

Lunch Menu

Monday	Sausage + onion rolls, mash & baked beans	Carrot cake flapjacks
Wednesday	Class 1's you choose meal Pasta + pesto; tomato sauce; cucumber & carrot fingers; cheese	Chocolate mousse
Friday	Veggie stir fry + rice	Apple & pear crumble with custard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19	NeST Organisers to RSA Primary Review launch
Tues 20	Last Swimming of the year 8.45am
Wed 21	Amanda on 1st Aid Course [Laura covering] 3.15 - 4-15pm Yoga Club
Thurs 22	Amanda on 1st Aid Course [Laura covering] 2.30pm Tea & Cake sale 3.15-4.15pm Belly Dancing
Fri 23	Break up for half term 8pm Mum's Night Out

Please bring a cake for next Thursday's Tea - all contributions to the kitchen on Thursday morning or bring it with you at 2.30 on the day!

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Mon 2nd	School Back 3.30pm Pottery Club
Fri 6th	School Closed [Staff Inset Day]

S P R I N G 15 Oct 2009 T E R M

Last week we were paid a visit by Nick Fuller, the Head of Culture, Ceremonies and Education for the Olympic Games, London 2012. He came to see if the school was interested in joining other schools around the country taking part in 'Get Set', the educational arm of the Olympic Body which promotes sport and education through the values of the Olympic Games. The conversation turned to some of the athletes who had visited schools to talk about their life as an athlete. Nick told us about Shanaze Reade who had been interviewed by a group of children. They asked her about what it felt like when she didn't win and she replied she didn't know because she always won! Cue the Beijing Olympics 2008, which see Shanaze going for gold in the BMX final. She comes a cropper on a corner, lands badly and is unable to finish the race. She was deeply upset by her failure and, in interviews after the race, was considering leaving the sport altogether. She has, however, after a three month recovery, got back in the saddle and now hopes to make history this year by taking three senior world titles in three different disciplines - track, BMX and mountain bike.

Despite the failure, Shanaze is still driven to succeed and maybe it took her longer to recover because of her success in the past. It is important to fail, but to be able to fail in a supportive environment that doesn't see failure as a disaster but part of the road to success. As a mathematician I've often failed to find solutions to problems, but each 'failure' has sometimes brought me one step closer to an answer. Mathematicians coined the phrase 'trial and improvement', replacing the failure of an error with the idea that new information gleaned will help the process. Exposing children to failure in this way will help them become more robust, and hopefully recover more quickly when life doesn't work out as they expect!

'We learn wisdom from failure much more than from success. We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do and, probably, he who never made a mistake never made a discovery'. Samuel Smiles

Matthew

New school of thought

Tomorrow the school will host the inaugural *New School Thinking* conference. This marks a coming of age for teaching and learning at our New School; a recognition of experience and expertise. Many of you will have noticed that this is the day chosen by the Cambridge Review to publish its findings. We are determined that, while we may keep in step with the growing momentum towards change, we will always be driven by a keen sense of the curiosity of the child and the real need to harness this powerful force. Follow the unfolding story at www.newschoothinking.ning.com in its fantastic new format - huge thanks to Rosie (*Aaron & Ben*).

Warming all children

As autumn gathers pace there is an edge in the morning and a chill as the sun dips in the evening. Make sure your child[ren] have plenty of warm layers and rainproof clothes for those exciting playtimes in the wet. And remember, if you have spare PE or swimming kit please bring them to the school – many thanks!

