



Micklefield C. E. (C) Primary School

# Newsletter

18th January 2010



## Happy, Snowy New Year!

Micklefield stayed open again through the snowy weather, thanks to the determination and commitment of the staff and parents. As you can see, we made the most of the opportunity to be creative and work together on our snowballs, snowmen and snow sculptures. We worked in groups in the hall first thing in the morning to plan our designs and work out how to construct them; this gave the staff with travel problems time to make their way to school. After staying inside warm and dry for most of the day, we went up to the field during the second part of the afternoon, to build and sculpt.



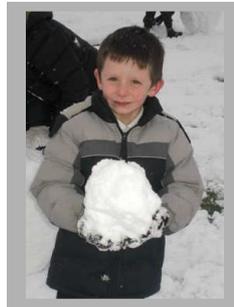
**Giant sculptures** It was great to see everyone working together and putting our SEAL theme of Going for Goals (not giving up) into practice while they were helping each other to build such wonderful snow creations.

We finished the afternoon with a snowballing session (optional!) and came off the field tired, wet and happy. There were a few tears later when the excitement wore off and those fingers started to feel soggy and cold on the way home!

We do have a snow mystery on our hands – you may have seen the posters that Foundation Stage have put up around school. They built a lovely snowman in their outdoor play area during the morning and he watched us go up to the field to build more friends for him. However, when the children looked outside next day, there was no sign of him – no scarf, no hat, no piles of snow, NOTHING!

Mr. Bland has scanned the horizon with his binoculars, Year 1 and 2 have written about where they think he might be, what he might be doing and why he decided to leave the playground but, so far, there is no sign of Chris the





## Igloos, snowballs and snowmen

were to be found all around the field. Class 2 somehow managed to make a snowman taller than themselves by balancing two snowballs on top of each other without any help from the grown ups. They worked as a team to carry out emergency repairs when he started to lean over during construction and were very proud of the finished result!

The children were surprised at how heavy the snowballs became as they grew bigger and found that they were difficult to move with just one person, so team work was essential.



## Staff and pupils

did a good job of working together on the giant snowball making and snowman building, but no-one managed to build an igloo, it seemed to be an impossible task. We will have to research some igloo-building techniques and advice before the next big snowfall.



## Keeping safe

has been high on our list of priorities as usual. We were glad to see the children all had thick coats and most had scarves, gloves and hats. We made the most of the snow while it was soft and suitable for playing in – the play area marked by rounders posts -, although we did ban snowball throwing outside a designated area of the field. By the last week, it was too icy to play outside. Our grit was used for the priority access routes Mr. Bland and Mr. Bailey had cleared, not playgrounds.



## Diary dates:

Spots and Stripes non-uniform day (50p) in aid of Lifeboats 29/01/10.

Training days 12th February and 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Half term 12<sup>th</sup> February.