

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Mental Health Week 10th-16th May 2021

This week (10th-16th May) is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme for this year is Nature. There is lots of evidence to suggest that being outdoors and connecting with nature is a wonderful way of supporting positive mental health and well-being. In a recent survey, two thirds of people surveyed said that being out in nature helped them to experience positive thoughts and emotions. Nature can bring a sense of calm, joy and wonder to our daily lives, helping us to feel calm and forget about any negative thoughts or worries that trouble us when we are indoors.

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous"

Aristotle

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Mental Health Week continued...

In school we have been talking about the benefits of being outdoors in nature and each year group have been taking part in activities outdoors. These range from additional PE lessons outdoors, sensory walks around the school grounds, snack and lunch time outdoors, reading time in the outdoor classroom and time for reflection, meditation and prayer in the Peace Garden. We have been lucky enough to see a whole range of weather conditions and really marvel at what nature can offer. Please [click here](#) and take a look at the Connect with Nature Planner on the school website and maybe have a go at some of the activities with your family!

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 12.04.21 to 24.05.21	Y1	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Tuesday	LLS 12.04.21 to 6.07.21	Y1 & Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 14.04.21 to 26.05.21	Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	LLS 15.04.21 to 8.07.21	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 16.04.21 – 21.05.21	EYFS	3.15pm – 4.15pm

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Diary Dates

Feast Day of St Paschal Baylon – Monday 17th May 2021

School Closes for Half Term (normal time) – Thursday 27th May 2021

INSET Day (School Closed to Children) – Friday 28th May 2021

Half Term – Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Children Return to School – Monday 7th June 2021

School Closes for Summer Break – Friday 16th July @ 1.30pm

INSET Day (School Closed to Children) – Monday 19th July

INSET Day (School Closed to Children) – Tuesday 20th July

General/Important Information

Dogs



Please be aware that dogs are not permitted on our school site.

School Nurse

Parents/carers can ring the School Nurse directly, anytime, to make an appointment or discuss any issues/concerns you may have regarding your child.

Please call: 0151 295 9700

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we said goodbye to our chicks Midnight, Sonny, Violet, Eggcup, Fluffy and Rainbow! We have loved looking after the chicks and will enjoy receiving updates from Mr. Allday about how they settle and grow back on the farm! Continuing with our growing topic, we have been learning about traditional tales this week with a focus on Jack and the Beanstalk! We have learned about the features of a traditional tale and listened to a variety of tales at snack time. Using pictures from Jack and the Beanstalk, we have cut, coloured and sequenced them in order to show what happened at the beginning, in the middle and at the end. We have created wanted posters to help the giant find Jack as he stole the hen that lays golden eggs! We have also collected leaves from our outdoor area and used them to create lovely growing beanstalks! In Maths, we have explored halving. We learned that this is the opposite to doubling. We explored halving practically using 'magic beans', then using tens frames before journaling our new knowledge of halving at the end of the week. Homework this weekend reinforces halving. In RE, we have started our new topic 'Reconciliation'. We talked about how we make friends, what being a friend means and we listened to a range of stories with friendship themes. We then decorated friendship bracelets to show we are all friends. Finally, on Friday we talked about Rights Respecting Schools article 31 which is '*every child has the right to relax and play*'. We shared what we like to do in school at home to relax and play. We hope children enjoy article 31 this weekend with plenty of opportunities to relax and play!

YEAR ONE:

Another busy week in Year 1! In Maths we have continued to work on fractions, exploring halves and quarters and started to think about numbers up to 100. As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we have talked about how nature can help us maintain good mental health. We tried this by having our snack outside and listening to the nature sounds from the park. We have also discussed the Global Sustainable Development Goals, especially Goal 14 '*protecting life below water*' and we learnt the school song about the goals. We have also been learning about the Article of the Month and how all children have the right to play. We really enjoyed our treat for winning class of the week last week and the Year 1 staff are very proud of all of the children. Remember to practise your spellings on EdShed as your homework for this week.

YEAR TWO:

What a busy week for Year 2! We have been continuing to learn all about Pentecost in R.E and the message behind Jesus rising where he sets an example on how we should live our lives. We have been very lucky to have two P.E sessions this week and have enjoyed learning some new tennis skills with Mr Sunter. In English, we have been thinking about how the crayons would feel if they were, all of a sudden, upgraded to multicolour crayons. We think Duncan should be treating all of us crayons fairly! In Maths, we have continued to talk about the properties of 2D shapes. We have used these skills to draw vertices and corners and look for symmetry. We look forward to another week of lessons.

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have enjoyed a range of activities as part of Mental Health Awareness Week – all around the theme of nature. Using the suggestion grid from Liverpool CAMHS, the children had a picnic lunch outside on Monday; sat in the Peace Garden and used their senses on Tuesday; had a book read to them in the outdoor classroom on Wednesday; discussed what we liked about nature, and how this could lift your mood on Thursday, before planting a sunflower on Friday. Hopefully, the children will appreciate the benefits nature offers to positive mental health.

Magnets continued to be the focus in Science. The children were let loose to plan their own investigation to find the strongest magnet. They really were 'super scientists', using the knowledge and skills learned during the year to ask scientific questions and reach conclusions.

We moved onto 'special' lines in maths (parallel and perpendicular), which the children found a bit tricky, so we made a song to remember them. Ask them to 'rap' it to you, to see if they remember it!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, year 4 have been continuing to write their own version of 'The Mousehole Cat.' The children have been focusing on using the language features of personification, simile and expanded noun phrases to describe a storm.

In maths, we have been learning about perimeter and area, using post it notes to create figures, the children were able to find that figures can have the same area and different perimeters.

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, Year 4 have been taking in their school surroundings. On Wednesday, they took part in a nature walk: focusing on what they can see, hear and smell. Later on in the week, the children spent some time outside listening to poems about nature.

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YEAR 5:

The children have continued to hone their debating skills in English, with the last two days focusing on the ever increasingly important topic of children's use of social media. The children are thoroughly enjoying this aspect of English and the debates that have taken place have been fantastic. In Maths, the children have completed their chapter about Position and Movement and moved onto looking at Roman Numerals: we were extremely impressed with their prior knowledge. In RE, the children looked at the importance of having rules in our life to guide us in the way we live. Another busy and productive week in Year 5.

YEAR SIX:

This week in History we looked at a range of other events that shaped Liverpool including the Kingsway tunnel, the Liverpool Blitz and the Quarrymen. We arranged these and other events on a timeline that spanned back over 100 years. In maths we began to study pie charts and answers questions around the data given. And in our English lessons, we began to think about our own myth based on Pandora's box which we are really excited about to write next week.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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