

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 – Let's Connect

This week the children have taken part in lots of activities in class using resources provided by the Children's Mental Health and Well-Being charity Place 2 Be. These have included looking at who our important people are in our lives who can help us to feel connected and how we can connect through dance and song.

We also looked at some texts to inspire us including 'The Invisible String' in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and the poem 'Together' by Matt Goodfellow in Key Stage 2. These books helped us to think and talk about the importance of making connections with other people in order to help us feel happy and safe.

"It's such a happiness when good people get together."

Jane Austen

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ReAction Group News

During this half term, we have been thinking about the challenges blind and deaf people may face.

Our action – we want to collect unwanted spectacles which we can donate to charity to help make a difference to people's lives.

We will collect them at the school gate on the morning of **Thursday 2nd March**.

Thank you for your support.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 took place on the 7th of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme **'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'**.

In the UK, we are celebrating by putting children and young people's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support that they receive.

Our classes completed an online safety charter, which we forwarded to the government: stating how we feel children can best be kept safe online.

For E-Safety information and helpful tips please visit our school website Parents tab/E Safety or click the link below:

<http://www.paschalbaylon.org.uk/parents/e-safety/>

World Book Day

SPB will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 3rd March** to enable all children to be in school to celebrate the day! Children are asked to come to school dressed as a book character, or in their pyjamas, ready for a bed time story. In addition, could they please bring into school the book their character relates to, or a bed time story book.

The day will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day, and all-year round!

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PE Day Information

PE Days for next term (w/b 20.02.23) are as follows:

EYFS – Monday

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 2 – Monday

Year 3 – Wednesday

Year 4 – Wednesday

Year 5 – Tuesday (& swimming on a Monday)

Year 6 – Wednesday

Children should come to school wearing PE kit/tracksuit on PE days.

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 20.02.23 for 6 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 21.02.23 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.50am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multisports From 10.01.23 until 28.03.23	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Dot Art Club begins 17.01.23	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 22.02.23 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 23.02.23 for 6 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.50am – 8.30am
Thursday	Debate Academy 02.02.23-30.03.23	Y3 & Y4	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	LLS Multisports From 12.01.23 until 30.03.23	Y1 & Y2	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 24.02.23 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm – 4.05pm

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Diary Dates

Children return to school – Monday 20th February

Whole School Pancake Race (PTA) – Tuesday 21st February

Mass @ SPB – Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 22nd February @ 9.15am

Cross Country @ Sefton Park – Monday 27th February 3pm-5pm

Industrial Action – Tuesday 28th February

Y2 Trip to Kenyon Farm – Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day Celebrations – Friday 3rd March

School Photographs – Tuesday 7th March

EYFS Stay & Play – Tuesday 7th March 3.15pm – 4pm

Y1 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park – Wednesday 8th March

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Thursday 9th March

EYFS Stay & Play – Thursday 9th March 3.15pm – 4pm

U11 Boys Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 10th March

U9 Football @ Tiber St – Monday 13th March 10am – 12pm

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Tuesday 14th March

EYFS Stay & Play – Tuesday 14th March 3.15pm – 4pm

Industrial Action – Wednesday 15th March

Industrial Action – Thursday 16th March

EYFS Stay & Play – Thursday 16th March 3.15pm – 4pm

Own Clothes Day – Easter Egg Donations – Friday 17th March

U11 Girls Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 17th March 1pm – 3pm

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General/Important Information

School Nurse

Parents/carers can now 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

King Charles II Coronation Celebrations @ Christ the King Parish Centre



Please join us for a Parish celebration in the Parish Centre,
Queens Drive for music, food, quizzes.

Children – make your own crown, bring it along, prizes for the
best.

All – optional wear red, white or blue or all at the same time!

Friday, 5 May 2023, 7pm-11pm
Adult £10, Children FREE

Tickets from church or Parish Office

Holy Communion Dresses

Willowbrook Hospice charity shop in Prescot town centre currently have a wide variety of Holy Communion dresses on sale – very good condition, all £50 each.

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Netherley Youth & Community Initiative – February Half Term Play Scheme

St Gregory's Church Hall, Damson Road, Netherley, L27 8XR.

Monday 13th to Friday 17th February – Free Admission, wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. All children must be 8 or over to attend without an adult.

Please contact 0151 487 6421 or email adminnyci.co.uk or pop in for registration form and speak to Gemma or Sharon.

Paper copies of leaflet are available in the school foyer.



ASD Training Team



The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of Virtual Group Drop in advisory sessions via zoom.

They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties or waiting an ASD assessment. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents.

The sessions will be one half hours long, you can choose to join anytime with in the time slot or stay for the duration.

You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Date:

Thursday 16th February Time: 9.30am – 11am or 1pm – 2.30pm

Friday 10th March Time: 9.30am – 11am or 1pm – 2.30pm

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please

email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk



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ADHD Foundation - Online Workshop for parents/carers

Understanding and supporting your child's early development

Where: Online live webinar

Date/Time: Monday 27th February @ 10am – 2:30pm

Topics covered:

10am – 11am – Understanding early brain development and neurodiversity – some discussion of Autism and ADHD.

