

# The Shuttle

20 June 2008

Summer Term

## Community and Environment Update

We have achieved our BRONZE ECO-SCHOOL AWARD! Well done us! What did we do to deserve it? Well we:



- recycle paper and card,
- we have a composting bin
- we have a litter free playground
- we have water conservation devices in our toilets
- we promote energy conservation in school
- we have a garden which provides a number of habitats for wildlife
- we liaise with Barnsley Biodiversity Trust.

Now we have to set to work to achieve the Silver Award.



Next week we are launching our After school Eco-club – we'll be making posters, flyers and a documentary film all about our feelings about 'being green' as well as the work we're doing in school to support the environmental issues.

Mrs Gibbins

### Inset day

Don't forget that Monday 23 June is an Inset Day so there will be no school.



We will be back to normal on Tuesday.

### School Trips

Please remember to bring back your permission forms and money for the school trips as soon as possible.



Thank you

### Diary Dates

#### June

23 Inset day - no school

#### July

4 Class 2/3 visit to Filey

7 Class 1 visit to Roundhay Park/Tropical World

10 Fairtrade Fashion Show

17 Transition Day

17 Leavers Presentation 6.30 pm

18 Break up for summer hols

#### September

1 Back to school

### Weekend Weather

(From the Met Office)

Saturday Sunday



Cloudy



Heavy rain showers

## Ghanaian Visitors

Last week we welcomed two Ghanaian visitors, Gerson and Richard to our school; these gentlemen are visiting some Barnsley and Wakefield schools to study our approach to effective teaching and learning.



Richard and Gerson and our mascot with Class 1

During their visit they observed a variety of lessons throughout school. They commented on the enthusiasm of the staff and how happy the children were in school. They made copious notes, recording our approach to helping children learn through practical activities and were impressed how the classrooms were conducive to effective teaching and learning. Collaborative group work and discussion between pupils and teachers was a new and interesting strategy to the visitors.



Richard and Gerson with some pupils in assembly

In assembly they answered pupils' questions about their country and the new GRACE school and presented us with a Ghanaian flag. Our school mascot was donated to the children of the GRACE school along with a prospectus.

We trust that the children of Ho will benefit from all that Gerson and Richard have learnt during their visit to Thurlstone Primary School.

## Skills for Life Courses



Want to be able to help your children with their homework? Barnsley College are offering Skills for Life courses. Many of them are free and start soon. Why not find out more. Call them on 01226 216216 or call in to the Old Mill Lane Site.

## Music Tuition Fees



There is still money outstanding for this terms tuition fees. Please arrange to pay at the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Success for Thurlstone Duo

Congratulations to Finn Taylor and Izaak Crowther who were voted as players of the year for the Oxspring United u10's. They were presented with their awards by Chris Morgan, the captain of Sheffield United, at the awards ceremony held just before half-term. Success is not new to these two as it is the second year running that Finn and Izaak have won these awards. Well done boys, it's great to see your efforts rewarded.



## Child Safety Week

Monday 23 to Sunday 29 June is Child Safety Week and the theme this year is Make a change, Make a difference. Small changes in everyday life can make a big difference to our child's safety. For more details of how to make your home safer, look on the website - [www.capt.org.uk](http://www.capt.org.uk)



## Fairtrade Fabric Bags

The Co-op in Penistone are providing every home in Penistone with a fabric bag but they need some help. The bag delivery day is Saturday 21 June. If you are able to pick up and deliver your street's bags, that would be a great help. Go along to the Penistone Youth Centre on that day from 10 am to 2.30 pm to help.

There is also a Carry-a-Bag Launch day on Saturday 12 July in Penistone Town Centre. Details will be with your free bag.



## The Wiz

Razzmatazz Youth Musical Theatre Group are performing The Wiz at Penistone Paramount from 16 to 19 July.



For more details contact the box office on 01226 767532.

## National Insect Week



Monday 23 to Sunday 29 June is National Insect Week. On average, there are 10,000 million insects living in every square kilometre of habitable land on Earth - that's 10,000 in every square metre. Think about that when you next step into your garden or walk along a footpath!

For more information and details of events, look on the website - [www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk](http://www.nationalinsectweek.co.uk)

## And finally ...

What insect can jump over cups?



A glass-hopper!

What insect tells the time?

A clock-roach!

Ha ha ha ha

