


# NEWSLETTER

## March 2012

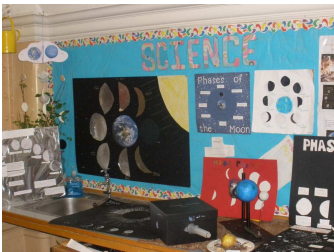
Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> Clifford Road newsletter!  
We hope you enjoy reading about all the things we have been up to!



Foundation Stage and KS1 were recently treated to the spectacle of having real owls in school. We watched as they swooped around the hall and were able to feel their feathers and get up really close! Here is what Evie in 1E wrote about the experience: "On last Thursday Phil brought seven owls to the school hall. First we saw Casper. We got to touch him. He felt really soft. Next we saw Cola. We saw him eat mice and chicken. He spat the bones out. Next we saw a barn owl. Then we saw the tawny owl. Phil let us see the tawny owl fly. Aaliyah didn't want to touch it! It flew silently". If you would like to find out more about owls, just look at the wonderful display in the Year 1 corridor.



5NC did some wonderfully creative homework based on the moon and its phases, including posters, information booklets, PowerPoint presentations and models.



### Book Mastermind

Congratulations to Nina, Katy, Isaac and Lucy who have reached the finals of the Book Mastermind competition.

The final will be held at Copleston on the last day of term and we wish them the best of luck!

## MONTHLY MATHS CHALLENGE

This month marks the centenary of the birth of wartime code-breaker and mathematician Alan Turing. Here is a code you might be familiar with: **Scrabble Tiles:**

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A, E, I, O, U, L, N, R, S, T	1
D, G	2
B, C, M, P	3
F, H, V, W, Y	4
K	5
J, X	8
Q, Z	10

If you exchanged each letter of your name for a number, what would the code be?

Mine is Rebecca so my code is 1 1 3 1 3 3 1 .  
The numbers add up to 13 which is not much!!

What is your name worth using this code?  
Do you think you have the most valuable name in school?

Are longer names always worth more?  
Can you work out why certain letters are worth a lot and why others are only worth one?



### World Book Day

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March it was World Book Day and we marked the occasion by dressing up as story characters.

We all looked great!

We had a special assembly at the end of the day and Burglar Bill (Aidan in R1), Hermione Grainger (Emily-Paige in 2D),

The Tiger who came to Tea (Evie in 4W) and Where's Wally (Oscar in 5NC) were the winners of the best dressed character competition.

As well as a fun day, we also managed to raise £207 to buy

books for the school.

A big thank you to everyone who took part!



### DINNER MONEY

Unfortunately we have a large amount of outstanding dinner monies which need clearing before the end of term (which is the end of the Financial Year).

If a child owes £10.50 or more (a week of school dinners) they will not be able to have a dinner until the debt is cleared.

Dinners can be paid for by cash, cheque or online at [www.eats-catering.co.uk](http://www.eats-catering.co.uk)



# SCHOLASTIC



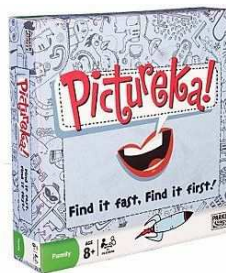
The Scholastic Book Fair was in school last week, and was supported very well. As a result of this we have £350 to spend on Scholastic books of our choice, to update our guided reading books. Thank you to all who came and bought books.

## Sport Relief 2012



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March we are hoping to mark Sports Relief with some fund-raising activities in school. We will let you know nearer the date exactly how we are going to do this.

## LOST!

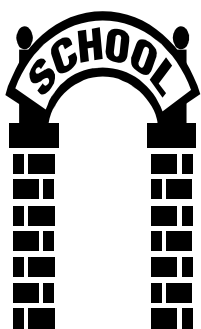


The game 'Pictureka!' went missing from Class 5NC at our last Toy Day. Please could everyone check their game collections at home, particularly those children in 5NC, and if found could it be returned to the school office.  
Many Thanks!

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

It is now quicker and easier to apply for Free School Meals. For the majority of claimants you will no longer need to send proof of your benefits with the application form. Suffolk County Council will check your eligibility against the Government's benefit database and as long as you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit, the provision of Free School Meals will commence. An application form is available from the School Office or can be downloaded at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

## POLITE REQUEST:



There is an increase in the number of people entering and leaving the school through the front door in the mornings and waiting inside the school at the end of the day.

For safety and security reasons please can you and your child use the gates and wait in the playground.

We would also appreciate it if the children could come into school on their own to encourage their independence.

Thank You!

## BIKE-ABILITY

This will begin on the 19<sup>th</sup> March and involves children in Years 5 and 6 working towards their cycling proficiency test.

We hope the children involved enjoy the course and pass with flying colours!

## Year 6 Brass Concert:

The Year 6 brass players will be performing to their families and friends on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 11.15 - 11.45. We are really looking forward to hearing how they have progressed this term. All welcome!



# DIARY DATES 2012:

## MARCH:

- 19<sup>th</sup> Bike-Ability Course Starts
- 19<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening: 3:30 - 5:30pm (*Except for Class 4NW*)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening: 5:00 - 6:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening: 4:30 - 6:30pm (*Class 4NW ONLY*)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents Evening: 3:30 - 5:30pm (*Class 4NW ONLY*)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Sport Relief : Sports Theme Non-Uniform: All Donations Welcome!
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Brass Concert for Parents 11:15-11:45 in Main Hall
- 30<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term: Lunchtime Cinema

## APRIL:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Holidays
- 16<sup>th</sup> Back to School

## MAY:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Photos
- 7<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday: School Closed

## JUNE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> PD Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## JULY:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last Day of School for Children
- 23<sup>rd</sup> PD Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of Term

## SEPTEMBER:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> PD Day
- 4<sup>th</sup> PD Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Back to School

## FUTURE DATES:

OCTOBER 2012:  
19<sup>th</sup> PD Day

JANUARY 2013:  
7<sup>th</sup> PD Day

### School Dinners

School dinners can be purchased online.

Please log on to:

[www.eats-catering.co.uk](http://www.eats-catering.co.uk)

For further assistance, please contact the school office.

School meals are £2.10 and can be paid in advance or daily.

Thank-you!

PLEASE NOTE  
CHANGE OF  
WEBSITE  
ADDRESS!

If you want to contact the school re: your child's absence etc you can:

Telephone: 01473 251605

Email:

[www.cliffordroad.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.cliffordroad.suffolk.sch.uk)

Or you can send a text to:

07797 801419