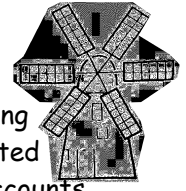
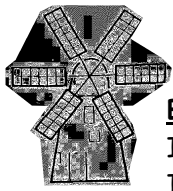


SIBSEY FREE SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter– March 2010

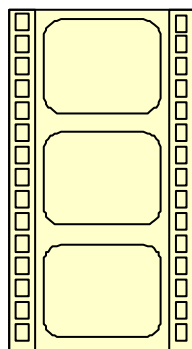


Boston Project

I know what my children are like when I ask them what have they been doing at school. Usually the reply is, "Nothing much!" Perhaps your children are the same, or maybe they have been telling you about some of the fantastic animation work they have been involved in. This year, as ICT is a major focus in our school, we have been involved in a project that has encouraged our children to use the visual image as a stimulus for the development of writing. By visual image we mean things like films, cartoons, animated films and still pictures. All the children in school have been involved in making



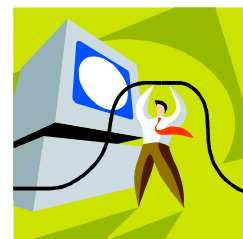
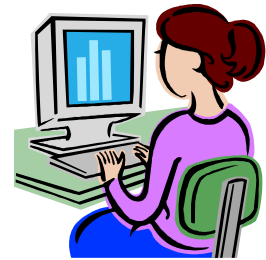
animations, using images to develop their writing and even making films such as the one Class 4 made on evacuation during the war. At this stage of the project the teachers are beginning to notice some very positive effects on the writing of some of the children. They are also learning a huge amount about the potential of the use of the visual image and how it could be developed in the future. We have obviously had the usual teething problems that one has when using some very new technologies and software, but are beginning to understand these challenges a little more now and we hope that this will benefit us in the future. Several children have already been so inspired by the work that they have bought some of the software themselves and begun to do animations at home (with some fantastic results I might add). We would hope that we will be able to run a parent's evening later in the year, at which you will be able to come in and see some of the work the children have been doing. Mr. James has been heavily involved in the project and plans to run an animation club and a film club starting in the summer term.



Cyber Bullying

I am sure that all of you have read about or seen on the television, reports on a very unpleasant form of bullying that has now begun to sweep across the country—cyber bullying. This form of bullying involves children sending unpleasant comments or images across the internet or by mobile phone. I am aware of these incidents occurring locally but fortunately not at our school. However I have today

had reports of inappropriate images being brought into school that have been printed directly from other pupils' 'Facebook' accounts. Firstly, I would like to remind parents that we were told at our Parents' Internet Safety evening, which we ran earlier in the year, that no child under **the age of 13** should have their own Facebook account. Secondly, if you have set up an account for a child under the age of 13 and have downloaded images of your child onto the site, you are creating a situation where those images could be used inappropriately by virtually anyone. Finally, if you have set up a Facebook account for your child and they are regularly using the site, you should be monitoring carefully what they are doing and how they are using it. The incident that was reported to me today is very worrying and I urge you to think very carefully about allowing your child to access an internet facility that they should not legally be using. If you wish to follow up this concern, and discuss with your children the dangers of inappropriate use of the internet, there is very good advice on www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe which highlights many of the dangers, and I would also recommend watching "Caught in the Web" which uses real life examples and is narrated by David Tennant (Y6 have already looked at this). It would be useful to watch it through first before showing it to your younger children, to ensure that you feel it is appropriate for your child. If you have any other concerns do not hesitate to contact me at school. Parental responsibility when it comes to the use of the internet is crucial.



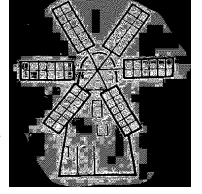
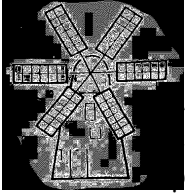
had reports of inappropriate images being brought into school that have been printed directly from other pupils' 'Facebook' accounts. Firstly, I would like to remind parents that we were told at our Parents' Internet Safety evening, which we ran earlier in the year, that no child under **the age of 13** should have their own Facebook account. Secondly, if you have set up an account for a child under the age of 13 and have downloaded images of your child onto the site, you are creating a situation where those images could be used inappropriately by virtually anyone. Finally, if you have set up a Facebook account for your child and they are regularly using the site, you should be monitoring carefully what they are doing and how they are using it. The incident that was reported to me today is very worrying and I urge you to think very carefully about allowing your child to access an internet facility that they should not legally be using. If you wish to follow up this concern, and discuss with your children the dangers of inappropriate use of the internet, there is very good advice on www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/help/web/staysafe which highlights many of the dangers, and I would also recommend watching "Caught in the Web" which uses real life examples and is narrated by David Tennant (Y6 have already looked at this). It would be useful to watch it through first before showing it to your younger children, to ensure that you feel it is appropriate for your child. If you have any other concerns do not hesitate to contact me at school. Parental responsibility when it comes to the use of the internet is crucial.

