

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all who attended our 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning Ever!' today. We are overwhelmed by your generous donations and support! Lots of wonderful cakes were donated and enjoyed by parents and grandparents during the morning, while having a coffee and a chat! Afterwards children were able to choose a cake and sit and chat to their friends. The total raised will be revealed in next week's newsletter. Thank you once again for your generosity.

There are now 3 million people in the UK living with cancer. One in two of us will get cancer. Macmillan makes sure no one faces cancer alone and also supports friends and family too.

Please remember in your prayers, friends and family who are battling cancer.

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Maths Party Day 2023

We've had a great time celebrating Liverpool's Maths Party Day today! In conjunction with Liverpool Learning Partnership, each year we take a day to celebrate the important role that maths plays in our everyday lives and promote positive messages around maths.

Please take a look at your child's year group Twitter page to see what we have been up to and more photos!



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Parking

Please can we ask parents/carers to take time to park considerately outside and around our school and allow safe access for pedestrians and cyclists. Please also be considerate to Lidl customers if parking in the Lidl car park.

Remember pupils need to see and be seen when crossing the roads so please consider ways you can help as a parent/guardian to improve their road safety.

If you use a vehicle to drop off and pick up your child from school, please consider parking further away from the entrance & exits in a safe legal place and walk the remainder of the journey.

Please do not park on

- School Keep Clear Zig Zags
- Double/Single Yellow Lines
- Close to junctions / Drop Kerbs
- Near School Crossing Patrol locations
- On Pavements
- Cycle Lanes
- In front of resident driveways

Thank you for your continued support.

SPB Open Afternoon

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

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

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

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

Y5 Trip to Crosby Beach – Wednesday 4th October

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

PTA Y5/Y6 Disco – Tuesday 10th October 5pm–7pm

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

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

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

Mass @ SPB – Monday 23rd October 9.15am

Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships – Tuesday 24th October 3.30pm–5pm

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

Y6 Remembrance Assembly – Friday 10th November 9am

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Liverpool ASD Training Team Sessions – October Dates

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, waiting an ASD assessment or your child has a diagnosis of autism. 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. October dates and Times (am / pm sessions):

Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Thursday 5 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Friday 6 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Monday 9 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Tuesday 10 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am – 11.00am	1pm – 2.30pm

If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please email: asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

Autistic Spectrum Disorder Parents/Carers Training Course

ASD Training Team would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend a course on Autistic Spectrum Disorder.

The course will be held via a virtual Zoom session and will run from 9.30 am till 12 noon on 5th, 12th, 19th October 2023 (all 3 sessions need to be completed)

The course will allow you to meet and share information with other parents.

To book your place for the training course you need to contact the ASD Training Team
E-mail – asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk

Please contact us as soon as possible as places are limited.

The course is for parents/carers only and not for your children.

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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:

This week's learning has been based on The Gruffalo! We have explored the characters in the story and the plot. Using story telling language and actions, we have been practising to retell the story with lots of expression! We are continuing to learn sounds and with the help of Fred, blend them together to make words in phonics. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering objects based on their size and height using the language small, medium, large, tall and short. Homework this week reinforces this. We have also carried out our maths baseline assessments. In our busy time areas, we have been very creative painting paper plates, cutting and sticking shapes of different colours to create our own Gruffalo faces. We have also used play dough and different materials to make Gruffalo figures! We are continuing to practice name writing, taking off and putting on coats and shoes independently and using zips and buttons. Please continue to practice this at home. In RE, the focus has been the Story of Creation. We learned that God created the world and all of the wonderful things in it and He said "indeed it is very good!" We went on a nature walk to look for all of the wonderful things God has created, we also listened to songs and drew pictures of what we love about God's wonderful world. On Friday, we celebrated Maths Party Day. We made shale headbands, went on a shape hunt and played some number games! We also learned about the reasons behind MacMillan Coffee Morning and how we help others who are sick or in need. Another busy week, have a lovely weekend everyone!

YEAR ONE:

It has been a great week in Year 1 this week. In English we continued to explore the Percy The Park Keeper story 'After the Storm'. We sequenced the key events and retold the story and created story maps to tell the story as well. In Maths, we made number bonds using whole-part diagrams and wrote number stories using our knowledge of the number 0-10. In RE, we drew and wrote about how our God and our families can help us feel Safe, Joyful and Thankful throughout our lives. In Science, we explored common garden plants, matching pictures to the names of the plants. We also went on plant hunt around our school grounds and explored some real plants too. In Art, we used our knowledge of colour mixing to make hot and cold colours using paints. On Friday we had so much fun playing Maths board games, having an active Maths lesson and completing Maths activities linked to The Very Hungry Caterpillar for Liverpool Maths Party Day!

