

Ashley Chronicle

22nd January, 2010

Dates For Your Diary



International Week - Wk beginning 8th February

February Half Term - School Closes - Friday 12th February
School Re-opens—Monday 22nd February

Extra Curricular Clubs at Ashley

We have a whole range of clubs on offer this term, for all different year groups. Clubs currently running include:

Urban Dance
PE
Multi Skills
Ashley Award
German
Cricket
Spanish
Gym/Dance
Netball
Radio Club

We hope to report on each club over the next term.

Radio Club

Miss Evans and Mrs Coldwell are running a Radio Club each Thursday after school. The club is for children in Year 5. Children in the club will be using a computer programme called Audacity, which will help them to make their own radio show. The children will make their radio show about the activities and events taking place in our International Week, in February.



We are sure that the club will be lots of fun and can't wait to hear the finished show!

Report by Elise Randall

Next School Nurse Drop In Session

Thursday 28th January
from 8.40am



The nurse will be available to discuss any health or behaviour issues you may have, regarding your child.

No appointment is necessary, just hand your name in at the main office on that morning.

Ashley Primary Child Development Centre

Our old Diagnostic and Assessment Centre has recently undergone lots of refurbishment work and has had a name change. It will now be known as Ashley Child Development Centre.

The centre manager, Mrs Cuthbert, told us that the building has been painted, had a new entrance and doorway, new toilets, new furniture and new resources. All of this was paid for by the local authority.

The centre will support Early Years children from across the borough and the staff will also offer support to other schools.

Our first group of children started at the centre this week and are enjoying all of the new toys and have already made some great pictures.



Report by
Sumbal Hussain & Hollie Coldwell

Thank You

A huge thank you to all parents and carers who took the common sense approach, when bringing their children to school during the heavy snow. We were pleased to be able to stay open and the children enjoyed their time outside, in their winter woollies and boots.

Support For Charities

Cancer Connections

The charity Cancer Connections, based at West Harton Churches' Action Station in Boldon Lane, is a beacon of hope in South Tyneside for sufferers and their families and friends.

The charity has already raised £290,000, it now needs one final fundraising push to help raise the £50,000 needed to buy a state-of-the-art bungalow. You may have read about this in the Shields Gazette.

We are planning a non uniform event to take place in March to support this charity. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

NSPCC

It is sometime since we last held a sponsored event for the children's charity, the NSPCC. On Monday, a representative will talk to the children in assembly about a sponsored event to be held through the school.

Your support for these charities will be much appreciated.

Urban Dance Club

Miss Stratford has organised an Urban Dance Club for children in Key Stage 2.



The dance coach is busy working with the children on different dance moves.

Faye Morton in Year 5 attends and she said, "It's really good fun. At the minute we are making up a dance and my favourite move is the straddle jump."

We can't wait to see the finished dances.

Report by Lauren Lockwood

Refurbishment in The Junior Department

Just before Christmas, all of the junior cloak and art areas were refurbished.

Each class now has its own cloakroom, with plenty of space to hang coats and bags. We even had space on the floor for the boots and wellies to stand, during the bad weather.

The cupboards and storage facilities in both junior blocks have been replaced in the art areas and the table tops have all been renewed.

We hope that the new cloakrooms will encourage the children to hang their belongings up properly and cut down on the amount of lost property. There will also be a 'Cloakroom of the Week' Award, given to the class which has the tidiest cloakroom in each of the blocks. This means keeping them tidy all week, not just on Monday!!!

The first winners of the awards were Miss Cox and Miss Evans' classes. Well done!

Blue Venture

To support our links with business and enterprise, the children in Key Stage 2 worked alongside staff from Blue Venture, on a range of practical activities.

Year 3 children were asked to make really tall towers out of Paper, which Shola Walker really enjoyed. The children in Year 4 made towers using balloons. The winners from Miss Colley's class were Simon Sandell, Ian Howden, Connor Clark and Connor Martin.

Year 5 children had to make tetrahedrons and join them together to make a giant one. Year 6 children made paper bridges using paperclips. Sophie Weightman said she really enjoyed it and would love to do it again. The Year 6 winners were Charlotte Lynn, Sophie Weightman, Sophie Boddy and Megan Fail.

Report By Clodagh Denham

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