



# TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER MAY 2008



It has been a busy few weeks at Tenacres with lots of different activities to report.



Congratulations to the **Key Stage 2 Cross Country runners**, who competed against other First Schools at Ipsley Middle School.

Thank you to the **Choir** and Mrs Kirkby & Miss Russell who sang at the First Schools Music Festival @ Moons Moat School. They performed to and with other schools, singing songs from around the world. Well done to everyone in the Choir.



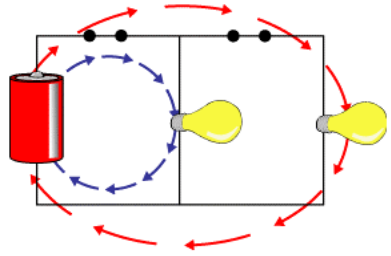
**Year 1 Dance.** Children from Year 1 ‘danced like penguins’ at Arrow Vale Sports College last week and had a great time.

Thank you to students from N.E.W. College who spent a day with Year 4 pupils where they led activities linked to Year 4 current topic work on the Ancient Greeks and The Olympics.



**TAG Rugby.** Twenty children from years 3 & 4 took part in the TAG Rugby Festival @ Redditch Rugby Club last week along with all other Redditch First Schools where they were taught the rules of the game. Tenacres were complemented on being the most improved!

**Science project @ Ipsley.** Six children from Tenacres were chosen to attend a science workshop @ Ipsley Middle School where they joined children from other First Schools in exploring circuits and made a pressure sensitive burglar alarm. In the afternoon each group presented their work to the others using Powerpoint presentations, which they created with the help of Year 8 Ipsley pupils.



Everyone really enjoyed the **Railway Children** show. Thank you to all children who brought their £1 contribution in.



Thank you to our visiting Police team who came in to see Year 2 and Reception. Year 2 were presented with road safety information and stickers and Reception children were very excited to see the police car.

Children really enjoyed the visiting science show ‘The Bunsen Towers mystery’. The company were extremely impressed with the children’s participation, scientific questions and enthusiasm.



‘Mad Scientist’ James Fountain presented a very enjoyable assembly last week, where he demonstrated amazing scientific facts through a series of exciting experiments which captured children’s enthusiasm and, once again, our visitor was impressed with the children’s questions and responses.

Despite the weather, Reception children had a great time on their ‘teddy bears picnic’ at Bishops Wood where they enjoyed a sensory earth walk and building shelters for their teddy bears.



**Mrs Docherty and Mrs Hodgson.** You may have heard that our dedicated Reception teachers are both retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Tenacres will not be the same without them.

As you may be aware, Tenacres have achieved bronze and silver Eco awards and we are now aiming for the Eco flag. We have class representatives throughout school who meet weekly and their Eco duties include monitoring paper we recycle, electricity and water usage and are planning an in school allotment! If you have any ideas on how we can further reduce our carbon footprint, please see Miss Marshall.



### **Breakfast Club**



We have at last appointed a supervisor for the club and are delighted to announce this will commence on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8am costing £2 per day, including toast and a drink. We need to confirm numbers so would you please return the reply slip below if you require a place. This includes everyone, including those who have expressed an interest previously.

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### **REPLY SLIP : BREAKFAST CLUB (8am – start of school)**

I am interested in booking a place for my child/ren on the following days

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name .....
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<input type="checkbox"/>	Class .....
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent .....
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<input type="checkbox"/>	Telephone .....

Payment due in advance on the previous Friday.



## ***DATES FOR YOUR DIARY***

### **May**

8<sup>th</sup> : Class photos

9<sup>th</sup> : 6.30pm TAPA Quiz Night. £3 per family ticket

***Please support this new event – it promises to be a good evening with prizes, refreshments and professional markers (i.e. teachers!). See you Friday!***

15<sup>th</sup> : Matchborough/Tenacres link up day  
8 children to visit each school for Forest School  
& Art activities

16<sup>th</sup> : “Fruity Friday” : healthy eating theme day \*

18<sup>th</sup> : Year 4 Gala Concert at the Symphony Hall \*

19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> : Design Technology week : Animals theme

23<sup>rd</sup> : Launch of the Children’s Centre (12.00 – 2pm) \*

Rt. Hon. Jacqui Smith attending 12.45 – 1.15pm

Family activities, refreshments, balloons etc.

Please try to join us

23<sup>rd</sup> : Break up for Whitsun half term holiday

Return to school Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
(School closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> : training day)

\* more details to follow