

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



St Patrick's Day – Sunday 17th March 2024

On Sunday we celebrate St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The national emblem of Ireland is the Shamrock. St. Patrick used the three-leaved shamrock to explain how the Trinity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit could exist as separate parts of the same being.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland, and all over the world.

*May God give you.
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial.
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer to each prayer.*

Amen



Red Nose Day

Today, we wore red noses to support 'Comic Relief'. The money we have raised today will be given to Comic Relief to continue their work in helping people living through tough times. When you donate to Comic Relief you're supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. Comic Relief's vision is to create a world free from poverty, violence and discrimination.

Your contributions will help to change lives. Thank you.

Dot Art Competition

In the Spring Term, some of our Year 5 pupils took part in an after school art club as part of the Liverpool 'Dot Art Competition.' Pupils created mixed-media self-portraits that are now available to view at:

https://schools.dot-art.com/schools/st-paschal-baylon-catholic-primary-school_403/

We are proud of the hard work that the children put into these original, eye-catching artworks that really show off their personality.

On Monday 25th March, the top three entries (chosen by an expert judging panel) will be pushed to the top of the page and put forward to a public vote. Voting will end on the 22nd April when the top entry from SPB will be framed and placed in an exhibition in Liverpool City Centre!

We encourage you to click on the link and have a look at our pupils' wonderful artwork!

PTA Easter Egg Raffle

The PTA are holding a raffle to win an amazing Easter Egg hamper! Tickets will go on sale on Monday 11th March and cost 50p per ticket. Don't miss your chance to win one of the hampers shown below!



PTA Own Clothes Day – Friday 22nd March



Our next PTA own clothes day will take place on **Friday 22nd March** when a donation of an Easter Egg will be gratefully received to support our Easter Family Bingo events.

PTA Easter Family Bingo Events:

KS1– Wednesday 20th March 5pm–7pm

KS2 – Wednesday 27th March 5pm–7pm

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Diary Dates

Final Y5 Swimming Session – Monday 18th March

Cross Country City Championships @ Wavertree – Monday 18th March 4pm

Y4 First Holy Communion Session 4 @ CTK – Tuesday 19th March at 4.15pm & 6pm

Easter Bingo KS1 – Wednesday 20th March

Debate Club Comp – Thursday 21st March @ Mansion House, Calderstones Park 1pm-3pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Parents' Evening – Thursday 21st March 1pm – 6.20pm

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter Eggs – Friday 22nd March

Mass at SPB – Monday 25th March @ 9.15am

Reception Parents' Evening – Monday 25th March 1pm – 6.20pm

Easter Bingo KS2 – Wednesday 27th March

School closes for Easter break – Thursday 28th March @ 1.30pm

Easter Break – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

Children return to school – Monday 15th April 8.30am

Y4 Swimming Lessons Begin – Monday 15th April

Year 1 & Year 2 Disco – Tuesday 23rd April 5pm – 7pm

Mass @ SPB – Monday 29th April @ 9.15am

Activities – Spring Term

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 19.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club Every other Monday starting 26.02.24	Y2	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 20.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y5 & Y6	7.45am – 8.30am
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Debate Academy 30.01.24 to 26.04.24	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.05pm–4.05pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 21.02.24 for 6 weeks	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Wednesday	Wellbeing Club		3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 22.02.24 for 5 weeks	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	LLS Multi-sports From w/b 08.01.24 to 28.03.24	Y1 & Y2	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm – 4pm
Thursday	Dot Art	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 23.02.24 for 5 weeks	EYFS	3.05pm–4.05pm

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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.

Community

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church presents The Belle Vale Passion, a community passion play in the heart of Belle Vale.

This will take place on Holy Saturday, 30th March 2024 at 12pm at Belle Vale Shopping Centre, L25 2RF.

For more information please visit BelleValePassion.co.uk

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Liverpool City Council ASD Training Team

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual drop in advisory sessions via zoom. They are for parent/carers wishing to talk in a private one to one setting about any questions or concerns they may have about their child. You do not require a diagnosis of ASD to book your place.

Date and time

9th April 2024

10th April 2024

11th April 2024

12th April 2024

9.30 – 10.15
10.30 – 11.15
11.30 – 12.15
1.00 – 1.45
2.00 – 2.45

To book your place please email asdtrainingteam@liverpool.gov.uk.

With a choice of your date and time and you will be emailed a zoom link. For more information about our service please view the Liverpool Local offer Page / Liverpool ASD training team for future training and workshops.

[Liverpool ASD Training Team | Liverpool Family Information & SEND Directory](#)

The Liverpool ASD Training Team are also providing a series of 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 within the time slot or stay for the duration.

You do not require a diagnosis to book your place.

