



Stepney Primary School



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What's going on in this Leap Year Month!

This is the latest newsletter from all the cooperative primary schools in Hull. East and West of the city, we pride ourselves on working to the cooperative values that we all hold dear to our hearts. Our ethos of working together to improve the lives and opportunities for our pupils is our driving principle.

Ings Primary Announce that the Potatoes are Coming!

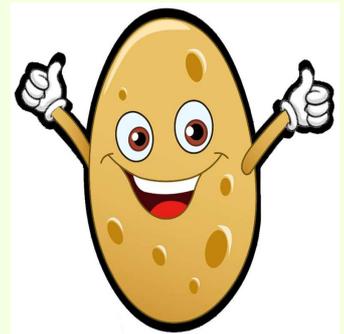
Potato-Growing Competition 2016

Mr Singleton (the Ings Caretaker) will be delivering the resources to all our trust schools to run the school spud growing competition.

Each school will receive 2 potatoes per class (a variety called [Rocket](#)) and bags of compost and rubble sacks. Each bag of compost is 60 litres which is enough for two classes (i.e. 2 rubble sacks).

To grow spuds successfully, and to stay within the rules for our competition, staff and pupils will need to follow these instructions:

1. When you receive your supplies on 26th Feb **do not plant them**. Leave them somewhere bright and cool so that they can develop buds (chits). Kids love seeing this happen. This process is called chitting. Kids love saying "chitting";
2. Plant on Friday 11th March - no sooner no later;
3. Classes will need to a) empty all the compost out of its bag and dividing into 2 equal piles - one for each class. b) crumble-up the compost which gets very compacted in the bag. c) make a few pencil sized holes in the bottom of the rubble sack to let excess water drain out. d) put about 10cm of compost in the bottom of the rubble sack and place the chitted potato tubers on top - chits facing upwards. e) carefully crumble the rest of the compost on top taking care not to snap off any chits! f) roll down the neck of the rubble sack to let light get to the surface of the compost g) water well;
4. Schools need to judge their own competitions in school on Friday 24th June. There will be a home-potato-growing competition as well!



News from Stepney Primary

Activities@Kelvin

Since the West Hull Cooperative Learning Trust was formed, our pupils have been involved with Kelvin Hall on different activities. We have just finished another brilliant set of sessions with the year 7 maths teachers at the high school leading our more able mathematicians in various after-school lessons. Pupils from Stepney, Chiltern, St. Georges, Paisley and Sidmouth have attended these. Also, our pupils have just been to the second annual student leaders conference at Kelvin. These are great links and the pupils really enjoy using the ultra-modern facilities at this school.

Bike Library @ St. Georges Primary School

The charity R-evolution opened St George's first Bike Library on Friday 26th February. R-evolution is a Hull and East Yorkshire based charity which works with offenders, ex-offenders and their families supporting them with skills, employment and resettlement to reduce re-offending. The Bike Library is part of the Bike Project which turns unwanted bikes into usable cycles and gets them back on the road. The bikes have been repaired by offenders at HMP Humber prison. Families can loan bikes for as little as one month, there is no cost involved and if the bike needs repairing all they have to do is let school know and we will contact R-evolution to come and collect the bike for repair. In addition every child is supplied with a bike helmet and cycle safety training, delivered by First Step, is offered free the following week in school. Morinsola who has loaned one of the bikes said "They are really generous and have made me determined to learn how to ride a bike." Some families also donated old bikes to the charity.

You can get more information about R-evolution at <http://r-evolution.org.uk/>



Reach for the Stars @ Foredyke Primary School

Foredyke Primary School is fortunate to be part of The Children's University's access agreement for the year 2015/2016. This means our Year 5 and 6 pupils will benefit from three fully funded Children's University modules. The first of these three visits involved taking our Year 5 pupils to visit The STAR



Centre at Leeds City College. The children all had the opportunity to undertake life like mission control simulations, drive a planetary rover in an Astrobotics hub, explore

the Universe in the Cosmodome and conduct scientific experiments in a space laboratory. Suiting up like astronauts and taking a space walk out onto the lunar surface was by far the most popular activity and really inspired the children. Definitely some budding astronauts amongst the group—watch out Tim Peake! Back at mission control our Children's University mentor, Ron, also had another surprise for the children. A fabulous gift in the form of a See Inside the Universe book. Look out for the next instalment—Year 5 and 6 are off to The Big Bang Science Fair at the NEC in Birmingham next month!

Early Words Together @ Chiltern Primary School

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Parents and children in the Foundation stage have been working together at the library as part of the project Early Words Together, National Literacy Trust.

Parents and children have really enjoyed their six sessions at the local library and would like to thank the volunteers for making it such a special time sharing books together. More volunteers have already been recruited and the next sessions are due to start with the next lucky children and their parents.

News from Thanet Primary School

Ofsted News

Thanet Primary had an Ofsted Inspection on the 26th-27th January. The school were extremely pleased with the overall decision that the school no longer requires special measures and that the early years provision was judged to be good. As a school we are now working hard on continuing to move the school forward and improving outcomes for all of our pupils. We are looking forward to doing this alongside the other Co-op Trust schools.

Safer Internet Week

As part of the recent Safer Internet Day pupils took part in a variety of activities linked to the safer use of the internet. This involved: circle time discussions, computing lessons, Key Stage assemblies and to finish off the week watched a fabulous performance called 'Ugly' which showed the children how to deal with the important issue of bullying, both in school and online.

Fuze Coding and Raspberry Pi

Through a Government funded project aimed at improving coding in primary schools our Year 5 and 6 pupils recently took part in a variety of workshops to explore the use of coding. They enjoyed experimenting with Raspberry Pi to: write code, control LED lights and operate robotic arms.