End of Term Achievement Awards

At the end of every term we have a special celebration to award certificates to six children (one from each class) who have shown outstanding progress or application during the term. Last term the following children gained awards Luke Borland (Class 6), Christian James (Class 5), Lily-May Clayton (Class 4), Oliver Staniland (Class 3), Chloe Stares (Class 2) and Harriet Crowley (Class 1). Well done to all these children. It is always very difficult to choose award winners,

SIBSEY FREE SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter– March 2010



As we have so many children who are doing particularly well or have achieved something very special during the term. We hope that the awards offer a small incentive to our children and let those who do receive an award know that we value their efforts too.



School ECO Award

The Governors of Sibsey Free School are working very closely with us to support us in obtaining our Gold Eco Award. Last year we achieved our silver award and this year we hope to move forward. As part of this process, we recently appointed ECO warriors from each class who are responsible for collecting the fruit bins and putting the fruit on our compost heap. They have responsibility for switching lights off around school where they are not needed and switching off all the computers at the end of the day. They are also expected to keep a look out for better ways of recycling and reducing our waste, particularly paper.



Later in the year they will, under Mrs. Hutson's guidance, be taking part in a Big Tidy Up around school and the surrounding streets. Our ECO Warriors are, Class 1—Frank Deri and Rebecca Emerson, Class 2—Cassey Rook and Amy Hodgson, Class 3—Mason Harris and Teri Ridge, Class 4—Daniel Baggaley and Millie Prudden, Class 5—

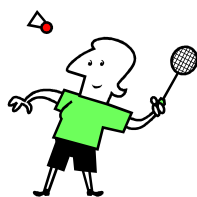
Robert Hayes and Danielle Miles, Class 6—Megan Hook and Jessica Pearson.

Sport in School

How lucky are we to have Mr. Hill on the staff?

Thanks to his efforts supported admirably by Mrs. Lomas and the kindness of Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Timby (who run the netball) our children are being provided with a wealth of sporting opportunities.

Apart from the usual football and netball opportunities, the children have had the chance to take part in swimming, cross country, indoor athletics, TAG rugby, volleyball, trampolining, cheer leading, martial arts,



gymnastics, basketball, table tennis, badminton and orienteering to name but few. We are also very grateful for the involvement of the William Lovell school who have also supported us in these sporting events. If all this wasn't enough, Mr. Hill has this term run a Key Stage 1 Multi Skills Club, starts a football club today and a Key Stage 2 Speed Stacks Club later in the week. We are all very grateful for his commitment to our children, especially as several of these events take place at weekends or in the evening. Thank you to everyone involved.

Family Learning

Last Friday we presented certificates to the children and parents who had taken part in our Family Learning sessions—Keeping Up With The Children. It was great to see the parents and children be rewarded for their efforts. The Family Learning programmes are a fantastic opportunity for you to come into school and work with



your children to discover some of the ways in which you can really help them with their literacy and numeracy. The programme also helps clarify some of those aspects of Maths and English that are taught in a slightly different way these days. Mrs. Waite is the teacher responsible for this aspect of our provision and she would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to find out more. The programme is aimed more at KS1 but children in Y3 are equally involved. A new programme will start shortly, so keep a look out for the letters coming home.

Maternity Leave—Goodbyes and Welcome Back

As you are all aware Ms. Benton will be leaving us after Easter to have her baby. We wish her the very best of luck as she and her family embark on what will be a very exciting time for them all. Whilst she is away Mrs. Caroline Corcoran and Mrs. Jo Studholme will be covering Class 1 until the summer holiday. After the holiday, in September, Mrs. Corcoran will be responsible for Class 1 on her own. Mrs. Corcoran and Mrs. Studholme know the children well as they are regular visitors to the school and have both done supply days with our children.



