

Linaker



Photographs Showing Some Of the Activities Undertaken By Our Partner School (Long Menhao Primary School) in Chongqing, China

NEWSLETTER MAY '08

Another Great Year At Linaker Primary School & Children's Centre

This year has been a great year for everyone concerned with Linaker ...

This year we have seen great results (our best ever) - had a fantastic OFSTED inspection that praised the school - been awarded the National Healthy Schools Standard - been awarded the International Schools Award - been awarded the FMSIS Standard (Financial Management Standard In Schools) by the Department for Children Schools & Families - had continuing growth in the numbers attending the Children's Centre and much more !

We are busy planning to build on this continued success in all our endeavours for the next year and beyond.

In the coming months we will see the main building having all its windows replaced with double glazed units at a cost of over £100,000 - PLUS having the roof

repaired to a high standard. Over the summer months we will be upgrading our ICT suite to enable it to take a whole class at once which will make a great difference to our ability to use ICT to support learning in all subjects, not just ICT.

Over the Easter holidays we began the complete refurbishment of our boys toilets. This is well under way and the main part of the job has been completed - much to the praise of the boys who use them ! The remaining work - constructing an external ramp and entrance - will continue in the next few months.

I am also pleased to tell you that we have appointed some new staff to the school, whom I am sure you will welcome :

- Mr N Dempster - teacher (starts in September '08)
- Mr P Baxter - teacher (will be staying with us permanently in September '08)
- Mrs Tinsley - our new Catering Team Leader

- Mr Woolcott - our new Assistant Caretaker
- Ms Nicky Tinsley - our new Family Worker

But as well as welcoming these new staff members, we also have said goodbye to Mrs Byrne who has left to take up new opportunities. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Brereton at the end of this term as she has decided to take early retirement. We wish both of them well as they take on new challenges and thank them for their time at Linaker.

Colin Coleman - Headteacher

Holiday Dates Reminder :

Half Term Holidays :

School finishes on Friday 23rd May and re-starts On Monday 9th June

INSET Day : School will be closed on Friday 4th July 2008 for staff training

Summer Holidays :

School finishes on Thursday 17th July and restarts on Wednesday 3rd September



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Coming Soon

This years 'summer production' the Wizard of Oz will take place at the Southport Arts Centre on Monday 16th June. Details about how to get hold of tickets will be available shortly

And More

We are still collecting **TESCO** 'Computer For Schools' vouchers. We need to collect over 20,000 to get a free computer !

We are often approached by parents asking about **employment** opportunities at Linaker. We currently employ over 100 members of staff and are often looking to appoint more. You can find all our jobs on our website : www.linakerschool.co.uk - you can also download copies of the application forms and associated job descriptions.

School meal numbers continue to increase at school - bucking the national trend ! We have recently reviewed our menus and ingredients and have upgraded the 'eating experience' : we no longer have flights trays and now use proper trays, white plates and bowls. We have also re-painted the walls and put new flooring down. In addition, the staff have new uniforms which have added to the 'ambience'.

Once again we will be holding our annual **Community Arts Festival** during the week beginning the 19th May. This years theme is 'Liverpool : Capital of Culture' and we will be having our usual round of visiting artists and performers - including the return of Urban Strawberry Lunch, the group that encourage us to drum with re-cycled plastic barrels.

Many of you will be aware that we have a link with a village and school in **Ghana**. Recently, a number of staff decided that they wanted to do a little bit more to help both the village and the school and have set up the 'Ekawso Project' - which aims to completely re-build the primary school. So in July this year a group of staff (including Mr Coleman, Miss Oakley and Mr Povey) will be travelling to Ghana at their own expense to help re-build the school, using funds they have been privately raising. You can find out more about the project by visiting www.ekawsoproject.org - we wish them all well in this challenging endeavour !

News In Brief...

1. Summer Fair and Open Day
We will be holding an Open day and Summer Fair on Saturday 12th July. More details to follow BUT if you are able to help, please let Mrs Thomas know.

2. Completed Work
Thanks to the efforts of Mr Povey and Mr Murphy we have made great progress in the last few months and have completed the re-design of our Kangaroo garden and the building of a pram store in the Children's Centre.

3. New Cycle Shelter Underway
We have just begun the groundwork for our new cycle shed to be placed in the car park of the Children's Centre. We hope this will help reduce traffic and be a positive environmental step.

4. School Reports ...
School reports will be sent home on Thursday 3rd July to all children in Reception to Year 6 and those children moving upto Reception from Nursery.

5. Year 6 SAT's Week
Best wishes and good luck to all those children in Year 6 who will be doing their SAT's in the week beginning the 12th May.

6. PGL Holiday 2009
We held a meeting for the parents of children who will be in Year 6 next year which outlined the plans and costs for the planned PGL holiday. If you did not attend and want more information, please see Mrs Corkhill who will be happy to help you.

Nursery Places

The school has a comprehensive policy for admissions to maintained Nursery places. If you wish your child to have a place in September you should by now have applied for a place. No places are automatic - you will need to have applied irrespective of whether or not your child is already in Tree House Nursery ! Please see the school website for a copy of the comprehensive policy for admissions.