

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

During September we celebrate Mother Teresa who dedicated her life caring for others.

It's so important that we are kind and care for each other.
Today, let us think of the ones we love.

*"Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God.
Do all that you do with love."*

Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa)

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Global Car Free Day

Global Car Free Day is an event celebrated every September 22nd in which people are encouraged to give up using their car for the day.

Thank you to everyone who walked, cycled, scooted or got the bus to school today. You helped to reduce the amount of air pollution and traffic in our city.

Cross Country

The sun was shining for the first cross country race of the season at Croxteth Park and our athletes certainly shone, too!

For some of the children in Year 4 and 5 it was their first race, and we were so impressed with how well they ran.

The girls' team (Abigail, Grace, Rosa, Emmie, Lucy and Pearl) finished with a score of 102 and the boys' team (Louie, Benny, Freddie, Thomas, Riley, Teddy and Archie) with a total of 216.

Well done to all of the children involved – you are a credit to our school!

SPB Open Afternoons

SPB will be holding two Open Afternoons for parent/carers of children starting Reception in September 2024.

Thursday 28th September @ 1.45pm

and

Thursday 5th October @ 1.45pm

Please call the school office 0151 722 0464 to book a place. We look forward to welcoming you.

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EYFS 22/23 Applications

Parents, please share this with friends and neighbours. For your information, from Wednesday 1st September the Reception Class admissions application windows opened. Parents can now apply online.

Reception Class – apply for your child's place from Wednesday 1st September. Closing date for on-line applications is Monday 15th January 2024 – **St. Paschal Baylon school form must also be completed** – please ask at the school office or download from the school website.

All literature directs parents to apply online. Please note that children who are **not** Liverpool Local Authority residents must apply to their home local authority as per the local co-ordinated admissions arrangements.

If you need support with your application please contact school office.

The Admissions Team.
Mrs Dillon
Mrs Leahey
Mrs E Andrew

Secondary School Admissions

Please be aware that the Year 6 to Year 7 annual admissions transfer application window has been open since 1st September 2023. The window for on time applications remains open until 11:59pm on 31st October 2023. Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the necessary information is posted and links to apply are located.

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 11.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computing Club: 25.09.23 09.10.23 23.10.23 06.11.23 20.11.23 04.12.23 18.12.23		3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 12.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y5 & Y6*	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 19.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y3, Y4 & Y5	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 13.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 14.09.23 for 7 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From 21.09.23	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm

*Y6 begin w/c 18.09.23 for 6 weeks.

Term Dates

[Please click this link for term dates and INSET days for 2023/24.](#)

This information can also be found on our school website by clicking Parents tab and selecting Term Dates from the drop down menu.

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Diary Dates

Reading Workshop for Reception parents/carers – Monday 25th September 5pm–5.30pm

Open Afternoon for Reception applications to start in Sept 2024 – Thursday 28th September 1.45pm – 2.45pm

Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September @ 9am

Maths Party Day – Friday 29th September @ 9am

EYFS Parents' Evening – Monday 2nd October 3.15pm to 6pm

Cross Country Race 2 @ Newsham Park – Tuesday 3rd October 3.30pm–5pm

Open Afternoon for Reception applications to start in Sept 2024 – Thursday 5th October 1.45pm – 2.45pm

EYFS Reception Parents' Evening – Monday 9th October 3.15pm – 6pm

Pendle Ski Club Trip – Tuesday 10th October

Cross Country Race 3 @ Stanley Park – Wednesday 11th October 3.30pm–5pm

Pendle Ski Club Trip – Thursday 12th October

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents' Evening – Thursday 12th October 1.15pm – 6pm

Cross Country Race 4 @ Clarke's Gardens – Monday 16th October 3.30pm–5pm

Pendle Ski Club Trip – Tuesday 17th October

Pendle Ski Club Trip – Thursday 19th October

Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Parent's Evening – Thursday 19th October 1.15pm – 6pm

INSET Day (School is closed to children) – Friday 27th October 2023

Half Term – Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November 2023

Children Return to School – Monday 6th November 8.30am

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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

Reminder – Dogs on School Premises

Can we remind parents that dogs are not allowed within the school grounds.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

It has been another busy week in Reception! The children are continuing to settle into their new routines, explore the classroom and make friends! We have carried out baseline assessments for Communication, Language and Literacy this week. We have been put into phonics groups and we have learned how to read and write the sounds m, a, s and d. See Tapestry for videos to reinforce them at home. In Maths, we have been sorting shapes, objects and amounts. We had to identify the odd one out and explain why. Continuing with our Elmer story, we have learned the meaning of words in the story including gasped and serious. Can your child tell you what they mean? In our busy time areas, we have been developing our fine and gross motor skills. We have been rolling the playdough into letters to make our names, decorating Elmer masks and cutting them out with scissors and using tweezers to sort and match objects. In RE, we have started our first topic which is all about creation. This week, we have talked about who God is and how he loves us all. We learned the words and actions to a song called 'Our God is a great big God'. We learned about the Holy Bible, the Sign of the Cross and Church. We listened to a prayer and then decorated the prayer with symbols such as hearts, candles and crosses. For homework, children have their 'All about me' bags to decorate and fill with their favourite things. We are looking forward to the children sharing them! Don't forget it is the Reading Workshop this Monday 25th September at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Have a lovely weekend!

