

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Be Bright, Be Seen

When the clocks go back on Sunday 29th October it will start getting dark earlier on. This makes it more important than ever to make sure that you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

How many ways can you think of to make yourself bright?

Turn over for some top tips on how to stay safe!



Be Bright, Be Seen – Road Safety Tips

- Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- If you're out and about when it's dark wear reflective items to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- Of course, 'Being Bright' help drivers to see you but that won't guarantee that you keep safe. You still need to make sure that you stop and look in all directions for traffic every time you cross.

Cross Country

Well done to all of the children who competed in races 3 and 4 of the LPSAA Cross Country League this week. Your determination and commitment deserve huge praise – we are all very proud of you!



Pumpkin Drawing Competition!



All around the world, children are being denied their rights because of war or natural disasters. Rights to education, clean water, nutritious food, healthcare and the right to be safe are just some of the rights that cannot be accessed in these circumstances.

By paying £1 to enter SPB's pumpkin drawing competition, you will be helping to support UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) provide help and support to children in need around the world. And you could win a prize!! **All you have to do is draw an amazing pumpkin and donate £1.** If you would like to, you can also donate without entering the competition. Thank you.

Applications for Y7 Secondary School – Deadline Reminder

A reminder for parents/carers of Y6 children that the deadline to apply for a Y7 Secondary School place for your child for September 2023 is **31st October 2023**.

Please visit www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions where all the necessary information is posted and links to apply are located.

EYES 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 Andrew

20.10.23

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.

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Diary Dates

Mass @ SPB – Monday 23rd October 9.15am

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

PTA Y5/Y6 Disco – Wednesday 25th October 5pm–7pm

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

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:

Reception have had another great week in school. We have started a new story together, *Room on the Broom*. We have learnt what an author and an illustrator is and have looked at repeated refrains within the story. During busy time we have been working hard in all our areas of learning... in the Creative area we have been making our own Winnie witches using collage, in our Funky Fingers area we have been weaving spiders and flies out of the witch's web using tweezers! In the play dough area, we have made our own witches and decorated them with beads and googly eyes! In the writing area we have been using letters to make cvc words, reading and writing them if we can. We have also practiced our letter formation. In the Maths area we have been counting Halloween objects and writing the correct number, we have also revisited pattern creating our own patterns using shapes, letters, coloured bears and counters. In the Reading area we have been retelling the story of *'Room on the Broom'* using our stick puppets and story-telling materials. Outside we have been re-enacting the story using toys from our outdoor area as props! In Spanish this week Reception have learnt the names of shapes in Spanish, playing games to recall them. We have also been busy in RE learning about Baptism. We learnt how we are welcomed into God's family during baptism and acted this out using our own font! We also looked at our own Baptism photos and read a special story about welcoming.

What a busy week! See Tapestry for all photos.

YEAR ONE:

This week, we have been really busy consolidating our knowledge of addition to 10. We have been using pictures to help us complete number sentences and we have been practising using a number line.

In English, we have begun creating a non-chronological report about Autumn. We did some research about the weather, the trees and the animals and we will use this to help us write sentences. In Science, we put our knowledge of plants to the test by identifying which vegetable was the odd one out (based on which part of the plant they belong to). We did a good job with this! On Thursday, we marked Black History Month by reading the story of Ruby Bridges and the terrible prejudice she suffered at school. We compared her time at school to ours and really reflected on how lucky we are.

YEAR TWO:

What a lovely week of learning we have had. We started the week off by finishing our information booklets on the Real truth about Pirates, we used subheadings, captions and labels to set our information out clearly. In Maths, we have moved onto column subtraction. We have been using our number bonds within 20 on Numbots to help us when renaming tens. In History, we have decided which safety measures we think are the most important when making sure disasters like the Titanic never happen again. On Wednesday and Thursday, we listened to a range of 'little people big dreams' story books to celebrate Black History Month. We have learned all about the importance of celebrating Black History and the achievements of influential people like Michelle Obama and Aretha Franklin. Finally, in PSHE, we have been thinking about what we like doing during our family times. We have shared pictures and talked about our families.

YEAR THREE:

The highlight of this week was our field trip into the local area. Our tour guide was the very knowledgeable Mr Sunter, who gave the children information about the Belle Vale and Childwall areas of years gone by. We saw pictures and heard information about Jackson's Pond, Childwall Railway Station, the Coronation Public House and the Belle Vale prefabricated houses. Our tour included Chelwood Avenue, where we discussed the girl's secondary school which occupied the site which is now the Baldwin Avenue housing estate. The children were impeccably behaved and were a credit to our school. Well done, Year 3!

YEAR FOUR:

In Maths, Year 4 have moved on from subtraction to multiplication. The children have been working really hard to improve their recall speed of the 6 and 7-times tables, and we hope they continue to practice on Times Table Rock Stars at home.

In English, we read the introduction of Philip Pullman's version of the classic fairy tale 'Puss in Boots'. Many of the children were very familiar with the story and knew quite a lot of interesting facts about Puss.

In R.E., as part of our other faiths week, Year 4 have been learning all about Judaism. We discussed the importance of the Torah and the children designed their own Bar/Bat Mitzvah cards.

Finally, in Design and Technology, the children have finished designing their own decorative light and provided some excellent reasons why they have chosen a particular design. They are extremely excited to make their designs come to life next week!

YEAR FIVE:

This week Year 5 have begun making their figures in the style of Antony Gormley. We were really impressed with how the children managed with the difficult skills of bending and twisting the wire into shapes, manipulating tin foil to make them 3D and using Modroc to cover the miniature bodies. In RE we looked at some art work and the elements of friendship that were evident before making our own friendship pictures. In History, we explored Anglo-Saxon artefacts and what these tell us about their way of life. In Science, we investigated the effect of air resistance by dropping paper spinners. In PSHE/RSHE, we discussed all of the amazing things that our bodies can do and some particular achievements that we are proud of. We also set ourselves goals such as finishing higher in cross-country, learning how to do a flip, etc. In English we have been examining theme park leaflets and websites and gathering lots of persuasive language. We also watched a couple of Junior Dragon's Den pitches to learn some techniques. In Maths, we have continued looking at different methods of multiplying 2, 3 and 4-digit numbers by 1 and 2-digits. Everyone has worked really hard - well done!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have started a new topic in English this week; biographies. We have analysed the features of a range of biographies (including the biographies of Miss Thompson and Mr Gallagher) and have practised writing the opening section to the biography of a person of our choice. In maths, we have continued to work on our multiplication skills and have been practising multiplying 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. In our art lessons, we have completed a draft version of our animal sketches using the chiaroscuro technique. Our teachers were so impressed with our work and even asked Mr Flood to visit both classes to see our fantastic art skills!

KEEP IN TOUCH...

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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 our weekly newsletter every Friday!

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