Quizzical

Last week the editor of this fine organ failed in her duty adequately to report on the social event of the term when five teams pitted their wits against Quiz Master Gavin's (*Khaya, Malachy & Lottie*) challenging questions at the "Wine and Wisdom" quiz night. Despite the teachers' team earning an A for effort, and 'I Fink' claiming "we wuz robbed", 'Galacticos' - Dahlan's (*Elias & Joshi*) cherry-picked team of 'intellectuals' - romped homeby one point. £130 was raised and lots of wine was consumed. We look forward to staging a follow up debacle soon..... so watch this space, Karen (*Alfie & Millie*) and Kelly (*Japhy*)

Girls' night out

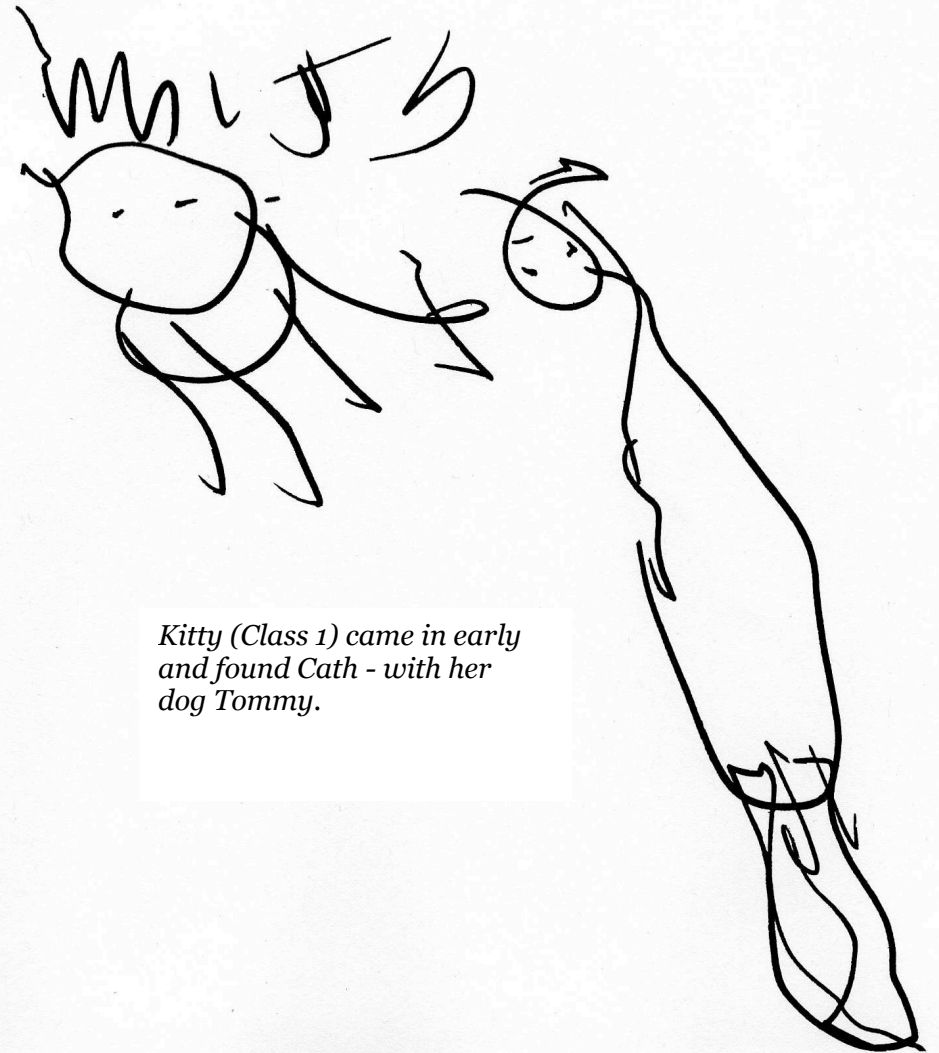
Mums' cocktail night Friday 23rd October

Come and meet other New School mums.

There are bar snacks & great virgin cocktails too.

Meet us at Bhudda Belly - Fisher Street from 8pm

Sarah (Edward & Roman) & Emma (Martha)



Kitty (Class 1) came in early and found Cath - with her dog Tommy.

Play time

Remember that the playground is supervised from 8.30am (every day but Tuesday) and children are welcome from that time. If you have a child in **Class 1** please ensure that you sign in for them as usual and mention to Lizzie, who will usually be on duty, that you are leaving your child.