Saturday 12th
Tuesday 15th
Thursday 17th

Chinese New Year and themed lunch
Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
Safer Internet Day
SwiMarathon - Leisure Centre
1CB class assembly 9.15am
Y5/6 Girls' Football League – HTFC 4 – 5pm
Cross Country Race 2 – Leisure Centre 3.30pm
PTA Discos: KS1 6 – 7pm, KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
Start of Fairtrade Fortnight

February 28th

March

Tuesday 1st

English Folk Dancing workshop FS to Y3
Beamanor Residential Parents' Meeting 6pm
G&T Art Day

Wednesday 2nd
Friday 4th

Bunting for Fairtrade Workshop for parents
Boys' Football team match – Farndon Fields 3.30pm
Fairtrade Afternoon Tea 2.30 – 4.30pm – school hall
Green Team meeting 3.30 – 4.30pm

Monday 7th

Pancake Day themed lunch

Tuesday 8th

Y5 Grafham Water Residential

Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th

Y5/6 Girls' Football League – HTFC 4 – 5pm

Thursday 10th

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm

Monday 14th

Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm

Wednesday 16th

Comic Relief Day and themed lunch – non-uniform

Friday 18th

Starwalker Week

Monday 21st – Friday 25th

Y5/6 Netball Match (A v. Sherrier)

Thursday 24th

Y4 Beamanor Residential

Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th

Y5/6 Basketball tournament – Robert Smyth 3.30pm

Monday 28th

5LT class assembly 9.15am

Tuesday 29th

Y3 visit to National Stone Centre, Derbyshire

Wednesday 30th

FS/KS1 Mother's Day assembly 2.30pm

Thursday 31st

Y5/6 Netball Match (A v. Gilmorton)

April

Friday 1st

Annual Parent Questionnaire

Monday 4th

KS2 DVD night 3.30 – 5.15pm

Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm

Tuesday 5th

Y5/6 Netball Match 3.30pm (H v. Little Bowden)

Thursday 7th

Year 4 Assembly (both classes) 9.15am

Y4/5 Boys' Football Match 3.30pm (H v. Kibworth)

Friday 8th

Y5/6 Girls' Football League – HTFC 4 – 5pm

Y4 visit to Brookside School (Vaisakhi Celebrations)

Y5/6 Boys' Football Match 3.30pm (H v. Kibworth)

Tuesday 12th

PTA Quiz night (adults only)

1AP Class assembly 9.15am

Y3/4 Production 2pm & 7pm

Wednesday 13th

Y6 Netball tournament – Robert Smyth 3.30pm

Thursday 14th

Collective Worship Group visit to Launde Abbey

Easter themed lunch

PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3.30 – 5pm

Y3/4 Production 7pm

May

Thursday 5th
Monday 9th

Wednesday 11th
Thursday 12th
Friday 13th
Wednesday 18th
Thursday 19th

Friday 20th
Monday 23rd
Thursday 26th

Friday 27th

Local Government Elections – Bag Meal/Picnic
KS2 SATs start (Monday to Thursday)
Fun and Families course begins 7 – 9pm (7 weeks)
Y5 Netball tournament – Robert Smyth 3.30pm
Y5/6 girls' Football League – HTFC 4 – 5pm
Class photos – best bib and tucker please!
Fairtrade Steering Group Meeting 3.30 – 4.30pm
Quantum Theatre Maths Show (whole school)
School Choir concert 6.45pm – school hall
Y4 visit to Stratford
Hand-over of 'Held Together' statue
Y2 Maths Challenge Day – Beaumanor Hall
PTA discos: FS/KS1 – 6 – 7pm; KS2 7.15 – 8.15pm
Y2 Maths Challenge day at Beaumanor

June

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th
Friday 10th
Saturday 11th
Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th
Monday 20th
Tuesday 21st

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Saturday 25th
Week beginning 27th

Tuesday 28th

Wednesday 29th

Y3 visit to New Walk Museum
Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
Basketball finals – 3.30pm WPCC
Fairtrade Snack Bar (morning breaktime)
Carnival time! Float, Football Tournament, It's a Knockout!
French theatre company performance (pm)
FS New Intake – Parents' evening 6.30pm
FS New Intake – Informal Tea Party 3.45 – 5pm
Area Sports at Corby 4.30 – 7pm
FS New Intake – Induction (pm)
FS/Y1 Transition – Parents' meeting 5.30 – 6.30pm
Y5 visit to Conkers
Y2/Y3 Transition – Parents' meeting 5.30 – 6pm
Y5 D&T Day at WPCC
FS - Creepy Crawly Roadshow (am)
PTA Summer Fete
National Sports Week
Summer term Starwalker Week
Y1/2 Multiskills session at Robert Smyth
FS New Intake – Induction (pm)
Sports Day: KS1 am, KS2 pm

July

Friday 1st
Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 6th
Thursday 7th

Monday 11th

Tuesday 12th

Wednesday 13th
Friday 15th

PTA Non-Uniform Day – Theme "Sporting Heroes"
Green Team 3.30 – 4.30pm
FS Celebration Assembly 9.15am
FS New Intake – Induction (pm)
Y5/6 Production 2pm & 7pm
Y5/6 Production 7pm
Y3/4 Mini Olympics at Robert Smyth
FS New Intake – School Lunch (children & parents)
Y6 to WPCC
FS New Intake – Induction (am)
Whole school changeover to new classes (am)
Y6 to WPCC
School Annual Open Evening 6 – 7pm
School Council visit to Animal Rescue Centre
End of Term Leavers' Service, St Dionysius 9.30am

School closes for Summer on Friday 15th July
School opens Thursday 1st September 2011