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SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



Poppy Appeal 2023

Poppies will be on sale in school once we return after half term. Children may bring in a donation to help the Royal British Legion support serving and ex-serving Armed Forces personnel and their families.

Every person, every donation, every poppy counts

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PE Days

After half term (w/b Monday 6th November) some year group's PE days will change.
PE days will be as follows:

EYFS – Monday
Year 1 – Tuesday
Year 2 – Wednesday
Year 3 – Monday
Year 4 – Wednesday
Year 5 – Tuesday
Year 6 – Wednesday

Cross Country

The final cross country race of 2023, at Wavertree on Tuesday, was a great success! Many of the children finished in their best position of this season, and we are eagerly awaiting the overall team results.

Huge congratulations to Harry (Year 5) who finished in 3rd place, in the Year 5 boys' race, and received a bronze medal. What a great achievement!



Firework Code

If you are using fireworks at home next weekend please plan carefully and follow the Firework Code.

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs

- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts

- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm

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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.

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 Andrew

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 06.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computing Club: 06.11.23 20.11.23 04.12.23 18.12.23		3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.11.23 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 08.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 09.11.23 for 7 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From 21.09.23 for 12 weeks	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.11.23 for 6 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm–4.05pm

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Diary Dates

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

Ski Meeting (option to buy clothing) – Monday 6th November @ 3pm

Y6 Remembrance Assembly – Friday 10th November 9am

Y6 Girls Cup Match @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 10th November 1pm

Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance – Monday 13th November

Mass @ SPB – Monday 20th November @ 9.15am

EYFS Elmer Stay & Play – Monday 20th November 3.15pm – 4pm

EYFS Gruffalo Stay & Play – Wednesday 22nd November 3.15pm – 4pm

EYFS Elmer Stay & Play – Monday 27th November 3.15pm – 4pm

EYFS Gruffalo Stay & Play – Wednesday 29th November 3.15pm – 4pm

Final Y6 Swimming Session – Monday 4th December

EYFS Stay & Play Sessions – Please see Tapestry for more information. Thank you.



Christmas Calendar of Events



Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Friday 24 th November	PTA Own Clothes Day Donations of toys for Christmas Fair	Whole School	All day
Friday 1 st December	PTA Own Clothes Day Donations of chocolate/bottles	Whole School	All day
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Mrs Mutch's class	2pm
Tuesday 5 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Reception	
Tuesday 5 th December	Advent Assembly	Year 1 – Miss Reilly's class	9.05am
Wednesday 6 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 1	8am
Thursday 7 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 2	8am
Friday 8 th December	Breakfast with Santa	Year 3	8am
Friday 8 th December	Santa Dash	Whole School	AM (times tbc)
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Elmer	9.05am
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Performance	Reception – Gruffalo	9.05am
Thursday 14 th December	Choir Christmas Performance	Choir group	4pm
Monday 18 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Mrs Wood's class	2pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Nativity	Year 2 – Miss Wilson's class	9.05am
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Party Day	Whole School	All day
Thursday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas break	Whole School	1.30pm

Due to the size of our hall and number of pupils in each class, each child is allowed a maximum of *3 guests to watch a nativity/assembly*. Please respect this as it is very uncomfortable to have to turn people away on the day if more than 3 per family attend. For the *choir performance a maximum of 2 guests* per child is allowed.

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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:

Reception have had another busy week for our final week of this term. We have continued with our story, Room on the Broom, thinking about the vocabulary used in the story and learning what some of the trickier words mean. During busy time we have been working hard in all our areas of learning... in the Creative area we have been making our own spooky spiders, in our Funky Fingers area we have been practising our cutting and sticking skills, cutting out the characters from the story and sticking them on the broom stick in the correct order. In the play dough area, we have made our own pumpkins and ghosts using pipe cleaners to add detail! In the writing area we have practised all the sounds we have learnt this term, recapping how we form them correctly. In the Maths area we have practised our subitising skills, matching the correct pictures to the numbers on the cauldrons. 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 creating our own potions and making spooky dens! In 'My Life' this week we have been learning about the word unique, thinking about what makes us unique and special and drawing pictures of this in our books. We have also been learning about Science this week, naming the parts of our bodies and talking about their functions. In RE we have concluded our topic of Creation & Covenant. We have discussed how we can look after God's world. We made special promises on leaves to help look after our special world and shared them with our friends.