As Ms. Benton leaves we welcome back Ms. Bull from her maternity leave. She will return to her position in Class 1, supporting Mrs. Corcoran and Mrs. Studholme. We are delighted to see her back and, along with our two new teachers, we wish them all the very best of luck.

Monthly Newsletter– March 2010

Dates for your diary

01.03.10	Nick Williams—Birdwise	28.05.10	Sports Day
01.03.10	Art Club	28.05.10	Children break up today
02.03.10	Spilsby Area Cross Country	31.05.10—04.06.10	Half Term
02.03.10	Study Support	07.06.10	Children return today
02.03.10	Speed Stacks Club	08.06.10	Rounders Tournament—Old Leake
03.03.10	Sporting Opportunities—William Lovell	09.06.10	Sports Teams Photographs
03.03.10	Class 1 Production—Jobs on the Moon	09.06.10	Music Evening
05.03.10	Boys and girls Football at Boston St. Nicholas	15.06.10	BNLC Pupil Conference—PRSA
06.03.10	Boston Area Swimming Gala	15.06.10	Golf Development Day Boston Golf Club
08.03.10	Netball Tournament at William Lovell	16.06.10	Tennis Festival—Boston Tennis Club
08.03.10	Art Club	16.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
09.03.10	Study Support	16.06.10	Community Cohesion Meeting for Sibsey
09.03.10	Speed Stacks Club	19.06.10	Athletics Festival—Tower Road
09.03.10	Badminton Festival—Peter Paine Sports	22.06.10	BNLC Inter School Quiz
10.03.10	Sporting Opportunities—William Lovell	23.06.10	Capture the Castle Final—St. Bede's
15.03.10	KS1 Football Club	23.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
16.03.10	Music Festival Rehearsal	27.06.10	Football Tournament—Sibsey Free School (Provisional Date)
16.03.10	Basketball Development Day—Middlecott School	27.06.10	Summer Fayre (Provisional date)
16.03.10	Study Support	28.06.10	ECO Committee The Big Tidy Up
16.03.10	Speed Stacks Club	30.06.10	Class Change Over Day
17.03.10	Sporting Opportunities—William Lovell	30.06.10	William Lovell Intake day and evening
18.03.10	Dance Festival—Haven High	30.06.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
19.03.10	Boys Football at Boston Park School	02.07.10	Cricket Festival—Mayflower CC
20.03.10	Football Team at Boston United FC	04.07.10—07.07.10	Y5 and Y6 residential visit to Castleton
20.03.10	Friends of the School—Ceilidh	06.07.10	Athletics Festival
22.03.10	KS1 Football Club	07.07.10	Sporting Opportunities at William Lovell
23.03.10	Class 4 Samba Concert at Spalding	21.07.10	End of Year Service St. Margaret's Church Finish early today 2.15 p.m.
23.03.10	Study Support		
23.03.10	Speed Stacks Club		
23.03.10	Music Festival at Spilsby		
24.03.10	Netball Tournament—Middlecott School		
24.03.10	Music Festival at Spilsby		
24.03.10	Sporting Opportunities—William Lovell		
27.03.10	Burgh Le Marsh Football Tournament		
29.03.10	Class 5 Production		
30.03.10	Study Support		
31.03.10	ECO Committee—Big Tidy Up		
01.04.10	End of Term New Life Easter Service at St. Margaret's Finish early today 2.15 p.m.		
01.04.10	Children break up today		
02.04.10—16.04.10	Easter Holiday		
19.04.10	Training Day for Staff—no children at school		
20.04.10	Children return today		
23.04.10	Friends of the School Children's Disco		
24.04.10	Girls' Football tournament—Tower Road		
26.04.10	Capture the Castle—Y2/Y3—William Lovell		
27.04.10	Wrates' Individual Photographs		
27.04.10	Study Support		
27.04.10	Table Tennis Festival		
03.05.10	May Day Holiday		
04.05.10	Study Support		
10.05.10—14.05.10	SAT Week for Y6		
10.05.10—14.05.10	Formal Assessment week for Y3, Y4, Y5		
24.05.10—28.05.10	Healthy School Week		
24.05.10	Sex Education Video—Parents of Y5/Y6		
25.05.10	Primary Cricket Festival—Boston CC		
25.05.10	Ready, Steady Cook Event		
26.05.10	Competitive Sports Evening and BBQ		



These are just a selection of dates and events taking place throughout the year. We will update this list next term and inform you of any changes or additions as and when they occur.

Thanking you for your support.