

# Out of School Club Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first edition of our brand new Mayville High School Out of School Club newsletter. It has been a particularly busy period in the life of Early-Care, After-Care and Holiday Club and hopefully through this publication we will endeavour to keep you informed of all the latest news and up-coming events.

This newsletter is designed to give you a greater insight into the activities and experiences provided for the children all year round.....and what a busy year 2009 was!

Last year saw tremendous growth and development in all areas of the Out of School Clubs with greater numbers of children coming along to enjoy the fun.

## The 'Owl Club'

Last year we welcomed the arrival of the Kestrels, who joined the children from our Pre-Prep year groups to become part of a bigger and better After-Care 'Owl Club'.

These children have enjoyed a wide array of experiences based around a variety of themes including: Outer Space, Fairy Tales, Christmas and seasonal activities including their latest work on Winter.

The children's experiences are supported by all our enthusiastic 'Owl Club' staff, led by Miss Mays, who plans the fantastic activities in line with the latest Early Years Foundation Stage recommendations.



Pre-Prep puppet creations.

We place great value on the importance of 'play' for our youngest After-Care children. A number of child-led toys and games are provided for them to enjoy each evening and we feel that this helps to create a relaxed 'home-from-home' environment.

## Junior After-Care

Junior After-Care continues to go from strength to strength, having last year taken up permanent residence in Mr. King and Mr. Holmes' classrooms and we thank them both for accommodating us so readily!

The children's free-play time in the playground has been hampered by rain and snow in recent weeks but has been replaced with a variety of games and puzzles before the children enjoyed tea and the opportunity to complete their homework!

Junior After-Care Art displays.



The children enjoyed a huge range of creative activities resulting in a number of colourful wall displays around the themes of Shapes, Patterns, Graffiti Art, Sewing and Comic Strip creations.

## Holiday Club

Our recent Christmas Holiday Club was the culmination of an incredibly busy year as more children than ever came along to enjoy lots of free-play, arts and crafts and outings.

In the last year we have taken the children to locations such as Intech Science Museum, The Kings Theatre, Blue Reef Aquarium, The Exbury Gardens 'Ghost Train', Arty Potz Ceramic Shop and Pizza Hut to name but a few!

February Half-Term sees our latest Holiday Club week which is also jam-packed with outings and creative activities. Bookings for this are being taken now and we look forward to welcoming as many of the children as possible.



Christmas  
Holiday Club  
Puppet  
Shows

### **Holiday Club Booking**

Please remember the importance of booking early for Holiday Club! Ultimately, it is the safety of the children which is of utmost importance to us and therefore, returning forms by the stipulated deadline date is very important.

We do appreciate that this is often difficult, but it is vital in order for us to ensure that the necessary staffing can be put into place to meet the required adult to child ratios. It is also important when making arrangements for our outings as many of these have to be booked and paid for well in advance.

With increasingly high demand, sessions can fill up rather quickly and may become unavailable.

Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

### **Notice Boards**

Our Club notice boards are a vital link between ourselves and you the parents. The Junior notice board is located between the After-care classrooms and the Pre-Prep board is located on the left just as you enter the school building.

Please take some time, if you can, to look at these, as they contain a variety of useful information including the latest news concerning all aspects of Out of School Clubs. Photographs showing some of the children enjoying activities, and artwork produced during

clubs, can also be found here for you to enjoy. Copies of our policies and procedures are also contained within these notice boards.

### **Questionnaire**

We are constantly looking for ways in which to improve the quality of service we provide for parents and the quality of care we provide for the children.

With this in mind, we will shortly be producing a questionnaire for parents, where we will be asking for your comments regarding all aspects of Out of School Clubs.

As always, we welcome your thoughts at any time and will do our best to address any ideas or concerns you may have. We hope that if you have ever needed to discuss such issues, you have found our staff to be friendly and approachable.

### **Final Comments**

Thank you for taking the time to read our brand new newsletter and we hope you have found it to be interesting and informative.

If you have any questions regarding anything contained within this newsletter, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or any member of the Out of School Club team.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Meli.

Owl Club's  
fantastic 'Fairy  
Tale' work, on  
Jack and the  
Beanstalk.

