

## **Tivetshall Community Primary School**

The school year started off with the whole school visiting the Time and Tide Museum in Yarmouth.

Our curriculum cafes continue to be well attended by parents; themes have included weather and chocolate.

More excitingly, for the staff at least, the flooring was replaced in their toilet!

Keeping yourself safe continues to be a major theme at Tivetshall School with regular cycling proficiency and road safety, water safety, internet safety, drug and alcohol awareness. Year 6 visited Crucial Crew in Norwich where lots of similar topics targeted at their age group, were covered.

The Harvest Festival and combined coffee morning raised money for McMillan Cancer.

Equally, we are all very keen to ensure that children are given the opportunity to experience as many different sports as possible. This year pupils have had specialist coaching in tag-rugby, dance,.... as well as attending events with other schools in the Diss area. We also offer a netball club during the year; many thanks to Tara Kidd for running this club again this year and giving the children the chance to compete with other schools.

'Arigato', is something that you will often hear around the school as we are very lucky to have obtained a grant from the Japanese Foundation which has enabled us to employ a teacher on a regular basis.

An after - school Latin club has also been running throughout the year.

Pupils are not quite polyglots but are on their way!

Financial education is enhancing our "Learning for Life" mission statement; Tivetshall, along with our partnership school, Burston, is well on its way to achieving a pfeg (personal finance and education group) 'Centre of Excellence' award.

Christmas events followed the usual format with a Christingle service in the church and a concert in the school hall. We also took part in the final 50 trees event in Dickleburgh church; children designed and created the tree decorations.

The new year started with Diversity Week when the children and staff celebrated difference.

The annual Mothers' Day Cafe raised a substantial amount for cooking Easter Garden and Flower arranging competitions produced some wonderful, creative displays by the pupils.

A residential for the older pupils was very successful and helped children improve their social skills and independence. We would like to thank the Friends of Tivetshall School and local charities who, through their generosity, enabled every child to attend.

The Governors recently approved a lower admission age which allows us, for the first time, to offer nursery provision five mornings a week for rising fours. School care vouchers can be used to fund this.

We feel this is an important step in ensuring that we continue to keep the school viable.

Staff and pupils would like to thank the governors, residents of Tivetshall and Friends of Tivetshall School for their continued support. As always further details are available in the Post Office.

The annual Teddy Bears' Picnic, held this year on May 23<sup>rd</sup> is a lovely way for new families to meet the rest of the school community in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere.

In order to raise money to support the schools the FOTS (Friends of Tivetshall School) have started running bi- monthly quizzes in the village hall- the next one is on Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm. Please come along and support your local school!

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