

# European Links

We are delighted to report that Mrs Ogden & Mrs Marsden are really enjoying a very productive week in Poznan, Poland.

They have been working hard with staff from across the European Union, to set up our 2 / 3 year project, titled "My Town, My Home".

The staff are looking forward to sharing the curriculum links that all classes will enjoy over the next 24 months or so.

All our teaching and support staff will have the opportunity to be directly involved in the project which will add a real global dimension to our studies across a range of subjects.

We do not know, as yet, when the teachers from all the countries will be visiting us at Old Earth, but watch this space!

You will be able to follow the project on class and European blogs over the next year... very exciting.



Thank you to all the families who returned their European Union 'Quiz Sheets' - all bar one were correct. The prizes will be given out in assembly next Thursday.

## Good Manners Week

We are always looking to push the importance of good manners - whether it is 'please' and 'thank you' in the dinner queue or holding doors open for people; or whether it is arriving punctually for school in the morning or standing aside to allow people to pass... we place all these high on our list of important life skills... a 'pardon' always trumps a 'what?' Each term we hold a week where assemblies, class council time, circle time & carpet time is devoted to instilling these traits in our children.

Next week we are looking closely at the word 'Respect' and how it manifests itself in the relationships we have in school—whether adult to adult; child to adult; or child to child.

As always we are looking to reinforce the excellent manners of the vast majority of our children; and also modify the manners of those who need a gentle reminder !!



## Holidays in Term Time

We actively discourage parents from removing their children from their schooling during term time.

As you can see from our unique anti-snow closure policy, we value every lesson of the year... in fact we have a saying in school, often quoted which says "Make every lesson count".

However, we do appreciate that work patterns and huge hikes in holiday prices in the school holidays necessitate *some* holidays being taken in term time.

It is important for parents to understand that Mr Reynolds CAN authorise up to 10 school days absence; but he will NOT authorise any holidays around SAT week in May each year.

If you are thinking of taking holidays in term time we would ask you to check with school first.



# Academy School Councils meet

The School Councils from the 10 local Primary Academies met at Burnley Road school this Tuesday.

At the meeting our Eco-Warrior reps, Hannah, Edward, Faye and Lucas, were very able in their contributions.

The whole Council of Councils discussed the forms of recycling that were used in each of their schools; breaktimes and the activities and responsibilities associated with it; safety in school and the measures that each school used to keep children safe; trips that councillors had enjoyed the most and places they would like to visit in the future.



**William and Oliver are Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon in Class 12's Assembly which was all about the discovery of Tutankhamun's Tomb.**

## Parents' Evening Forms

If you have not sent your Parents' Consultation Evening Forms back to school yet, please get it back to class teacher asap, thanks.

Parents' Evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February.

# NOTICEBOARD

**GOVERNING BODY MEETING :** This took place on Tuesday teatime and took stock of our current position on all fronts. An extremely positive meeting also discussed future plans relating to raising standards of achievement even higher; accelerating already rapid progress; and also at improving our school accommodation & resources.

**JOINER OR CARPENTER :** Do any of our parents with these skills fancy a day volunteering and helping out to direct a band of volunteers (please !!) to 'deck' out the area surrounding the new learning bus. We have sourced the wood at the very best rate (!! ) and need to create the decking over the Half Term break. Free places in Little Earth holiday club for any volunteers. Volunteers will need to have at least some DIY skills, please... any names to Mr Reynolds or the school office.

**PAINTERS :** On a similar vein, please help to paint the inside of the learning bus during half term. We already have a handful of willing helpers, but the more the merrier to help get this community project near to completion.

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON THIS NEWSLETTER :** We realise that classes are keeping ever closer communication with home via the website and the Class Blogs, but it is important for parents to keep an eye this newsletter where important information is relayed to you; as well as (hopefully) keeping you informed as to what's going on.

**THIS WEEK**

**Monday :** Parents' Evening Forms were sent home

**Tuesday :** Mrs Ogden & Mrs Marsden in Poland all week- see article; Class 14 trip to the Magistrates' Court; The Y5/6 Councillors attended a Academy Group School Council meeting—see article; The Governors met

**Wednesday :** Class 8 trip to Jorvik

**Thursday :** Class 12 assembly

**NEXT WEEK**

**Monday :** Good Manners Week starts; Class 6 to Skipton Castle. The PTFA meet at 7.30pm in school—please come along to add your ideas to many forthcoming plans, including plans for the Ruby Anniversary Ball and reunion.

**Tuesday :** Class 5 trip to Skipton Castle; Opera North staff training—session 2 of 4

**Wednesday :** Class 7 to Jorvik

**Thursday :** Class 11 parent assembly

## Holiday Club

Book your place at Little Earth for the February Half Term Break : Fri 15th February; and the week commencing 18th February.

Contact the office to reserve your places.

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