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have done lots of fantastic learning this week! In our English lessons, we completed our stories based on The Pirates Next Door using conjunctions, commas in a list and expanded noun phrases. Our teachers were very impressed! In Maths we have begun a new chapter on addition. We have practised different methods of addition including counting on, partitioning into tens and ones and our final method: column addition. We will be practising lots over the next few weeks. In RE we reflected on God's creation by looking together at Psalm 8: 3-11. We chose our favourite line of the Psalm and made a beautiful bookmark. In History, we found out more information about the journey of the Titanic and what happened on that tragic night. We then identified whether statements about the event were true or false. On Friday morning we enjoyed Maths Party Day activities! We played lots of games involving numbers including board games, iPad games and we learnt how to log into TTRS/Numbots. Please log in at home and continue to strengthen those mental maths skills. Each child has been given their login details for TTRS, EdShed and Google Classroom so you can support their learning at home. We thank you for your continued support with this.

YEAR THREE:

It has been another busy week in Year 3! In English, we began the innovation stage of '*The Tin Forest*' by Helen Ward. So far, the children have written about the story setting and the old man and their chosen character's dream. We finished the 'Homes' topic in R.E., through describing how they can be a holy person and giving reasons as to why this is important. The children continued to focus on the 'Addition and Subtraction' unit in maths, with particular emphasis on adding ones, tens and hundreds. In science, the children carried out an investigation, linked to the 'Animals including humans' unit. Both classes came up with their own enquiry question and we discussed what 'making a prediction' means as well as how we could record the results of our investigation. On Wednesday, 3S completed their food sculptures (in the style of Claes Oldenburg), whilst 3A will be completing theirs next week. The highlight of the week came on Friday morning, with the children completing a range of exciting activities for 'Maths Party Day'!

YEAR FOUR:

In geography, Year 4 have been studying the different features of a river. As part of their learning, they have also created their own pop-up model of a drainage basin. Throughout this unit, pupils have been using key words such as: source, mouth, tributary, meander and watershed to enhance their understanding and vocabulary.

Following the completion of our fantasy unit last week, we have now begun a new topic in English: explanation texts. Our focus has been on the book '*Until I Met Dudley*', which is an enjoyable read that combines fictional, whimsical explanations with real ones. Throughout our lessons, we have explored the different features of this text type and created our own imaginative explanations, such as how a rubbish truck works.

This week in mathematics, our attention has shifted to addition. We aimed to reinforce our knowledge and skills in this operation by utilising physical manipulatives that aid our understanding.

In science, Year 4 have been given an intriguing challenge: to investigate which types of materials function as electrical conductors. To start, pupils were given a bag of various materials and asked to predict whether each material would act as an insulator or conductor. Following this, they constructed electrical circuits to determine whether their bulb would light up when different materials were inserted. Throughout our investigations, we discovered that copper and cupronickel were excellent conductors.

YEAR FIVE:

Year 5 had great fun being marine engineers in Science this week! We had to mould a piece of Blu-Tac and drop it into a large container of water. The winner was the one whose piece took the longest to reach the bottom because it created the most water resistance. In History, we learned about the hierarchy in Anglo-Saxon times and what each role involved. In RE, we described the qualities that our classmates have and linked these to the scripture sources. This week we've continued writing our Beowulf stories in English and come to the end of our addition and subtraction chapter in Maths. We enjoyed playing Times Tables Battleships on Maths Party morning and creating our own bowling alley and loved having a cake to end the week. Thank you for your generous donations!

YEAR SIX:

In Science, we had lots of fun designing our own species! We were each given a habitat (rainforest, polar, deep sea and desert) and were asked to design a species with specific **physical adaptations** to help it to survive in such environments. In Maths, we have been solving expressions using BODMAS (brackets, ordinals, division, multiplication, addition and subtraction). We have found this objective a little challenging so far but are showing great resilience in our approach! In English, we have been practising how to use evidence from the text to: make comparisons, discuss character impressions and identify language choices. We also really enjoyed our History lesson in which we looked at propaganda and how it was used during WWII to create a negative impression of the Jewish people. We talked about the word 'anti-semitic' and its meaning.

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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 our weekly newsletter every Friday!

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