

# Middle Primary NEWSLETTER

Term 2 2012



Dear Parents / Caregivers

We have been blessed with good weather for the beginning of this term and have not wasted the sunshine as we have begun practising winter sports skills and taken Discovery Time outdoors. We have a lot planned this term and know the children will enjoy the exciting programmes we have for them.

Please keep Wednesday 27 June free as we will be inviting you to our **Middle Syndicate Performance**. More information to come later.

If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

## LITERACY

Our focus this term is Reading and teachers will be working alongside advisors who will be supporting us to develop and enliven our programmes.

We appreciate all you do to help your children to grow as readers especially the time you spend reading alongside and to them. Remember our city has a great Public Library where you and your children can borrow books, talking books, DVDs and much more.

## NUMERACY

This term we will continue to work with the children to develop their number knowledge in relation to addition, subtraction and multiplication. We appreciate the support you give to help master Basic Facts.

In Discovery Time we have activities that use basic programming skills and applying them to co-ordinates on grids. These will help to develop positional and logical thinking.

## DISCOVERY/ INQUIRY

Discovery Time has begun and everyone had a wonderful time participating and contributing in learning together. Check out our blog (which you can link to from the school website) to get a tiny insight into the amazing things happening in these sessions. Please check your cupboards for things we could use at this time (e.g. old sheets, cardboard boxes, off-cuts of material, corks, bottle tops, coloured paper - especially shiny, magazines)

Our Inquiry Question this time is: **How do we know it's alive?** Expect some interesting discussions this term!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Week 1** Easter Module

**Week 3** Syndicate Mass Thursday 10 May in the school chapel. Please join us.

**Week 2-6** Holy Spirit Strand

**Week 7-10** Jesus Strand

Thank you for commenting on the work your children produced during the God Strand. The work becomes real when the children can share it with their families.

## HEALTH & PE

We will focus on winter sports -Netball, Soccer, Rugby & Hockey. We will have a tournament to showcase these skills at the end of the term.

The Year 4 netballers, coached by Miss Jobbins and Cath Campbell, will have their first game in Week 2, Thursday May 3. A letter informing you of training and game venues will be given to all players.

*God bless you all,*

John Warren M8

Nikki Jobbins M9

Francis Nicholas M10

Jan Bevan M11