

Newsletter

February 2012

Year 4 Maths Trail

During this term children in year 4 have been working on a **new activity trail** to be installed in our EZone.

The maths activity trail consists of 15 posts, each with a unique symbol, designed by year 4. Each post will then have a maths problem attached to it for other classes to solve.

However, a unique feature is the design of a **virtual trail on Google Maps**. This trail matches the real trail but has different word problems and puzzles, again designed by year 4 who had the help of Mr Al Pagan, IT technician. You can see their Googletrail at <http://g.co/maps/hj2h4>. We look forward to launching our new Maths trail at Easter....Well done

The Night Shadow

The scary night shadow is a bundle of darkness waiting to be reborn

The growing sky, stares down with the golden stars

The tall steep trees are like an army of soldiers

Grasshoppers are like a musical crew

Owls hooting, Frogs leaping

The silver moon dances happily with the stars

Fluffy clouds curl up peacefully to sleep

The night shadow is lurking creepily in the moonlight like a creeping cat

Wolves howl in the darkness

Trees waving, Stars gazing

A terrifying squeak like a child crying for his mom

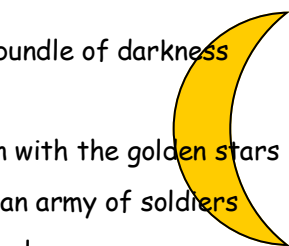
The river silently falls

The crystal ball stares down waiting to be worshipped

Darkness dribbles away

Dawn is breaking

Trees quaking, waking.



Poem by Daniel, Red 6

Dates for your diary... 'til Easter

- 13-17 Feb **SCHOOL CLOSED –Holiday**
- 21 Feb Year 5 STARGAZING LIVE
5.45–7.30pm
- 22 Feb Governors Termly Meeting 6pm
- 23 Feb FOSA DISCO 6pm & 7.15pm
- 24 Feb Gold Book Assembly 9.15am
- 2 Mar Blue 3 Class Assembly
- 5 Mar SCHOOL CLOSED—TRAINING**
- 6 Mar NURSERY CLOSED TRAINING**
- 6–8 Mar Book Fair
- 8 Mar Parents Meetings 3.30–6.30pm
- 9 Mar Yellow 3 Class assembly
- 12 Mar Climate week begins
- 13 Mar Yr 6 SAT Meeting (parents) 6pm
- 15 Mar Governors Extn'd Sch Com 6pm
- 21 Mar Governors Finance Meeting 6pm
- 22 Mar Music Recital 6.30pm
- 27 Mar Nursery Parents Induction 6pm
- 28 Mar Children's Centre Govs. 6pm
- 30 Mar Term Ends 1.30pm

SUMMER TERM BEGINS MONDAY 16 APRIL

Emergency Contact Details? Up to date?

Office staff are unable to contact parents/carers far too often because contact details have changed and no one has informed school.

- Please tell us if you change your phone or home address
- Please tell us if any other contact changes (eg grandparents)

Unfortunately children do have accidents or feel unwell and we must be able to contact you in an emergency. Please help our busy office staff. Thanks

CATCH IT, BIN IT, KILL IT!

Please can you remind your child to **use tissues to cover their mouth** and nose when coughing or sneezing. Most importantly, to **wash their hands** regularly.

Our attendance figure is currently 94.3% - Our target is 96% - Let's stay healthy and stay in school!

Germs...germs....germs...germs!

Collecting children after school?

Please help us keep your child safe.

Please remind your child to stay at school if you are late collecting them.

Children have been reminded to go back to their teacher if the person collecting them is not there. This applies mostly to KS2 children.

Children sometimes 'wander off' looking for parents or even start walking home alone. Please remind your child to stay in school until they are collected.

Parents can help by phoning school if you will be late. Thank you.



Don't Risk It! - Deepdale Lane Path

Parents are warned NOT to use this path during icy weather.

This path can be very dangerous and is not gritted by Dudley Council.

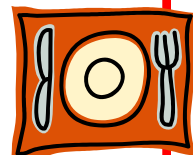
Better to be safe, than sorry:- walk round to the main entrance if not sure

School Meals going up

The cost of a daily school dinner is increasing to £1.85 per day from the start of Summer term (April 16).

Dudley Catering Services

Try our new daily menus—they're great!



Year 3 Back in the Forest!

Yes! Fridays are a very special day for year 3 children who take part in FOREST SCHOOL activities in our EZone woodland. The children take part in

- ☺ team work
- ☺ problem solving
- ☺ adventure activities
- ☺ nature study
- ☺ risk assessment
- ☺ initiative building
- ☺ using tools



And always have great fun!



School Dinners

SUPERSPUDS competition

20 - 24 February

Win £10 Argos vouchers

Every child having a school meal will be given a class spot to plant on a map. The nearest colour will go into a special draw to win £10.

Good luck!



Governor Vacancy

We currently have 2 vacancies;

Mrs Cheryl Scott has been nominated as parent governor to start from February.

Mrs Julie O'Shaughnessy's term of office expires in March. However she is prepared to continue as Community Governor unless another nomination is received by March 1st.

Thank you to all our governors for their time and energy to support the school.

FOSA PYJAMA DISCO

Thursday 23 February - £1.20

6-7 pm Rec/KS1

7.15-8.15pm KS2