Dates	Afternoon Session
24 th April 2024	
25 th April 2024	
26 th April 2024	
1 st May 2024	
2 nd May 2024	
3 rd May 2024	

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

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

Reception have had another busy week in school! This week we have started our new topic on dinosaurs. We have linked this to history by learning about a fossil hunter Mary Anning. In the writing area we have been pretending to be Mary Anning and labelling and writing about fossils. We have used word banks and books to help us find information and words we might need. This is our compulsory activity this week and we have been really impressed with the independent writing the children have been producing! In the creative area we have been creating dinosaur masks, this has also been a good opportunity to practise our cutting skills. We have also been using our cutting skills to put together a dinosaur skeleton. In the maths area, we have been consolidating maths work on measure and using the beginner rulers. The children have been measuring the lengths of the different dinosaurs. Our new maths topic is 2D shape, we have been looking at when we put together different shapes they can create another shape. We have also been using mathematical language to describe these shapes and have learnt the names of some new 2D shapes. In the playdough we continue to develop our fine motor skills by creating dinosaurs with playdough, pasta, buttons and pipe cleaners. In RE this week we have been learning about spring and thinking about new beginnings. We went on a spring walk around our school grounds to spot signs of spring and new growth. We finished our week by starting to make our Easter cards. Have a great weekend!

YEAR ONE:

The Year One's have been working hard this week. In English, we were Land of the Wild Things Explorers and are building our skills to write information texts about Wild Things. We wrote some amazing Kenning Poems and descriptions! In Maths, we have begun to explore greater numbers to 40, counting in tens and counting on to find how many all together. In RE, we started learning the Easter Story, beginning with Maundy Thursday and The Last Supper. In PSHE, we talked about how to stay safe at home, following the rules about medicine and using the Internet. We then recognised who our trusted adults are, the grown-ups who can help if something makes us feel uncomfortable.

YEAR TWO:

Year 2 have been busy this week! The children started off revisiting the Last Supper and thinking about how Jesus must have felt when sitting with the twelve disciples. In Geography, we explored the physical and human features that can be found in Tucuaró. We talked about how life is different in Liverpool. In English, we have been learning all about similes. We used these to write our own simile poems. Finally, for British Science week we joined the NFU live lesson 'A day in the life of a farmer'. We got to see the little lambs being fed and all the work the farmers do keep the farm running.

YEAR THREE:

We've had a busy week in Year 3! In English, both classes completed the 'analyse' phase of the unit. This involved identifying the structure and language features of an example text, as well as writing a character description. *Time* continued to be the focus in maths, looking at duration in both minutes and hours. The children were 'materials engineers' in science when they investigated contact forces, using a range of shoes. During this lesson they were introduced to Newton meters, which are used to measure force. In computing, the children continued to consolidate their understanding of branching databases, and in geography, both classes studied how volcanoes are formed. Finally, in R.E. the children started a new unit- *Giving All*, which will lead them through 'the greatest story ever told'- the story of Easter.

YEAR FOUR:

Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed their English lessons this week. In preparation for writing their own information reports, we have been watching videos and exploring websites for interesting facts about polar bears. On Wednesday, the children had to act as nature narrators and describe the scene, using technical language. We were amazed at their efforts, so watch out David Attenborough!

In Maths, we started a new chapter on decimals. The children have been writing decimal equivalents of any number of tenths and hundredths. We have been really impressed with their progress throughout the week.

In Science, we have been exploring how humans digest food. Year 4 found some of the scientific vocabulary quite difficult at first; however, by the end of the lesson, they were confident enough to label the different parts of the digestive system and briefly explain what happens at each stage of the digestive process.

Whilst in Music, Year 4 have used the chords they have learnt in previous lessons to help them to play 'Riptide' by Vance Joy.

What a busy week!

YEAR FIVE:

This week in RE, we looked in more depth at the Eucharistic Prayer and its significance. We studied the three Mysteries of Faith and how people make sacrifices in their daily lives. In PSHE/RSHE we looked at what fake news and clickbait are and the problems they pose. In English, we finished writing our narrative settings based on the story FArTHER. In Maths, we combined our knowledge of fractions and decimals to calculate percentages. In Geography we examined the UK's highest exports and created bar charts based on the figures. One of our favourite lessons this week was our Computing lesson where we created vector drawings, experimenting with the size and colour of different shapes. We had everything from Pikachu to Barbie's Dream House!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have a fantastic time making our kites in Design and Technology. They were fit for purpose, durable and lightweight – they also looked fantastic. We tested them out on the playground and had fun flying them. As we continue through our Algebra unit, we are now understanding that patterns in numbers can be represented with an algebraic expression which can be applied to any value – although a tricky topic, we have persevered and demonstrated knowledge in this unit. Furthermore, we investigated angles and concluded that vertically opposite angles on straight lines are equal. As we began our new topic of a dual narrative, we have unpicked features of what this text looks like and will analyse it in more detail to prepare us for writing our own over the next week. Our guided reading unit, 'coasts' explores a non-fiction text which helps us to answer retrieval-type questions in preparation for our SATs examinations. In music we began playing our recorders in two-parts creating harmony. We practised the skills of rhythm and dynamics through certain sections of the song 'Happy.' And in R.E. we looked at the significance of the Paschal candle and how the design symbolises Jesus' resurrection ahead of Holy Week.

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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