



Micklefield C. E. (C) Primary School

Newsletter

3rd October 2008



What a lot can happen in the space of two weeks! We would like to say a big thank you to all of you who supported the Open Evening by delivering leaflets, serving refreshments, talking to visitors and by coming into school to look around. Chris Edwards, Director of Education Leeds made time in his busy schedule to visit us, after he received a letter from Melissa. Below is his blog entry the following day. We're famous! Well done, Melissa and all the other tour guides, and thanks to Class 4 for all your hard work.

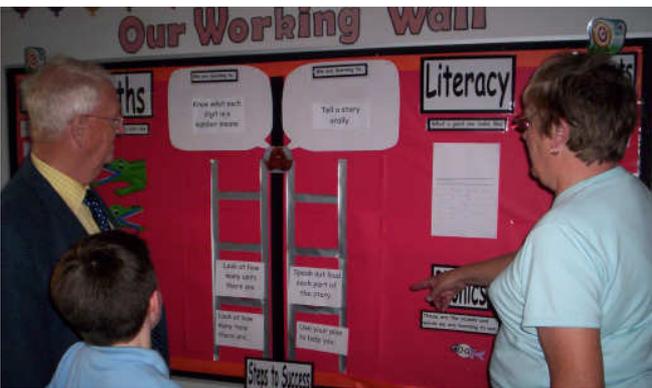
Wednesday, 24 September 2008

I visited Micklefield CE Primary School this afternoon...

I had been invited by Melissa, who is in Year 5, to the school's open evening which was an opportunity for everyone to meet Mrs Dodsworth, the new headteacher, and to show everyone what this little primary school was doing to release the magic. Melissa was a wonderful guide and probably one of the best adverts for the school as she told me everything she could about Micklefield CE Primary School.

It was great to visit the school again and to see the real progress the school is making.

Chris



People were amazed at the choices of food available to the children at lunchtimes. Maggie and Maxine prepared samples of school dinners for us to try. It was so popular; supplies ran out before the end of the evening. Luckily, Mrs. Loring's sheep and sheepdogs had already had their teas.



It was great to see Councillor Parker and Councillor Lewis. Here's our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs. Dorothy Backhouse, explaining the working wall in Class 1, Jacob showing Councillor Parker Mrs. Colman's brilliant displays in the library/Learning Mentor's room and Councillor Lewis, one of our school governors, looking round Class 1 with Tenneille.





Artists at work!

September seems to have been a month for discovering and developing our artistic talents. Class 3 produced these beautiful collages, drama, dance and music for their Tudor assembly, Jordan reached the finals of a holiday art competition judged by the Lord Mayor of Leeds, and Max was so inspired by his work at school that he went home and made his own pop-up card. The children are also enjoying the creative opportunities Mrs. Bagnall is providing by running an art club on two lunchtimes each week.

It hasn't just been the children showing their artistic flair either. Gary Craven, one of our school governors, has been hard at work producing a photographic display for the Micklefield community board in the entrance hall. The Friends of Micklefield have also demonstrated their artistic abilities by creating a splash of rainbow colours in the front porch.



We were very sad to see that Peanut, the school monkey had hurt his foot on broken glass whilst playing on the school field. Mrs. Dodsworth had put some signs up asking if people who enjoy sharing our field would help us look after it and keep our children safe by cleaning up after their dogs and not leaving broken glass, but someone tore the signs down the same night. Our Collective Worship times were about sharing and the children thought that it would still be the right thing to do to share our field even though we were cross and sad about what had happened to Peanut and the signs.



Dates for your diary:

- Class 1 assembly and coffee for parents/carers 15.10.08.
- Half term 24.10.08
- Parents' evenings 18.11.08 and 19.11.08
- Class 2 assembly and coffee 19.11.08
- Class 4 assembly and coffee 3.12.08
- Christingle 12.12.08
- Community Carols round the Christmas tree 15.12.08
- Training day 9.1.09
- Panto money in by 22.10.08

WANTED

New Parent Governors

We need people who really care about their children's education, people who are willing to give up their time and energy to help us run the school. More information and details will be coming out soon in a letter – no qualifications needed, just common sense and commitment.