

Friends' School development update

MULTI USE GAMES AREA A HIT

We are delighted that one of the first features of our site's development is already up and running and proving to be a huge hit with our pupils. The new 'astro-turf' multi-use games area (or MUGA for short) provides a surface on which hockey, netball and soccer skills can be honed and practised.

The MUGA, due to be formally opened by Sarah Craven who represents the Sir James Reckitt Trust who helped to fund the new pitch, has been used by both Senior and Junior School pupils in lessons and in after-school training sessions.



A feature of the new MUGA is its excellent floodlighting, with playing conditions tested out by a group of keen five-a-side players in the evenings.

As the clocks go back during half term and the dark evenings arrive, we expect the MUGA really to come into its own next term.



Year 1 enjoying their site tour

JUNIOR SCHOOL PUPILS TOUR THE SITE

After seeing the site begin to take shape through the viewing windows in the hoarding, pupils in the Junior School enjoyed the opportunity to tour the new school site with the site manager, Ben Ephgrave. They were excited to be shown around and were able to check on the progress of their new classrooms and ask questions about their new facilities.

The new build has also provided an interesting topic for work inside the classroom. Year 6 have been interviewing those working on the new Junior School buildings including a brick layer and fork lift operator. Year 3 have been using the site to inspire the writing of some wonderful similes such as, *The scaffolding stood as tall as Big Ben* (Lily) and *The long black pipes lay on the ground like a grass snake waiting for its prey.* (India)

THE CAR PARK

Thank you for your support and patience in helping us to manage the parking situation so far this term. Whilst the car park is almost complete, we are still in the hands of the Environment Agency. We are hoping for it to be complete by the end of the half term break but we will let all users know as soon as there is any change to the current parking arrangements.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW...

The single storey nursery and reception building is now up to roof level and the canopy supports will be in place over half term. The room layout is now clearly visible on the ground floor of the main two storey building. Work will continue apace over the break so be sure to check out any progress via the viewing panels next half term.



David Wood, bursar with Ben Ephgrave, site manager for Hill Partnerships

