

-----10<sup>th</sup> January 2014-----

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM



**Skip 2 B Fit – 2B the Best YOU Can!**

The whole school joined in with a Skip 2 B Fit workshop on Wednesday. John, the Skip 2 B Fit instructor taught the children how to skip and how to adjust their rope to the correct length for their height.



They children were then set a challenge. Using skipping ropes with a counter the children skipped for 2 minutes and made a note of their scores. They then skipped again for the same amount of time to see if they could improve their score.



The workshop linked with maths, science, healthy eating and encouraged motivation. Every child was given blueberries to take home, John said “blueberries have been found to improve co-ordination and memory”, and today each child has been given their own skipping rope to take home. (Please do not bring skipping ropes back to school)

*How many skips can you do in 2 minutes? Mums, Dads, Nans and Grandads, Aunts and Uncles can you beat Mrs Walmsleys score of 227? Let us know!*



“Thank you for an amazing day in your school. All the children were excellent in their behaviour and listened! One of the best infant schools we have ever visited”  
John – Skip 2 B Fit

On Thursday Orange class made blueberry smoothies from the fruits from their Skip 2 B Fit day – recipe below.

200g Blueberries  
240ml Apple Juice  
250g Vanilla Yoghurt  
1 tsp Cinnamon

Place in a food processor or blender and whirl until smooth.

Some children loved the taste – others were not so keen!

That tasted fantastic!



**DIARY DATES**

**SPRING TERM 2014**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Green Class Assembly – 2.30 pm  
Families welcome

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Full Governing Body Meeting 7.00

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January**

Yellow Class Assembly – 2.30 pm  
Families welcome

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Blue Class Assembly – 2.30 pm  
Families Welcome

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Purple Class Assembly – 2.30 pm  
Families Welcome

**HALF TERM**

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2014

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

Parent Consultations 6.00-8.00pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

World Book Day  
Dress up as your favourite book character

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

Verse Speaking Competition

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Maths Carousel

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Red Nose Day – Wear your Red Nose - £1.00 to Charity

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

Verse Speaking Final  
(Parents of finalists invited)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Non Uniform Day for donation of bottles, tins, tombola prizes or £1

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Multiskills Competition – Year 1

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Governors Meeting  
(Governing Body only)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Non Uniform Day for donation of Easter egg or £1

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

Easter Fair – 2.00 – 4.00 pm  
All Welcome

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

End of Spring Term

**TERM ENDS at 1.30 pm**

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## Year 2 – Taking Rubbings



To link in with art and science year 2 have been looking at different types of building materials and patterns. They have been out and about in the school grounds to take rubbings of different textured surfaces.

Rubbings are one of the oldest methods of printmaking and have been used in many cultures.

The children then looked at each others rubbings to guess which surface had been used for the rubbing.

### Admission to Junior School September 2014

If your child is currently in year 2 please make sure you have applied for a place at a junior school by the application deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014. You can apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions). Failure to make an application will result in your child not having a school place in September.

### Adoption - Funding

If your child is adopted, or has ever been in care, it is possible for us to apply for additional funding to benefit your child. This can be used in many ways – including helping learning, to pay for trips or extra curricular activities. It may be a sensitive issue for you but if it applies to you please speak to Mrs Walmsley or Miss Byrne confidentially as soon as possible so we can meet the deadline for applications.

### Enough Abuse - Child Protection Workshop for Parents

If you would like to find out more about how you can protect your child Leavesden Children's Centre are running a workshop on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 from 9.30 to 12 noon. Covering issues such as protecting your children online, recognising the signs of grooming and finding out where to go for help and guidance. If you are interested please book your place 01923 484360

### Consultation on School Admission Arrangements for 2015/16

This consultation concerns the proposed admissions arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools in Hertfordshire for the school year 2015/16. The consultation period runs from 2 January to 28 February 2014.

You can let us know your views by:

Completing the online form on our website at [www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2015](http://www.hertsdirect.org/admissions2015) - replying online is quick, easy and secure. Please ensure that your response is received by 28 February 2014.

### Attendance and 100% Awards

*It was very encouraging to see how many children were in school for the whole of the autumn term or for the second half of the term. I have so many certificates to sign and badges to give out in our next achievement assembly! Congratulations to all of you. The names of the children receiving an award are published with this newsletter and on display in school and on our website.*

**Attendance for week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence. If you arrive late please sign your child in at the school office.**

ORANGE	90.3%	RED	92.3%
GREEN	94.7%	YELLOW	92.5%
PURPLE	95.0%	BLUE	96.8%
		White	94.8%

**Well Done Blue Class!**

## DIARY DATES

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Staff INSET Day – School closed for children

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**  
Term Starts for Children  
St. George's Day – Dress Up as Knight, Princess, Castle, Dragon etc.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

History Carousel

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

History Hat Competition  
Parade in the playground at 8.55

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

White Class Assembly – 2.30pm  
Families welcome

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Red Class Assembly – 2.30pm  
Families Welcome

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Orange Class Assembly – 2.30pm**

Families welcome

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

African Art Day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Dress Up Day – Wednesday Wig Day - Clic Sargeant Charity

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

African Dance Workshops

**HALF TERM**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

Swimming starts every Tuesday and Thursday

## School Meals

Per day £2.05  
Per 5 day week £10.25  
This half term £59.45  
Next half term £61.50  
Fun Lunch £2.05 each

## Sent Out This Week

School Meal Orders

FuntFit Club Letters

Kingsway Katz Letters

Art Club Letters – Year 1 only

Skipping Ropes

Blubberies