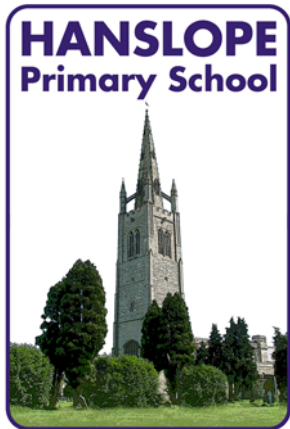


NEWSLETTER



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The Summer Term is now drawing to a close and as we reflect, I think it would be fair to say that this has been another busy, yet positive year. As a whole school, our community involvement, both locally and across the city, has increased. We hope to do more of the same next year. On the subject of community involvement.....

Athletics Championships

The team participated in the MK championships on Saturday 4th July. The weather and support from families was outstanding, as was the effort put in by all the children. Whilst all of our participants were winners in our eyes, we had two medallists: Matthew Pickard was awarded 3rd place in the long jump and Shannon Float came second in the 200metres - achieving 2nd and 3rd places across the whole of Milton Keynes is quite an achievement. Congratulations to you both.

As for the whole team, within the small schools category, Hanslope came 2nd, and we were awarded an overall 7th place out of the 39 schools which took part. We are all very proud and look forward to more successes next year.

Barn Dance

Many thanks to the Fund-raising committee who, for the second year running, successfully organised another fantastic event. Although total funds raised are still being finalised, it is anticipated that at least £600.00 was raised.

A World of Music and Dance

The school's Summer concert took place on Tuesday evening at Roade School. Approximately 50 children from Key Stage 2 took part in the music and dance extravaganza. Despite a few technical hitches just before the show began, the performance ran smoothly and demonstrated, once again, what talented pupils we have. I would like to thank the children for all their hard work, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Czornyj for the huge part they played in the success of the event. The very positive feedback from many parents has been much appreciated.

ARTS WEEK

Next week, the final week of term, is Arts Week. During the course of the week the children will engage in a range of 'arts' activities, for example, drama, music, sport. To bring the Summer term to an exciting close we have organised for a circus skills company, 'CIRCASIA' to conduct workshops with every class on Tuesday 14th July (see separate letter). The cost of the workshops will be met by the school.

In addition we have arranged for a Multi-Skills sports session led by qualified coaches to run a session with each class on Monday - please ensure your child has his/her PE kit in school for that day.

May I also remind you that the whole school will be having a 'Lunch and Play' session at the recreation ground on Wednesday 15th July. All children will require a packed lunch on that day.

Shade sails

The Sun shelter, which the school won as a result of entering a Sun Safety competition, has now been installed. You won't miss the bright blue and yellow sails! Let's just hope that we get some more sunshine before the end of term in order that we can benefit from it before we break for the Summer holidays.

Farewells

As the children move on to their new classes, and in the case of Year 6 pupils, to new schools, we must now also say our farewells to Mrs Boardman who has taught our Foundation Stage children since January. We are grateful for all her hard work and the contribution she has made to the school in her short time with us and wish her all the very best in her future career.

This is likely to be the last newsletter of the year as we have such busy week ahead. May I take this opportunity to thank the staff, Governors, children and parents for making my second year at Hanslope so enjoyable and I look forward to an even more productive one next year. If I don't see you during the course of next week, enjoy the Summer break and see you all in September.

Please note that school resumes on Thursday 3rd September.

Debbie Doherty
10th July 2009