Another super busy week! See Tapestry for all photos as usual. We hope you all have a happy and safe half term!

See you on Monday 6th November.

YEAR ONE:

It has been a lovely final week of the half term in Year 1. In Maths, we have been exploring subtraction, writing number sentences and using number lines to find the solution. In English, we wrote amazing non-fiction Autumn booklets, writing about all the facts we learnt last week. In RE, we discussed Baptism and recognise all the key elements of a Baptism. We did a Science Investigation this week. We answered the scientific question 'Do larger apples have more seeds?' It was so interesting cutting open the apples and counting how many seeds there were in each. We then recorded our findings in a table and discussed our results.

YEAR TWO:

We can't believe we have only been in Year 2 for half a term! The children have settled in so well it feels like they have always been here! We have begun a new chapter in Maths this week: Multiplication. We have been practising counting in 2s and using this to help us solve multiplication problems. Please help us to learn our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. TTRS is a great way to practise as well as 'Hit the Button' on the Topmarks Maths website. In English we have enjoyed looking at poetry this week. We read and performed some food related poems in class and have now written our own. In R.E. we have talked about the symbolism of different parts of Baptism including the water, oil, white garment and candle. It has been a busy half term and the children have been wonderful. Enjoy a well-earned break!

YEAR THREE:

In Maths, the children revisited and extended their knowledge of bar models from Year 2 - using interlocking cubes, squared paper and eventually bar model drawing to aid understanding of word problems involving addition and subtraction. During this week's English lessons, both classes have continued to study a range of biographies, with a particular focus on both 'layout' and 'language' features. We finished our 'Local Area' unit in Geography, which saw both classes complete sketch maps of 'Childwall Then' and 'Childwall Now'. Finally, in RE the children began learning about the 'Sacrament of Baptism', which they will continue to study after half term break. The Y3 team would like to thank all children for their hard work during this term and we hope everyone has a lovely week off!

YEAR FOUR:

This week in maths, Year 4 pupils have focused on their 9 and 11 times tables. They have looked at strategies and tricks that can be helpful to them when answering times table questions. For example, we were able to use $2 \times 9 = 18$ to then work out what 4×9 would be: $18 + 18$. We encourage children to continue to develop their recall of multiplication facts over half term by logging onto Times Table Rock Stars or dancing along to some 'Super Movers' songs in their living room!

In English, we have continued reading Philip Pullman's version of Puss in Boots. On Tuesday, pupils wrote a letter in the style of Monsieur Ogre, which led to some hilarious renditions of their letter read out in character. To finish the week, we are working on story maps which pupils will then be able to use to retell the fairy tale.

Year 4 started their new science unit, 'States of Matter,' on Thursday. We started by observing raisins in lemonade, noticing that the carbon dioxide bubbles in the drink were helping raisins rise to the top before popping so that the raisins then sank back down to the bottom. Then we looked at the characteristics of different states of matter before sorting different materials into solids, liquids, and gases.

YEAR FIVE:

This week the children have continued to improve their understanding of a range of methods that can be used to answer long multiplication questions. The children experimented with creating grids and expanding the question out to aid their learning in this mathematical area. In English, the children loved creating their own Grendel inspired theme park and they wrote some excellent persuasive adverts linked to this. Their wonderful 'Another Place' art sculptures went home yesterday, and they have had great fun creating and painting them. We hope you all have a well-deserved, happy and safe week off school.

YEAR SIX:

This week, we have completed our biography writing topic by making cross curricular links and writing a biography about Hitler. Our teachers were very impressed by both the historical knowledge shown and our ability to structure a biography using cohesive devices, subheadings and pronouns. In maths, we have continued to practise the written method for long division. We are beginning to become more confident with the various ways in which we can identify multiples of a number, using pattern seeking and repeated addition. In art, we completed our final 'chiaroscuro' pieces - we certainly have some aspiring artists in Year 6! Finally, on Thursday, we enjoyed our reward for receiving the most nominations for class of the week. What a lovely end to our first half term in Year 6!

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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