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YEAR ONE:

Another busy week has passed us by in Year One. In Maths, we have continued consolidating our knowledge of numbers to 10 by comparing, ordering and calculating 1 more and 1 less. In English, we were surprised to find a box of woodland animals all snuggled up in a bed of leaves and twigs. We soon found out they were the animals from Percy the Park Keeper: After the Storm. We have enjoyed reading and exploring the story; we have explored character's feelings and learnt how to use adjectives to describe the fox and the owl. We are really trying hard to practise our letter formation to help us with our writing! This is the focus of this week's homework. In RE, we created a class prayer thanking God for always showing us love and care. We took time to appreciate the wonderful parts of nature that God has created for us! Our Science lesson this week focused on labelling the different parts of a plant and we are looking forward to look out at different types of plants next week. Finally, in our Art lesson we started exploring hot and cold colours and looked at some paintings by Vincent Van Gogh. We discussed what we liked and dislike about his work and will use some ideas when we get to the creating stage of our topic!

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic week of learning we have had! In English, we have started to write our own versions of the Pirate Next Door using all our learning from the past few weeks. In Maths, we have finished our first topic on place value and look forward to exploring many different methods of addition next week. Our Art work on Van Gogh has been really coming along, with some new techniques on mark making helping us to recreate Starry Night. Finally, in Computing we have been learning all about how we take a good photograph and what techniques can improve our photography skills.

YEAR THREE:

The highlight of the children's week was practising making models of food items out of newspaper, in readiness for creating food sculptures out of Modroc in the next lesson – there were some impressive results! In the R.E. lessons, we continued to explore relationships – this time thinking about the family home, and how God wants Christians to show love and respect to each other within the family unit. Thursday saw the completion of the first maths unit, which consolidated and expanded the children's understanding of 'place value'. Year 3's next focus is methods for addition and subtraction – the unit starts off with simple addition before moving on to addition, where renaming (some adults may know this as 'carrying'!) is required. In the geography lesson, we compared the Childwall area from a hundred years ago to present day (farmer's fields and woodland, to houses, shops, schools and medical centres, etc) and the children sketched a map to show the current land use of the local area. In the science lesson, the focus was 'Animal Skeletons'. In groups, the children were tasked with matching pictures of animal skeletons to their corresponding animal picture (the children thoroughly enjoyed this learning activity), before producing a Venn diagram in order to 'classify' them. Just another busy and productive week in Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 have innovated 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' in English. It has been wonderful to read the children's imaginative stories, and we have been impressed with the overall quality of their writing.

Despite finding rounding rather challenging, in Maths this week, the children have shown great perseverance. After lots of practice, the children were able to use one of the methods taught to round 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We will continue to work on this next week!

In Science, the children were asked to predict whether a circuit would work, using their scientific knowledge from last week. In groups, they discussed whether the circuits were complete or incomplete before actually making the circuit to discover whether their predictions were correct. We definitely have some budding scientists in this year group!

4G also thoroughly enjoyed 'Skoot Skool' with one of our sports coaches this week, and 4C are really looking forward to their session next week!

YEAR FIVE:

It's fair to say that the highlight of this week was the jelly experiment! We are learning about forces in Science and had to investigate the effects of friction by moving cubes of jelly from one pot to another using chopsticks. The oil made the cubes very slippery and difficult to grip! In History, we looked at how the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms were formed and what life was like. In RE, we thought about how we can develop our God given qualities and linked these qualities to the scripture sources we have been reading. We described Grendel's lair in English lessons and planned our own legends with different beasts. In Maths, we have begun our chapter on addition and subtraction and have been using number lines to count on and column addition to find totals. We're looking forward to Maths Party next week!

YEAR SIX:

We have had a very busy week following our fantastic trip to PGL. We are already setting a fantastic example to our younger peers and are wearing our special Year 6 ties with pride! We have continued to read our class novel 'Private Peaceful' which we are thoroughly enjoying. We made predictions about what we think the story would be about, based on the meanings of the word Private and Peaceful. We soon realised that title is in fact referring to the names of the main characters, Tommo and Charlie, who we have already described using the Point Evidence Explain strategy. In maths, we have been reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to 10 million. We have also been rounding six-digit numbers to the nearest 10,000, 100,000 and 1,000,000! In History, we have really enjoyed our lessons about how the Treaty of Versailles contributed to WWII and how Hitler used a range of techniques and strategies (such as propaganda) to convince others to follow him. We talked about the importance of learning from such tragedies so that they do not happen again.

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