



The Fledgling

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Welcome to the latest edition of The Fledgling, the newsletter for the infants.

The whole school community were shocked with the tragic news of Jasmine Harper, nursery pupil and Brenda Price, long serving governor and supporter of our school. Our thoughts go to both families and all of us as we try to come to terms with this loss.

The school continues our planned programme for the spring term.

International Dimension: International Links

At Barker's Lane we have begun to teach our pupils to be 'Citizens across the globe' as we try to meet the challenges of our rapidly changing world.

This is an exciting month for us as we commence the preliminary stage of our Comenius partnership with 8 other schools from Europe. This week we have been visited by teachers from Denmark, England, Poland and

Spain. Updates on progress will be available on the school website under 'International'. We send a warm welcome to



L-R: Mrs T Namyslak, (Pl), Ms C Burton (Eng),
Sn E Horne (Sp), Mrs S Stapley (Cym),
Mr N Sorenson (Dk), Sn M Medel (Sp)

our new European friends. Velkomst, Welcome, Witamy, Bienvenido.

PTA News

100 Club - this successful fund raising venture continues. Please see the letter sent home for full details. New members always welcome.

A general meeting has been arranged for Thursday 7th February at 7.00pm in school. All parents are invited to attend and support the school.

Charities

Thank you for your support with the Nightingale House Christmas cuddly figures. They sold out and we had to fetch some more boxes. You helped raise £144 for the hospice.

This spring/summer we will again be supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Appeal. Last October all the children planted their own Marie Curie daffodil bulb ready for what will be the annual Eisteddfod show. We are looking forward to seeing the blooms as they brighten our school surroundings. We will hold a non-uniform day

on Friday 8th February when pupils and staff are asked to dress in daffodil colours. Each class has planned an event:

E/Yrs: Being Sleepy Bulbs

Yrs 1 & 2: Word Searches

Yrs 3 & 4: Quiz

Yrs 5 & 6: Spelling Bee

Clubs

The Out of School Club has recently been inspected by Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales. We are pleased to announce that we had an excellent report; congratulations to Mrs Colclough and her team of dedicated staff. Please remember that pupils must be registered with the club before out of school care can be provided.

Educational Visits/Visitors

Amongst the visits already arranged we have Techniquet joining us for a day. They will be bringing a portable planetarium and full details will be made available nearer the time. The Fire Service will be visiting pupils from Reception teaching fire safety and talking about their job. Bizzy Lizzy will be performing before the Early Years children in March. We have 2 visiting theatre companies arranged for May and

June who will perform to various year groups. Other visits and visitors will be arranged throughout the school terms and full details will be sent home when confirmed.

Parent Consultations

These have been arranged for Monday 18th February for Years 1 - 6 and Monday 25th February for Nursery and Reception. A letter with full details will follow shortly.

Eisteddfod

The annual Eisteddfod will commence on Tuesday 26th February. The pupils have started to rehearse their musical and set recitation pieces in advance of the qualifying rounds. Classroom based activities for the art competitions will be starting shortly. A coffee morning and concert for Years 1 & 2 parents/grandparents has been organised for Tuesday 11th March and for Nursery & Reception parents/grandparents on Wednesday 12th March. The Junior Winner Concert is scheduled for Thursday 13th March at 6.30pm. Full details will follow nearer the time.

Barker's Lane Playgroup

Professionally run by an experienced team of qualified staff who encourage creative play and early years learning in a stimulating, safe happy environment, we are pleased to announce that they have been awarded the Quality Assurance Mark. Children over 3 years could qualify for Early Entitlement free care. Contact



Jayne Lloyd on 07956 000903 at Little Acton Community Centre for further details or if you wish to register your child.

Nestlé Book Competition

Congratulations to Year 2 pupils for their project work and entry to the Nestlé Book competition. Each pupil was awarded a certificate and book mark. Their work is on display in the classroom and may be viewed by parents after school on Thursday 31st January 2008.

School Dinners

The cost of school dinners is £1.75 per day/£8.75 per week for infants. Please make cheques payable to 'Wrexham CBC'.



Jasmine Harper



Brenda Price

HOLIDAYS 2008 - 2009

	School closes/closed	School opens
Half term	Friday 8 February	Monday 18 February
Easter	Wednesday 19 March	Tuesday 8 April
Training Day	Thursday 20 March	
Training Day	Monday 7 April	
May Day	Monday 5 May	
Half term	Friday 23 May	Monday 2 June
Training Day	Friday 27 June	
Summer	Friday 18 July	Tuesday 2 September
Training Day	Monday 1 September	
Half term	Friday 24 October	Monday 3 November
Training Day	Friday 21 November	
Christmas	Friday 19 December	Tuesday 6 January 09
Training Day	Monday 5 January 09	