



TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER  
JUNE 2008



We've had a very enjoyable few weeks at Tenacres with lots of exciting activities going on.



We had a really fun evening at the *TAPA Quiz night* with lots of families coming to support TAPA at this event which we hope to repeat in the future.

Year 2 had a very informative visit from the *Fire Brigade* where they learned about fire safety and had a tour of the Fire Engine. Staff cars had a good wash too!



In the run up to the opening of the Children's Centres both here and at Matchborough First School, we had a few children from Matchborough visit us for the morning where they enjoyed making 'animal' pictures in our Art Room. In addition, some of our pupils visited Matchborough 'Forest School'.

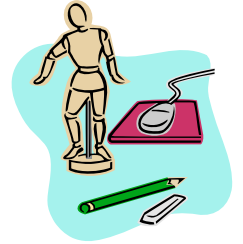
'*Fruity Friday*' was a fun day too when everyone was dressed in bright 'fruit' colours and children enjoyed 'fruity activities' such as designing a fruity super hero, tasting exotic fruit and beating the banana at football! Thank you for sending healthy lunch boxes on the day.





Year 4 children performed at **Birmingham Symphony Hall** playing their cornets along with children from six other Redditch First Schools. It was a late night but well worth it for such a unique experience and we were very impressed with how well the children performed in such a large venue! Thank you to teachers who gave up their Sunday to make the day possible.

**Design Technology Week** during May saw children being very creative with each year group being given a separate animal related task and producing a wide range of fantastic designs. We had toys for pets, shelters for rainforest creatures, moving Greek mythological creatures, hats for teddy bears and pneumatic powered animals. Thank you to Mr Watkins for organising the week's activities.



Children in Reception and Year 1 had a visit from 'Big Dave' who performed some animated story telling to tie in with the opening of our Children's Centre theme of animals.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May was the launch day for our **Children's Centre** when the Rt. Hon. Jacqui Smith, MP, officially opened the Centre and was presented with flowers by Tenacres children, Molly Barrett and Charith Sembakuttige.

Year 3 started their football coaching sessions last week with **Aston Villa Community Coaches**. They all had fun learning basic skills and are looking forward to continuing with their training.



Our **Breakfast Club** is up and running and still has places available (at only £2 a session) if you wish your child to come to school early (8am onwards) and enjoy toast and a drink with their friends before class.

We have a few **staff changes** to report with, as you know, Mrs Docherty and Mrs Hodgson taking early retirement at the end of this term. We will be welcoming Miss Harris and Miss Brookfield to Reception in September and Key Stage 2 teachers Miss Williams and Miss Begley.

Following **Fathers' Day** on Sunday, we will be inviting Dads in to have lunch (hot meals only) with their children next week. A letter will follow with a reply slip.

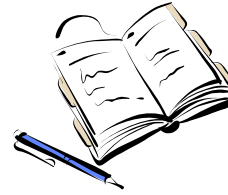


Our annual TAPA Fete will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June. This is always a very well supported event from which school benefits enormously. In preparation, we would very much appreciate any donations for prizes/white elephant stall, wine, books and hamper contributions. Please bring items to the school office. Please let a teacher know if anyone has any connections in order for us to obtain some prizes. Thank you from TAPA.

Now that we are getting some lovely sunny weather, please remember to send your children to school with a hat, sunglasses and wearing sun cream.



Tenacres subscribe to ContentStream which is an internet based learning platform incorporating games, curriculum content and homework help. We would very much like children to be accessing this facility at home via [www.col.networcs.net](http://www.col.networcs.net). Select Tenacres from the list, enter the username tenacres and password tenacres, login and enjoy!



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

### **June**

16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Fathers Day Lunches *
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup>	Induction evening for Reception September intake
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Reports sent home
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	TAPA School Fete

### **July**

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 trip to Dudley Museum *
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 Olympics *
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Induction Day *
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> am	KS1 Sports *
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> pm	KS2 Sports *
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> pm	Year 1 trip to Hatton * R Sports *
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> 9am	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle * Year 4 percussion concert : parents invited *
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 trip to Brandon Marshes *
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Leavers Concert *
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Break up

Return to school Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September !!

\* more details to follow