11:15am – 12:15pm – Sensory sensitivities

1pm – 2:30pm – Developing skills in emotional self-regulation

If you would like to access this online session, please join using the link below or contact Samantha.asher@adhd.foundation.org.uk for further information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356819763>

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Ahoy there! It's been all about pirates in Reception this week! We have been reading 'The Night Pirates' and the children have been off on an adventure searching for treasure. In busy time they have been making their own treasure maps, drawing on various landmarks and practicing techniques to make the map look old such as snipping the edges or crumpling the paper. They have also been making Wanted pictures, practicing their sentence writing and labels to describe the pirate. In Maths we have been looking at simple addition up to 10, and the children had fun exploring coins and treasure chests to practice this. We also explored the concept of floating and sinking, and watched videos, made predictions and experimented with objects that might float or sink. Alongside our pirate topic, we have also been doing mental health awareness week. The children have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Invisible String' and sharing who they feel connected to. In RE we finished our celebrations topic by listening to Lord's Prayer, as this prayer is often said during church celebrations, and decorating it with pictures and symbols of celebration. We hope you enjoy your half term break everyone, and can't wait to see what you do for our Pirate Challenge!

YEAR ONE:

We have been working hard in Year 1 this week. In English, we made fruit kebabs and then wrote a fantastic set of instructions on how to make them. We were very impressed with the children's use of imperative verbs! In Maths, we have been measuring, we have used many different units of measure; blocks, hands and feet, but we found the best unit of measure was centimetres and used rulers to measure objects around the classroom. In RE, we learnt about how congregations celebrate after Mass on a Sunday, sharing their life and talking to friends, over a biscuit and a cup of tea or juice. In Geography, we learnt about another country in the UK; Scotland. The children wrote another brilliant fact file, showing Scotland's landmarks and traditional foods. In Art this week, we learnt about Dennis Wojtkiewicz, and discussed his paintings of the cross sections of fruit. We then drew our own pictures of fruit using charcoal, they were amazing! As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we joined in with some online live sessions and learnt about how we can connect with others and what to do when we feel disconnected. We read a story and drew pictures of all the people our invisible strings of love are connected to. We also did some Yoga to help us calm our minds and relax.

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had a great week in school, we have been finishing off all of our topics for this term. Also, this week it has been World Children's Mental Health Week. The children have been taking part in live assemblies, listening to stories and discussing various related topics with their friends. In PSHE we linked our lesson to the story we had read in the day, we learnt about 'invisible strings' and wrote/drew who our invisible strings connect us to. In English this week we have been gathering all the information we have learnt about different explorers and have used it to create non-chronological reports. We have worked really hard on these and they all look great! In Maths we have finished looking at pictograms, we have been reading information to answer questions about them and using keys to help us. In History we have finished our topic of, Explorers. We compared different explorers that we now know and wrote about why we think they are important. In Art we finished our topic about Andy Goldsworthy. We used our designs from last week to create sculptures using natural resources- see Twitter for photos! In RE we concluded our topic of books by learning about various books used in church and during mass.

We hope you all have a safe and restful half term!

YEAR THREE:

This week has had a rather different look to it. On Wednesday, the Year 3 classes participated in a live link-up with Liverpool Football Club Foundation, in support of Children's Mental Health Week 2023. On Thursday, the children were involved in another live-streamed event, in conjunction with 'Place2Be'. This involved completing various yoga activities, based on five famous superheroes! In history, we came to the end of the Stone Age and began to explore the changes the Iron Age brought, in terms of: clothing, homes, food and tools/weapons. In maths, the children have continued to work on the unit 'Money' and although finding it tricky at times, both classes have worked hard to try and calculate change by subtracting or adding money. Finally, in English the children finished the unit 'Fables' by completing an innovated version of 'The Tortoise and the Eagle'. We hope that the children have an enjoyable and relaxing week off!

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YEAR FOUR:

It's been another busy week in Year 4!

In English, the children have created some fantastic persuasive adverts for the Uber Scoot S300. The Year 4 teachers were really impressed with the quality of the children's writing. In Maths, we have been converting between the 12 and 24-hour clock. We will continue to work on time after half term.

Whilst in Art, Year 4 have been practising their shading techniques and experimenting with tone. There are certainly some budding artists in this year group!

As part of Children's Mental Health week, Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed participating in LFC's live lesson on Wednesday morning. They were asked to think of things which make them happy, so they can do those things when they are feeling sad. The children also used their problem-solving skills to help them pass a hula hoop around the whole class and shared something about themselves that connects them to their class.

We hope you all have a well-deserved rest next week!

YEAR FIVE:

The eye of the dragon has been the talking point of the classroom this week, with children producing their own artwork, inspired by the fantasy artist, Elaina Wagner. Some of the work is breath-taking and the children have loved this unit of work. The level of work from the Dot Art after-school club is equally as impressive, and we look forward to seeing the children's work displayed on the Dot Art website for those who attended this club. In Maths, the focus has switched to decimals, and the children have used the knowledge they secured in their fractions unit, to hit the ground running, showing good understanding of decimal numbers. In English, the children have enjoyed using Cosmic as a stimulus for writing their own limerick poems. Poor Liam seems to be forever, lost in space! The children showed their prowess on the basketball court on Wednesday, completing their assessment for this fast-paced invasion game. What a busy end to the half-term!

Have a fun-filled, safe week off everybody and we will see you in a week!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have continued to work incredibly hard this week in all areas. In DT, we have researched, designed and made a fully functional kite using the key understanding of structures and weight distribution. Our testing process went really well and we got to enjoy an afternoon in the winter sun flying our products. In Science, we continued to develop our understanding of classification starting with sweets and moving onto twelve different types of bees. In Geography, we have continued to learn about the physical features of the earth, discovering the use of coordinates and how we can navigate the lines of longitude and latitude. Finally, we have ended the week with our final compositions and interpretations of the song, 'Happy' over the last four weeks, we have explored pulse, rhythm and the timbre which can be created by different instruments. Well done, for working hard this half-term, Year 6. We hope you and your families have a lovely break.

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Download our school app! Our school app can now be downloaded by invitation via email. Please contact the school office. Our app gives access to lots of information including term dates, lunch menus and you can receive our weekly newsletter every Friday!

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