

NEWSLETTER

LINAKER PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE - FEBRUARY 2010

Key Dates ...

Monday 8th February -

Parents Night from 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Friday 12th February -

International Day (China) & Last Day Before Half Term

15th : 19th February -

Half Term Holiday Week

Friday 26th March -

Children's Centre & Childcare Closed All Day - INSET

School Closes at 1.30pm for Half Term Holidays

29th March : 9th April -

Easter Holidays

Monday 12th April -

Summer Term Starts

Are You Entitled To A Free Computer and Broadband At Home ?

The Government has recently announced that families who have children aged between 3 and 9 years of age and are in receipt of certain benefits, may be entitled to a free computer or broadband or both. To find out more visit :
www.homeaccess.org.uk
or telephone
0333 200 1004



General News ...

Centenary Website : Monday the 8th February sees the launch of the new Centenary website. On it you will find all the dates of events, copies of publications, reports of events and a selection of historical photographs. You can visit it at : www.linakercentenary.org.uk

New Staff : we are pleased to be able to welcome some new staff to Linaker. These are Sue King (Deputy Childcare Manager), Tanya Barton (Deputy Childcare Manager), Stephen White (Fathers Worker) and Alison Equizi (Kid's Club Senior Play Leader).

Kid's Club : don't forget that we offer full time childcare during the holidays at our Kid's Club. There are a whole host of pricing options and many parents can

get Childcare Tax Credits as well, which could mean up to 90% back on the costs. Call into the centre or Kid's Club to find out more.

New Minibus : December saw us take delivery of our new minibus - a brand new Ford Transit 15 seater. This will make a real difference to our ability to enhance the curriculum through trips and outings.

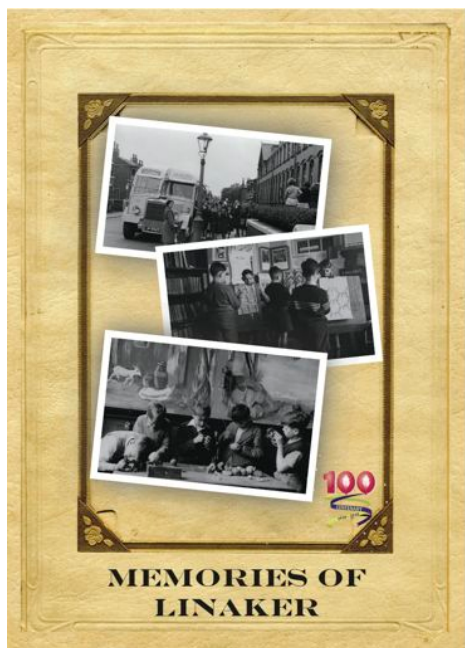
Nursery Places : don't forget that places in our nursery are by application only - there are no automatic places given. Collect a form from either the school or centre reception or download one from our website.



**Firework
Night Starts
The Year With
A Bang !**

On Friday 15th January, despite the freezing cold weather, over 800 children and their families joined us for a Family Firework Night down at Waterside Lodge on Marine Drive. The event was also attended by some special guests including Lord Fearn and Dr John Pugh MP. A huge thanks to all the volunteers and staff that made the evening go so well. Here's to the rest of the years events !

Watch out for our new centenary website launching on the 8th February !



Balloon Race Gets Underway - 22nd January



Ballon Race - on Friday the 22nd January we let off 600 balloons each one with a tag and the initials and class of every child in the school and nursery. The child whose balloon travels the furthest (and has the tag returned) by the end of February will be the winner. Watch the website for details.

Memories of Linaker - over the last few months Mr Napier has been working with some former pupils and members of staff to compile a booklet called 'Memories of Linaker'. It details their memories of their time at Linaker over the last 100 years. A copy will be given to every pupil and a limited number of further copies will be available from the school office. In addition it will be available for download from the school's centenary website.

**Centenary Events
Yet To Come -
Note Change of
Dates**

**From 10th
February - 26th
February : School
History Exhibition
At Christ Church
on Lord Street -
Open on Thursdays
and Fridays
Between 9am and
4pm and Saturday
from 9am to 1pm**

**Open Evening for
Former Staff -
Friday 16th April
from 7pm to
9.30pm**