

# GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Together we care, together we succeed*



March 2017

Everyone in school has been enjoying the spring weather, it's lovely to see the spring flowers emerging from children's planting last year.

March has heralded many successes for children in school, from performances to leading debates and inter-schools sports competitions.

Our Choir and Gymnastics team joined performers at Stourbridge Town Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March along with other local schools. Well done to our choir who performed songs from the musical 'Wicked' including 'One short day', 'For good' and 'Defying gravity'. Congratulations to our Gymnastics team who also performed their routines brilliantly. We are very proud of them all – everyone involved was a real credit to parents and the school.

I loved visiting the town hall because it was enjoyable being there with everyone. I loved representing the school in front of a huge audience!

Olivia – Year 5

I loved it because we all worked together by practising to do our very best. We all cared for each other and we all succeeded in putting on a brilliant show

Hollie – Year 4

I enjoy being in choir because I love singing with all my friends. Also, it makes me feel happy singing in this lovely atmosphere with a lovely group

Olivia – Year 5

Our visit from the Paralympian, Danielle Brown on February 10<sup>th</sup> was a great success, all children participated in a sponsored fitness circuit and we have received **142** sponsorship forms back and raised over £2,450. Thank you to everyone who returned sponsorship money. As a result all of our children will benefit from new PE equipment, as well as supporting GB athletes.

World Book Day was a great success with children and staff dressed as book characters enjoying reading and listening to new books and authors.

Well done to our Year 5/6 football team who competed in a WBA tournament, the team did fantastically and got all the way to the final, unfortunately losing in extra time.



A big thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fayre in school on 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> March. The school received over £500 in commission from this event, which we are planning to spend on books which will benefit the whole school.



Our RE debating team visited St James CE Primary with our team being deemed to be the most successful side. Well done to Archie, Olivia P, Yasmin, Tom, Max, Ravel, Zoe and Olivia W.

## Date for your diary

Please note that school have been advised that we will be used as a polling station on **Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017**

## Coming up this term...



Friday 24 March

For **Comic Relief** on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March we are having a '**wear something red**' day and all donations will be greatly received on that day.



Our popular Easter Egg Raffle is back – The HSA are selling raffle tickets to win an enormous Easter Egg, pictured right.

As always, raffle tickets are 50p each – please send in the correct amount of money in a named envelope. Please ensure that your full name and class is written on the envelope. The winning ticket will be picked before the Easter Holidays.

There is also a 'name the lamb' competition – again, tickets are 50p each, put your name and class on an envelope along with your name suggestion.

Easter Holiday Club will be running from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.  
All Reception – Year 6 children welcome.  
£11.00 per session / £22.00 per day  
8.00am – 1.00pm or 1.00pm – 6.00pm  
All children will be provided with a healthy breakfast and an afternoon snack and drinks.  
For further details or to book, please contact school office.

### \*\*\*\*Menu Change\*\*\*\*

For the last day of term – **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, the kitchen will be offering an Easter box meal (instead of chicken wraps) – there will be choice of:

- Cheese and Tomato Pizza;
- Fish fingers;
- Jacket Potatoes with Tuna, Cheese or Baked Beans;
- Salad bags;
- Cakes;
- Fruit bags.

### Attendance Matters...

**Government Target**

**96%**

**Whole School**

3rd Jan – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**95.43%**

Well done to 384 pupils who in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of Spring term (03.01.07 – 17.02.17) have achieved 96% or above attendance.

## Reminders....

### On days your child has P.E.:-

- Earrings **cannot** be covered by plasters, please ensure that if earrings cannot be taken out independently by your child, they must be removed before they come to school.
- Pumps or trainers only please.
- Girls must take off tights and bring in socks to be worn.

Although (hopefully!) the weather is getting a little warmer, it is still too cold for the children to be outside without a coat, please ensure that they have a coat with them every day.

As we have children and staff in school with severe nut allergies, can we please remind parents that **NO nuts or nut products** (i.e. peanut butter) are allowed in school **under any circumstances**.

### E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>