

GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



July 2017

Thank you to Parents and Carers for joining us for events in school in July – it has been wonderful to share in lots of successes.

It has been a great start to July in school! We have lots of good news to share. Thank you to everyone who organised, helped, participated and visited our Summer Fayre organised by the HSA. A huge success all round, takings were a grand total of £5,147.27, adding to the total funds generated this year by HSA. Thank you so much to all of the committee members!

We have welcomed 90 new children and families to the new Reception induction and story sessions. Our current Reception classes have showed off their achievements this year with class assemblies for Parents. Year 4 have been performing at a music festival playing recorders. Thanks to HSA funding each Year 5 class has taken part in workshops to support leadership skills, they have taken part in Believe to Achieve Workshops and the trainer was impressed by our childrens' empathy skills; 20 children are now trained as peer mentors who will support other children throughout school.

Everyone has worked really hard this year in school from Nursery to Year 6 and we are thrilled with the children's progress and end of year achievements. As we have mentioned earlier this term, Year 2 and Year 6 have been working really well in the run up to the End of Year Assessments & Statutory Assessments. All this hard work has certainly come to fruition and shines through in their individual end of year results. As we near the end of term, our Year 6 have been visiting high schools and looking to the future. One of our visitors described them as ambassadors for the school.

There is still much more to look forward to. Children are preparing for our Summer Show 'Fee Fi Fo Fum' this week, Mrs Suchomski and all our performers have worked so hard – we can't wait to see the performances!

Sporting events: Sports days have been a great opportunity to see great team-work and collaboration in action. Team captains and our Year 6 have been great role models and helpers in all five sports day events – Thank you.

Sporting success: Pupils from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at the Dell Stadium for The Dudley Schools Athletics Competition on 27th June . We are proud of all of the children involved – Year 5 Girls came 2nd, and Year 5 Boys were 1st ; Year 6 Girls came second, and Year 6 Boys also came 1st. Trophies are on display in school. Well done!

Zippy's friends: Year 2 have been piloting a programme funded by the Education Endowment Fund developing PHSE skills. The children have really enjoyed these lessons. Of the schools involved in the pilot Gig Mill have been selected as a best practice school with a number of visitors seeing lessons and some of Year 2 are film stars!. Well done to all the staff and children involved.

Marvellous Maths: We have continued to focus on Maths in school and it's been great to see so many children receiving their Monster Maths awards, and Mathematician of the week throughout the year. This year our Year 3 and 4 Maths team reached the final for the first time, joining our Year 5 and 6 team finalists. Great team-work and a reflection on improving mental maths skills in school. Lots of the children tell us that Maths is now their favourite lesson!

RRSA: We achieved our Unicef Level 1 Award for Rights Respecting Schools this year. It was a great team effort with a key role played by the children - our Rights Respecting schools representatives. Wonderful!

Fundraisers for Classrooms in the Clouds: As part of our RRSA work the school continue to work with St James' Primary to sponsor a teacher in Nepal. Thanks to the many fundraisers who have held mini sales throughout the year.

Creativity: Congratulations to Elliot and Abby whose designs were selected as joint winners from 18 schools for a new Classrooms in the Clouds logo. The entries were judged by classroom in the clouds teachers in Nepal. Well done!



Junior Award Scheme for Schools: We have just started this scheme this term, where some of KS2 children have the opportunity to work towards this award. As well as working on their individual projects. For "Me and My World" the children have been litter picking in the community working towards their bronze award.

Please complete the survey with this newsletter to help us to celebrate successes and plan for next year. We appreciate your time, please return to your child's class teacher this week if possible.

We break up on Friday 21st July and are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017. Enjoy the summer!

Kitchen Box Meal: On Friday 21st July, the kitchen will be serving a box meal for the final day of term consisting of:- Fish Goujons, pizza, jacket potato with filling, salad, cakes, fruit bags and drinks

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