



School Matters

No. 8
May 2006

www.paisley-primary.co.uk

"Working together to raise achievement"

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

As promised, our new-look website is now on-line. Our thanks again to Mr. David Cooper, the new Webmaster, for all his hard work. Keep visiting for news, links, events and activities and please contact us with suggestions.

This edition of School Matters takes ICT (Information and Communications Technology) as its main theme and outlines current and future developments in this exciting area of our work with the children and the community.

R. Petch

Using Computers and the Internet

As you know, ICT equipment is not cheap but it is an incredibly important part of modern society. It is therefore one of the core subject areas, as important as English, Maths and Science. The full ICT Policy is available from our website but in simple terms, we want the children to learn the skills needed to be able to use ICT well now and in the future. They will then be able to find, use and present information, model and test ideas, create and design things, control and monitor and learn in new and exciting ways. We have also begun working with the BBC so that children can develop skills in presenting their learning using digital photographs and video.

Learning at home with SAM Learning

This is free at the moment and is available in school and at home to all of the children in Years 1 through 6. It includes activities for all curriculum areas and has been proven to have real benefits for children's learning. If it proves popular we will consider continuing to fund this in future so please encourage your child to use it – details on Page 3. We hope to be able to offer other services in the future but need

Every Child Matters

As explained in our School Matters 6, the Government's aim is for every child to have the support they need to succeed in 5 outcomes. Everything we do in school is now linked to these, so how does ICT help?

Be healthy

We teach the children to sit and use the keyboard and mouse properly and not to sit too close to the screen.

Information about healthy lifestyles can be accessed and presented.

Stay safe

Our Rules for Responsible Computer and Internet Use are designed to help children avoid putting themselves at risk

Enjoy and achieve

The ICT suite, interactive whiteboards and PCs in every classroom give access to the very best interactive and multimedia learning and teaching opportunities. This creates new and exciting ways to learn and teach and achieve high standards.


Make a positive contribution

The internet and email provide real opportunities for children to learn about important issues and contact people and organisations to express their

to gather some information first. Please return the slip on the last page to let us know if your child has access to a PC and the internet for free entry into the prize draw.

Rules for Responsible Computer and Internet Use

It is important that computers and the internet are used sensibly. We have a good policy and procedures in place to help make sure that the computers are used well to support learning and teaching. These also help to protect the children from any unpleasant material on the internet. We also have rules to make sure that the children play their part in using the computers and internet properly. We have included our revised rules on Page 4 of this newsletter and request that you return the slip on the last page with your permission and your child's agreement. This will give you free entry into the prize draw to WIN A PC!

<h2>WIN A PC!</h2>	<p>WIN A PC and other runners up software prizes! This is not a new machine, it's one of our older ones. It still works fine and was in use every day until just after Easter. It comes complete with basic software to help with learning activities and while it probably won't run the latest games there's lots of software which will still run. All you have to do to enter is return the permission/survey slip. It's our way of saying thank you and finding a way to make good use of our old equipment. We even have a few pieces of software to give away to runners up!</p> <p>Please return the permission/survey slip by Friday 9th June for free entry.</p>
	

STOP PRESS – Another burglary on the night of 15/16th May. Three projectors were taken and a PC and other equipment damaged. Children and staff were very upset – this is not a “victimless crime” and continues to disrupt our plans and affects the teaching and learning opportunities enjoyed by your children. It will be some time before we can install replacements and as a result money is now being spent on upgrading security instead of other improvements to the school. For example, equipment is security marked and projectors have a PIN number so that they cannot be used once taken from their mounting. There will be changes to the alarm and CCTV system and some doors, windows and other areas are being made more secure. We are sure these criminals live fairly locally, they left on foot and some of the mountings were found in the area. They are damaging the opportunities our school can offer the community. PLEASE! If you see or hear anyone talking about or offering cheap projectors or computers, inform the police 0845 60 60 222.

Feedback - Is there anything you'd like to tell us? Can we tell you something?

You are welcome to drop in any time. Have you any concerns? Have you had a good idea? Would you like to make a suggestion? Do you or your child need some support? Has your address or phone number changed? Would you like to get more involved in school activities and your child's learning?

You can often see us immediately for a minute or two before or after school but longer meetings will usually need an appointment. Contact the office or your child's teacher to arrange the earliest possible meeting. Remember, at Paisley, **Every Child Matters.**

Phone 355984, email admin@paisley.hull.sch.uk

or drop a note in the Comments Box.