

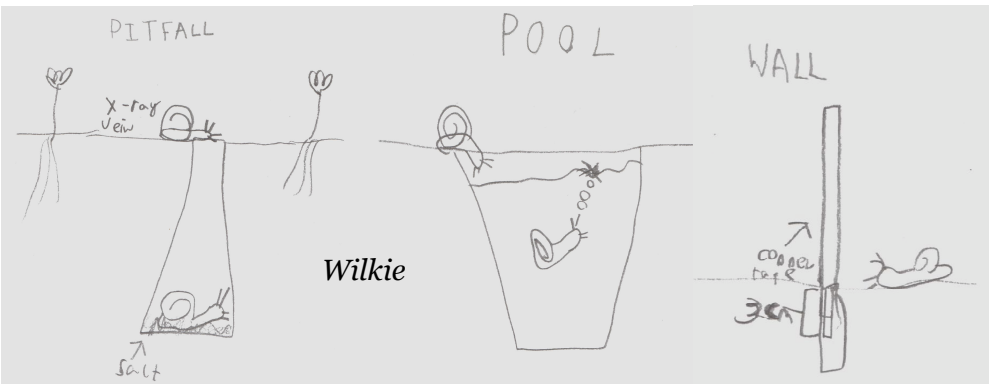
## Bursting at the seams

Class 1 is full to bursting! The ever increasing number of families applying to send children into our early years groups means that we are beginning to struggle to find space for new recruits. To avoid turning families away next year, we have decided to extend Class 1 into the studio that Marco has recently vacated. This space will be used as a base for the youngest 'pre-school' children whilst the Reception and Year 1 children will remain in the current class 1 spaces. Both groups will access and share the outdoor area.

The teaching and learning of both groups will continue to build on the successful practice that we've been developing over the last couple of years. Teaching staff from both groups will work closely together and will encourage children, as appropriate, to share the different learning environments. This increase in space (and in staff) means that we will be able to offer **more** pre-school places overall and to children of an earlier age of two and a half. We will also be able to offer full days for 4 year olds from Monday to Thursday.

*Can you help? There is a long list of works to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you can do anything from hammer a nail to slap on some emulsion then please see our caretaker Alex (Oscar & Daisy). And – spread the word, **there's a place at Lewes New School for nursery age kids from September 2009!***

***Class 3 are beginning to think about designs for controlling the pests that threaten our Spring planting.....***



## Summer sports

Premier Sports are back and there will be a Summer Sports session every Tuesday at 3.15 for an hour after school starting next Tuesday [28<sup>th</sup>]. The cost for the term is £25. Please bring completed forms with a cheque to the office as soon as possible.

## Calling all 'newbies'

Please come to a welcoming summer tea party on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm - there will be cakes galore, lashings of tea and golden moments to while away.

***[Oldies – please bring all cakes, biscuits, buns etc to the kitchen on Thursday morning – many thanks]***

See you all there! Nimmy [*Khaya, Malachy & Lottie*]

## Pottery

This half term Colin will be running a course of 6 sessions. As before, the sessions will run from 3.30pm for an hour and on the following Mondays/Thursday: 27 April [M], 7 May[T], 11 May[M], 14 May[T], 18 May[M] and 21 May[T]. The course fee will be £50 plus £0.75/kg unfired work; £1/kg fired, unglazed work; and £1.50/kg fired/glazed work. There will be a maximum of 8 places available and both children (from any of the school's classes) and parents (accompanying children) are welcome. Wheelwork/throwing will not be included but may be arranged on request for 2 children at a time (or up to 4 people, if parents with children) at £30 a session.

**For further information and to register your interest in this club, please contact Colin at [tc09@gn.apc.org](mailto:tc09@gn.apc.org)/01273 474077 by 6 pm on Sunday 26 April at the latest, please.**

*Updated address lists in a fetching shade of green available from the office - email Cath [[office@lewesnewschool.co.uk](mailto:office@lewesnewschool.co.uk)] if you would prefer the electronic version.*

# Lunch Menu

<b>Monday</b>	Spring vegetable stir fry with toasted seeds & brown rice	Yoghurt, fruit, honey & oat puddings
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Class 3's 'You choose meal'</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Pea, broad bean and mint soup	Banana and walnut loaf

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon 27</b>	<b>3.30pm Pottery Club</b>
<b>Tues 28</b>	<b>8.50am Swimming Y1-6 [Lewes Leisure Centre] 3.15-4.15pm Summer Sports</b>
<b>Wed 29</b>	<b>9.15am Lizzie talk to parents re Teacher W'shop 6pm Governors' Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs 30</b>	<b>2.15pm Summer Tea Party</b>
<b>Fri 1</b>	<b>10am - 5pm Teacher Workshop 9.15am Skills Workshop Sewing Machines BYO</b>

<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am Open Morning 2.30pm Summer Fair Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6pm Premises Meeting</b>
<b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cycling Proficiency Week Y5&amp;6</b>
<b>Mon/Tues 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jessie away on a course [Laura covering]</b>
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3.30pm Camp meeting for parents and children</b>

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Neither Eartha (aged 5), nor I (aged 46), can remember a more beautiful Spring in the whole of our lifetimes. We have talked of nothing else on our journeys to school this week. Charmed by lambs skipping in the fields and mesmerised by the ever-changing subtleties of blue and green, we arrive at school feeling joyful in what (for me) feels like something of an old-fashioned kind of way.

The academic year is well designed in the way that it allows us to enter the 'home straight' at such an uplifting time of year. This final term, where Year 6's complete their primary schooling, and where teachers and TAs bring other children successfully to the end of the year's cycle, is one that requires great energy and huge commitment from all involved.

With all this springtime energy in mind it seems fitting that the start of our final term has been marked with the welcoming of new families (with their children Isobel, Archie, Lily, Kitty and Finn) and a new chef (Alex Moran) all of whom have brought injections of fresh energy and promise to our small community.

At a time of so much talk about decline and austerity, I find it comforting to notice that our school's current experience would seem to be more characterised by expansion and growth.

**Lizzie**