

***** Ashton First School News*****

"Expect only the best"

Friday 1st May 2015

HEADLINES by Mrs Sharon Cole



This morning we held the finals of the Poetry Plate Competition in memory of Sonia Grey. It was a wonderful occasion and every child recited their poem beautifully. As a school one of our five key skills is to encourage the children to "believe in themselves" and we were all so proud of each child who showed this in abundance, despite feeling quite nervous, performing in front of the whole school and so many visitors.

The

judges had an almost impossible job, but finally reached their decision and awarded first prize to Eleanor in Year 4, second prize to Luc in Year 5 and 3rd prize to Eva in Year 1. This competition is now an annual event for us and we hope it inspires everyone to enjoy poetry. Thank you for your support.



Bright Sparks Energy Den

On Wednesday Mrs Emond and Mrs Shiels took six pupils to the Bishop Wood Centre to compete in the finals of Worcestershire schools Energy Den. Ben, Jacob, Seth, Scarlett, Lily and Curtis had to present their idea of a school screensaver to, "train the naughty teachers to turn off their electrical equipment" after use and help reduce the amount of energy that is wasted daily! The children had come up with the idea in a Key

Stage 2 Energy afternoon and their idea was selected by the competition committee to go through to the final stage. The children were up against five other schools and had to present their idea to the Energy "Dragons" as if they were in Dragons Den! They produced their own trailer and PowerPoint and answered questions that the Dragons asked them. Despite being very nervous, they were brilliant and an absolute credit to the school. We didn't win the final prize (this went to a Middle School!) but we all had a great day presenting our work and taking part in energy saving workshops throughout the day. Many congratulations to the children.

Notices:

- **E-Safety Week in School next week:** Sadly no-one attended the Parent Workshop this morning, but we shall be providing some information on our website to this effect. Please come along to Family Assembly next Friday to find out about the important messages that your child will be learning in lessons next week. A leaflet is in your child's bookbag tonight.
- **Mrs Shiels has an old piano** which she would like to give free of charge to a good home. However, the piano will need collecting from her house in Bredon, as she has no means to move it. Please talk to Mrs Shiels if you are interested.
- **Reminder to all budding actors.** Evesham Operatic and Dramatic Society are still looking for children for their upcoming production (Y3 upwards). Open auditions are being held on Sunday 10th May at Evesham Arts Centre. If you are interested please register your interest on their website (www.eods.or.uk) or ask Mrs Emond for further details.
- **After School Clubs:** Thank you to everyone for your prompt payment of club monies received so far. Please could all club monies be in before half term. Many thanks



Coming home tonight:

E-Safety leaflet

Dates for the Diary:

- **Thursday, 14th May Playgroup Fundraiser: 7:30pm at the Star.** It will be a burger and quiz night, with raffle, for £10/head.
- **Friday 12th June:** Year 5 Leavers Ball at Bredon Hancocks
- **Saturday 20th June:** PFA Run Around Supper fundraising event
- **Friday 26th June:** Sports Day
- **Tuesday 30th June:** Transition Morning & New Reception Parents Sept 2015
- **Friday 3rd July :** Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils
- **Friday 17th July:** Year 5 Leavers Assembly & end of Summer term

