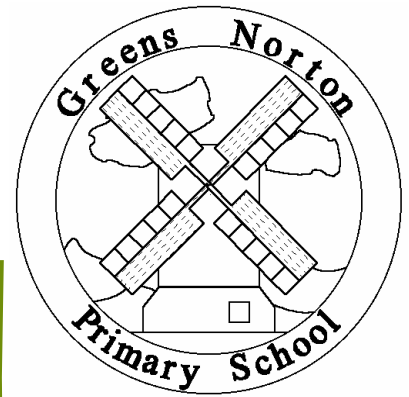


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Summer Celebrations

This has been a very busy term with lots to celebrate! Children have taken part in a wide range of events and activities both in and out of school.

On 31st May, Osagyafu visited our school and taught the children African songs and dances and talked about their country and customs. This was a lively and engaging experience for us all. The children then went on to develop their ideas into the dances they performed at the school and church fete on 12th June. There will be a further opportunity to see these dances again at our **Celebration Evening on 7th July**. We will be inviting all of our parents and friends of our school to this event when the children will be performing plays, poetry, songs and dances focused on our African theme for this term. Children's work will also be on display and we hope you will be able to come along and share in the celebration with us (programme to follow).

On Tuesday 8th June, Years 4 and 5 visited the canal museum at Stoke Bruerne. This was rather a wet day but this did not seem to dampen the children's spirits. Year 5 investigated the history of the canal as part of their local history studies and Year 4 learned about narrow boats in connection with their work on the history of transport. Children from Years 5 and 6 went on a very informative visit to the Mosque in Peterborough on June 9th. The children were complimented on their excellent behaviour throughout this visit where they learnt about the Islamic religion and their place of worship.

Our school took to the streets around school on in an attempt to break the world record for the most number of children walking in a giant walking bus. Our Junior Road Safety Officers helped Mrs Deakin to organise this event and members of the Casualty Reduction Team were on hand to show the children the dangers of not wearing seat belts.

Children in Jupiter Class visited the Kingdom Hall in Milton Keynes where they learnt about the religion followed by Jehovah's Witness'. Once again the children's behaviour was exemplary throughout this visit.

End of Term

July 14th Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2 pm

Please note school will be closing at 1.30 pm on Friday 23rd July, the last day of term.

Key Stage 2 SATs

I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils on their commitment to working hard for their end of Key Stage tests in May. We are proud of all of their achievements during their time in the Primary School.

Parental Survey

Thank you to all of you who responded to our recent survey. We received 44 replies in total.

Outcomes

Green Areas – A large majority of parents (over 75%) were in agreement with the statements and there was no significant disagreement

- Children feel happy and settled, healthy and safe in school.
- Teaching is good and teachers have high expectations.
- Parents feel well-informed and communication between home and school is good.
- There are a range of visits available
- Parents are aware of our Christian Ethos
- Pupil induction and transition arrangements are positive

Amber Areas – a smaller majority in agreement – action preferred by the school

- Parents did not always feel confident about approaching the school with concerns
- Some parents did not agree that the school is well run
- There were a few parents who did not feel that their children were making good progress
- Some parents did not agree that all staff treat children with respect

Red Areas – significant disagreement – school recommends action

- Parents did not think that the homework set built on what children learnt in school ,
- Parents did not feel sufficiently well-informed about the progress their children were making
- Parents did not think that pupils behaved well in school

Actions

We will be producing an action plan to address the red areas as a matter of some urgency and the yellow areas within a given timescale. We will be involving the parent council in helping us with these actions and will ask them to keep you informed of our progress. Any individual feedback will also be considered but we would ask that any parent who has a concern about any aspects of the service we deliver should contact the school office or a member of the parent council as soon as possible to enable us to address any issues. A copy of the survey results in full is available via our school website.

Sporting Achievements

This has been a busy and popular time for Sports at school with most children in Years 1-6 choosing to participate in the Cluster Cross Country races. Our KS1 children have also competed in a KS1 Sporting Festival which was organised at Sponne School. KS2 children have competed in the Nicholas Hawksmoor Dance Festival, a Tag Rugby tournament and a Kwik Cricket tournament. Our Y3/4 Tennis team were winners at the Sponne Partnership Red Tennis tournament and were runners up in the county tennis tournament, losing by a narrow margin. Later in the term our KS2 children will compete in the Nicholas Hawksmoor Swimming Gala, District Field and Track athletics events, our own organised Cluster Sports event, the Sponne Rounders tournament and all our children will be representing their School Houses at our Sports Day before the end of term

Amanda Deakin

Bittersweet Music is now taking bookings for guitar and singing lessons for September 2010 at Greens Norton Primary School. Students are able to explore a variety of musical styles and are given opportunities to record their talents and perform in school. Lessons are friendly, fun and inspiring!

Please contact Suzy at Bittersweet Music for more detailed information.
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Royal & Derngate 'Musicals' Summer School

Mon 26th – Friday 30th July

Wild about *Wicked*, or gaga about *Glee*?

If you're mad about musicals, then this years' Royal & Derngate Summer School is for you.

In just one week, you will rehearse a brand new musical featuring both pop, rock and musical theatre songs, all remixed to tell a well known story in a completely new way.

Working with experienced theatre professionals, you will improve your singing, dancing and acting skills, as you prepare for a world premiere performance for family and friends on the final day. It doesn't matter whether you're an enthusiastic beginner or a seasoned performer, the week promises mind-blowing musical fun for young people of all ability levels.

So if you want to get involved book fast – places are limited and its first come, first served.

COST

£125 per participant

Suitable for ages 7 – 15

HOW TO BOOK

Box Office 01604 624811

www.royalndderngate.co.uk

Dates for your Diary 2010

July

Fri 2 nd	Deadline for returning class & team photo orders
Tues 6 th	Year 6 Drama workshop at Nicholas Hawksmoor Year 4/5 swimming gala District Sports Track events Year 6 Parent Induction Evening at Sponne School
Wed 7 th	Celebration Evening/Performances
Thurs 8 th	Induction Day 1
Fri 9 th	Induction Day 2 Northampton Town Football Club - final session this term
Mon 12 th	Year 5/6 Rounder's Tournament - Sponne
Tues 13 th	Sponsored skip - whole school
Wed 14 th	Leavers Assembly
Thurs 15 th	Last swimming lesson Last Hotshots Basketball
Fri 16 th	Sports Day at 1.30 pm Reports to parents
Mon 19 th	Helpers Tea Party
Tues 20 th	Sports Day Contingency 1.30 pm
Thurs 22 nd	School Disco
Fri 23 rd	Homework Exhibition School Closes

