

# October 2005 Newsletter

## Grade 6

### AN EXCELLENT START!

It's always great when the children start the term as they mean to go on, well particularly when they start it positively with plenty of energy and enthusiasm, as the class have done this term. It has also been great to welcome two new faces to the class, those of Jayson and Peter. We hope that they have a very rewarding time at the school and enjoy their time in Grade 6. On behalf of the school, I would also like to wish Peter's family a warm welcome to the island and thank them for choosing to send Peter to Providenciales Primary.

I would like to congratulate the children on their efforts in the Terry Fox Run. It was amazing to see the children working so hard to such a worthy cause and combining PSHCE work with that of PE to such good effect. It was a real example of the curriculum in action and I hope that their efforts will help in some way towards defeating the menace of cancer.

The class have been working hard on their homework, my message is to keep up the good work, don't leave it until the last minute and hand it in on time. I realise that on occasions, the work I have set is challenging but it must be remembered that we have to start preparing now for what lies ahead in the academic year and for secondary school transition. In addition, keep up with that reading, both of Kensuke's Kingdom and the library books.

Mr Michael Shaw



### BEACH AND COAST STUDY

One of our lessons on coasts involves planning and undertaking a visit to the coast. What better place to be able to undertake such a visit. I am planning to do this on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, with a visit to the west coast to see the features such as cliffs, caves, stacks and denudation of beach downdrift. I will send out further details as soon as I can.

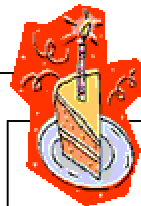
### THE CURRICULUM THIS MONTH

**Literacy** - We will be completing our unit on narrative writing and then shall be moving on to different forms of poetry, with the use of metaphor and simile within them. Our word work will be driven by etymology (the study of language) with examination taking place of words with Greek, Latin and Old English links.

**Mathematics** - Fractions, decimals, percentages and proportion, handling data in graphs and charts, examining probability and developing effective use of a calculator to check inverse operations will form the bulk of the maths work this term.

**Science** - We will complete the work on forces before moving on to looking at sound after half term. If you have any glass bottles (such as Perrier ones) that are all the same, please could we use them?

**ICT** - Multimedia presentation. We will be designing our own website pages, inserting sound clips, linking pages and refining information.



Happy Birthday

We have no birthdays in the class for a while - but we don't mind presents!



**Social Studies** - We will be planning and undertaking a field-trip to the coast before half term and then turning to focus our attention on mountains. If you have any photographs, DVD's or books on mountains, then I would be very grateful if we could borrow them.

**Design and Technology** - Miss Sara will be focusing on Biscuits/Cookies this half term. If you have any recipes that we could use for this topic, any favourite and tried and tested methods, then please can you send them in.

**Art** - Miss Sara has been working with the children on the topic of people in action. There are some excellent photographs of the children posing for some different expressions. These are on display in the Turtle Room.

**PE** - Tuesdays will be dance with Miss Sara and Miss Shara in the studio at Graceway Sports Centre and I will be working on invasion games at the TCIFA field on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit for these days. If they do not have their kit, then they will be unable to take part in lessons due to health and safety issues.

**RE** - In Grade 4-6 Assemblies, I will be working with the children on the origins of the Christian Bible. We will look at the parts that comprise the Bible, the authors of it, views people hold about the Bible and some of the stories from the Old Testament and the meanings behind them.

**PSHCE** - Mrs Sara has been focusing on rights and responsibilities in assemblies and the children have decided to sponsor a child in the developing world who would not otherwise have the opportunity to go to school. I would also like to see if the children could contribute to raising some money to buy books for a school that I visited when in South Africa. The school, named Place of Hope School, is in the Eastern Cape, near the town of Qumbu. It is a particularly impoverished area, where the children learn in mud huts and erase the work of previous students in order to complete written tasks. The only books that the school possesses are the ones I took when I visited in 2001, as well as those I have managed to raise funds for in subsequent years.

**Music** - The class will be examining lyrics and melody with Ms Alison.



## WEBSITES

Back by popular demand, here is a list of the websites to aid the curriculum this month.

**Literacy** - [www.gigglepoetry.com/](http://www.gigglepoetry.com/) funny poetry for children,  
[www.bbc.co.uk/arts/poetry/wordplay/game.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/poetry/wordplay/game.shtml) , make poetry online

**Mathematics** - practise ration whilst baking - <http://www.mathsisfun.com/ratio2.html>, some excellent mental maths and interactive games on <http://www.netagency.co.uk/keyedin2/mental.html>

**Science** - Examine and recap over the different forces that we have been examining - [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10\\_11/forces\\_action.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/scienceclips/ages/10_11/forces_action.shtml) and take a dip into the world of sound with this amazing cacophony of sounds from the British Library in London - <http://www.bl.uk/collections/sound-archive/listen.html>. Take part in some activities in Science

Essentials -

[http://www.channel4.com/apps26/learning/microsites/E/essentials/science/physical/changingsounds\\_b\\_i.jsp](http://www.channel4.com/apps26/learning/microsites/E/essentials/science/physical/changingsounds_b_i.jsp)

**Geography** - for coasts <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/riversandcoasts/index.shtml> and <http://www.globaleye.org.uk/primary/focuson/> for mountains.

**Spanish** - Get ahead with these interactive activities and really impress Senor Nelson - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryspanish/>

## OPEN EVENING

I hope that you will all be able to attend the open evening on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 1800-1900. We will be celebrating ten years of the school and showcasing the children's achievements and work.

## RESIDENTIAL VISIT

Last year's trip to England was a great success and now many children and parents have been asking what we will be doing this year. The children have been asking if they can go back, so please let me have your thoughts on this. Email: [cestrianmichael@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cestrianmichael@hotmail.co.uk)