

Molehill Primary Academy Newsletter to Chigombe School

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Chigombe LEA School, we would like to take the opportunity to say Happy New Year from Molehill Primary Academy.

With the start of a new calendar year, comes the excitement of all of the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

We are looking forward to strengthening our link with our friends at Chigombe LEA School and have lots of different activities planned this year to get to know each other even better.

"Our link with Chigombe school is really exciting because we get to learn about life in a different country."

Tyler, Age 9

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

In our school in December, we start to celebrate Christmas, as do many schools in England. The Christmas period is a very special time of year for the children and their families and we try to encourage as much learning as possible in school linked around this period.

It is traditional in England for a pine tree to be brought inside and decorated with small lights, shiny ornaments and chocolate and for houses and buildings to be decorated with lights too.



Before we left for the Christmas break, the children attended our local church for our annual 'Christingle' service. The children decorate an orange, which represents the world, using a red ribbon (which symbolises Jesus' blood), a candle (this represents Jesus as the light of the world) and fruit (this shows the good things in the world).



A 'Christingle' lit in the church service



Some of the children and staff during the Christingle service at St. Martins Church, Maidstone.

This Term...

WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING

This term the children across the school will be learning a wide range of different topics.

In year R (4 and 5 year olds), the children will be learning about 'How the World Works' by finding out about how sounds are made and the difference between solids, liquids and gases.

In year 2 (6 and 7 year olds), the children are learning about 'Home' and will be working with Holly from Starfish Malawi to complete some work about homes in Malawi compared to homes in England. Perhaps you would like to tell us some things about your homes and where you live and see what is the same and what is different.

If you have any questions about 'Home' in England, please ask our year 2 children!

In year 4 (8 and 9 year olds), the children are learning about the Earth and what is below the ground that we walk on. They are also learning about natural events that can have an impact on people for example volcanoes, hurricanes and flooding.

In year 5 (9 and 10 year olds), the children are learning about market places and are going to run their own market stall at a local market. The children will design their own products to sell at the market and hopefully will be able to sell all of the things that they make!

Maybe you could let us know what a market in Malawi is like?

What type of products can you buy in the market in Salima?

We would be very interested to find out what you have been learning about this term!

NEWS

At Molehill Primary Academy we run a breakfast club every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

In breakfast club, children pay a small price and they get to eat different foods and then take part in different activities such as dancing, playing games, drawing, colouring or watching a film.

Last term, Molehill Primary Academy was voted as having **the best** breakfast club in the south-east of England!

Children from our school were invited to visit the houses of parliament for a tour and had their photograph taken for the newspaper; we were even on television to celebrate our school.



Children from Molehill Primary Academy at the Houses of Parliament in London

We look forward to hearing from you soon!