

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Fun in the Snow!

This morning children enjoyed playing in the snow and building lots of snowmen!

Some lovely photographs can be found on each year group Twitter page.

"RRS Article 31 – Every child has the right to play."

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Parent Consultation Meetings Y1 – Y6

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 – Monday 13th March 2023 @ 1pm – 6pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 – Tuesday 21st March 2023 @ 1pm – 6pm

Spare copies of letters are available from the school office or please click the link below to download from the school website:

[Y1, Y2 & Y3 Parent Consultation Letter](#)

[Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parent Consultation Letter](#)



[PTA Own Clothes Day – Friday 17th March](#)

Donations welcome of an Easter egg or £1 in support of our Easter Family Bingo events.

PTA Easter Family Bingo:

KS1– Thursday 23rd March 5pm–7pm

KS2 – Thursday 30th March 5pm–7pm

Roadworks Update – Bowring Park Road

Please click the links below or head to the school website (Parents tab/Letters Home) to read a further letter from Liverpool City Council re updates to the roadworks on Bowring Park Road.

[Liverpool City Council Update to Roadworks Bowring Park Road – Letter 08.03.23](#)

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Planned Industrial Action

Please refer to the tables below to see if your child's class will be open or closed:

Wednesday 15th March

Open as normal	Closed – Do not attend
Year 2 – both classes	Reception – both classes
Year 3 – both classes	Year 1 – both classes
Year 5 – 5W only	Year 4 – both classes
Year 6 – both classes	Year 5 – 5F

Thursday 16th March

Open as normal	Closed – Do not attend
Reception - Gruffalo	Reception – Elmer
Year 2 – both classes	Year 1 – both classes
Year 3 – both classes	Year 4 – both classes
Year 5 – 5W only	Year 5 – 5F
Year 6 – both classes	

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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
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

Y1, Y2 & Y3 Parent Consultation Meetings – Monday 13th March 1pm – 6pm

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Tuesday 14th March

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

Planned Industrial Action – Wednesday 15th March & Thursday 16th March

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

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

St Patrick's Day – Friday 17th March

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

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Monday 20th March

Y6 Oral Health Dental Survey – Tuesday 21st March

Y4, Y5 & Y6 Parent Consultation Meetings – Tuesday 21st March 1pm – 6pm

U11 Girls Football SPB vs Bishop Eton @ Tiber St – Tuesday 21st March 4pm

U11 Boys Football SPB vs Huntscross @ Heron Eccles – Thursday 23rd March @ 4pm

PTA Family Bingo Night KSI – Thursday 23rd March 5pm – 7pm

Own Clothes Day – Easter Egg Donations – Friday 24th March

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

Liverpool City Council - Easter HAF Programme

The Easter HAF programme starts on the 3rd April and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the Easter break including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost to you. There's a great range of activities across the city including boxing, trampolining, football, music, dance, cycling, cooking, climbing, films, bowling, arts and crafts, drama, a makeup course, trips out, Eurovision themed activities and much more! Every day there will be a meal available for every child that attends.

To find out where your nearest scheme and all the details of what is on click on this link - www.Merseyplay.com and click on the Easter HAF link (available on Friday 10th March).

When you have chosen an activity, you will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If your child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then please discuss this with the organisation when you book. There is no central booking system so please read the details of the programmes on the website and ring the providers directly.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week, we have started our new topic...Dinosaurs! We discussed the features of a non-fiction book, we then used them to learn facts about dinosaurs including their names. We have been comparing dinosaurs and we also learned which dinosaurs were carnivores, herbivores and omnivores! We used some string as a timeline to show how far back in time dinosaurs walked the Earth, over 200 million years ago! Our timeline was very, very long! We also learned about how dinosaurs became extinct. Our activities in continuous provision this week included reading and writing facts about dinosaurs and using watercolours and black card to create dinosaur sunset silhouettes. They look great! In maths, we have been exploring number bonds to 10 using pictorial amounts, numbers and whole part diagrams. Homework this week reinforces this. In RE, we brought our 'Gathering' topic to an end. We learned that when Jesus was alive, people would gather and listen to him sharing God's word. Nowadays, we listen to God's word when we gather for Mass. We then re-enacted a mass, we sang a gathering song and talked through the stages of a Mass. In RSHE, the focus was keeping healthy both physically and mentally. Thank you to parents and carers in Elmer class who came along to our Stay and Play sessions this week. We look forward to Gruffalo's sessions next week. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

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YEAR ONE:

What an exciting week we have had, in Year One. The highlight of our week was definitely our trip to Knowsley Safari Park, on Wednesday. It was a fun-filled, action-packed day! We went on the foot safari and saw meerkats, hogs, tapir, warthogs and some of us even got a peek of the tigers. We then had a classroom session where we had to be animal detectives and discover which animal had stolen the baboon bus. It was Leo the Lion! We also got to see Louie and Arthur the sealions perform their best tricks followed by a fantastic Birds of Prey show. Stephen the red legged seriema definitely stole the show for us! Finally, we enjoyed a tour around the safari drive where we came extremely close to the lions. They were about 5 foot away from our bus and were staring straight at us! We also got to go through the baboon enclosure where some naughty baboons climbed all over our bus! What a fun day! Remember to check out our Twitter page for photographs!

On Thursday and Friday, we used all of the events from our trip to help us plan and write a recount. The teachers were very impressed with the quality of writing produced! We have also continued working with numbers up to 40, in Maths. We have been really consolidating our understanding of place value to help us count bigger numbers. We are becoming experts at identifying tens and ones!

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have had another busy week, we have been continuing with all our new topics and finding out lots of new information. In English we have continued to read The Sheep-Pig, exploring new vocabulary and learning about synonyms. In Maths we have continued our topic of money. We have practised adding different amounts and explored different ways to make the same amount. In Geography we have been learning about the human features of Tocuaro and writing about them in our books, we watched a video of Barnaby bear visiting Tocuaro to help us see what the village is like. In ICT we have continued to create pictograms and in Music we have been playing the glockenspiel in time to the music! This week in RE we have learnt about the different parts of the Mass, we read Church's Story together and wrote/drew the different parts of Mass in our books. In Science we have explored different types of seeds. We cut open a variety of fruits and used magnifying glasses to see clearer! On Friday afternoon we had a treat, as we won class of the week last week, we sampled different types of vegetable crisps (this is what we are exploring in DT) and watched the first part of the film, Babe. Well done everyone!

YEAR THREE:

We gathered in the hall, along with Father Colin and the parishioners, to celebrate Mass on Monday morning – which was a rather relaxing way to start a new school week! Following Mass, Year 3 continued to work towards their design brief in the DT lesson, sketching and annotating their chosen design, whilst considering whether it fulfilled the criteria of being interactive and moveable, as well as appealing to young visitors, in order to encourage interest in the fable 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. Computing was also on the timetable on Monday. In this lesson, the children were introduced to the 'yes' and 'no' requirements of a branching database and considered what was meant by the computing term 'attributes'.

The focus in maths continues to be 'time' – more specifically, durations of time, whilst in English, we have been considering points to back up 'arguments' (an argument being an opinion that can be debated, such as: *all primary school children should receive free school meals*). The children's responses were really impressive and showcased their understanding of children's rights – super!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 started learning about decimals and their relationship to fractions. We learnt how to write tenths as decimals before moving onto writing hundredths.

There was a buzz of excitement in the classroom as we reached the finale of 'Melvin McGee: Zombie Hunter.' It was a gripping finish to a book that has truly captured the children's imagination. We have spent the end of the week planning our own sequels to the story which we will begin writing on Monday.

On Tuesday, we produced our tonal still life drawings of fruit. Pupils were given a selection of fruit to arrange in front of them before sketching out the shape before adding tone using the pencil techniques that they have practised.

In science, we have been observing the investigation into tooth decay that we set up last week. The egg (representing a tooth) in water has not changed at all, whereas the ones in orange juice and cola have undergone quite drastic transformations!

YEAR FIVE:

The children completed their 'School Flood' story this week, and loved using the Roald Dahl writing technique of making a word up, then defining the word, to explain why Chef Jack had flooded our school. We had a range of illnesses from: Cheesypastaitis and Nomenuitis, to 'Illhavewhattheyarehavingitis' and 'Ididntgetanyschoolcakeitis.' The stories were brilliant to read, and extremely well written. In Maths, the children completed their short chapter on percentages and have moved on to learning about acute, right, obtuse and reflex angles. In History, the children wrote a two page fact-file on 'What was Baghdad like in AD900?' and in Computing, the children loved learning new skills of layering and gradient colouring to create their own vector drawings, based on given stimuli. What an exciting week!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have had a great week exploring area, perimeter of shapes and finding the volume of cubes and cuboids. In English, we have begun to write our own crime fiction story with some fantastic pieces of writing. We are looking forward to next week to complete these stories. In Art, we used acrylic paints to practise techniques of blending in preparation for our final pieces. In P.E. we learned batting skills in cricket which was great fun. We managed to enjoy the fresh snow on Friday morning too!

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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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