



St Paschal Baylon
Catholic Primary School
Following In The Footsteps Of Christ

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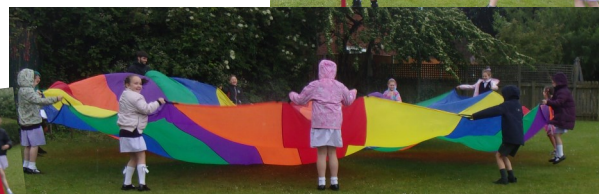
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The Very First International Day of Play!...

The **first-ever International Day of Play**, took place on **11th June 2024**. Beyond just recreation, play is a universal language spoken by people of all ages and fosters a sense of **community** and **national pride**. It also promotes **resilience**, **creativity**, and **innovation** in individuals. For children in particular, play helps **build relationships** and improves **control**, **overcome trauma**, and **problem-solving**. It helps children develop the **cognitive**, **physical**, **creative**, **social**, and **emotional skills** they need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. All our children had the opportunity to enjoy every 'play station' set up around our school environment, as well as consider **barriers** to play around the world.

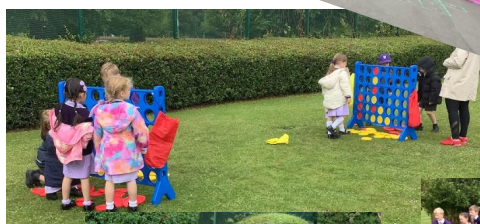
A picture is worth a thousand words!



Year 3



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Year 2



Voice in the Community Update...

- * Our Rights Ambassadors have been tirelessly working on their campaign to **improve our local area by addressing the issue of litter**. Driven by a strong sense of community and environmental responsibility, they decided to take proactive steps by organising **regular litter-picking sessions**.
- * Recognising the importance of safety and efficiency, the children first got together to research the necessary equipment for litter picking. Their dedication and thorough research led them to identify the tools they would need to ensure the job was done effectively and safely.
- * With this information in hand, our young ambassadors took the initiative to **write a letter to the PTA, requesting their support in acquiring the required equipment**. Thanks to the PTA's generous response, the children received all the tools they needed.
- * Equipped and enthusiastic, the Rights Ambassadors carried out their first litter pick in Childwall on **Thursday, 11th July**. The event was a resounding success, not only in terms of the amount of litter collected but also in fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment among the participants.
- * We are excited to announce that these litter-picking sessions will continue throughout the Autumn Term. **Our Rights Ambassadors are committed to maintaining the cleanliness of our local area and setting a positive example for the entire community**. Through their actions, they **demonstrate the power of young people in making a significant difference**.
- * In further news, we have been in contact with **Liverpool City Council**, who have been impressed by our young global citizens. After hearing of our need for more recycling bins in the school, **a new blue bin was delivered**. In a Zoom meeting, we discussed exciting plans for more engagement with the council and their campaign to become a **child-friendly city**. We also **connected with Emmaus School**, which is running similar green initiatives.



Watch this space for more exciting news as we continue to collaborate with the council and other schools to make our city a better place for everyone!

Incredible Edibles Community Day of Action...

On **Tuesday, 18th June**, our Rights Ambassadors had the honour of representing our school at the **Incredible Edibles' Day of Action**. This event was dedicated to celebrating our local area, and it featured the exciting activity of burying a time capsule.



Our school contributed to this historic moment by including **a photo taken during our 50th birthday celebrations, capturing the spirit and history of our school**. Additionally, we added a **picture of our Rights Ambassadors alongside Ruby Rights, our beloved UNICEF mascot**. These items will serve as a reminder of our commitment to our community and the values we uphold.



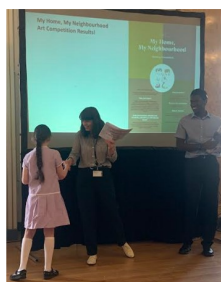
The day was a fantastic experience for all involved. Our pupils' behaviour was exemplary, showcasing the respectful and responsible nature of our student body. The event also provided an excellent opportunity for our students to **engage with representatives from other schools and local councillors**.

Participating in the Incredible Edibles' Day of Action was not only a chance to celebrate our local area but also to **highlight the positive impact that young people can have on their communities**. We are incredibly proud of our Rights Ambassadors for their dedication and the way they represented our school.

Liverpool Schools' Parliament...

In June our Year 6 school council representatives went to the final meeting of the Liverpool Schools' Parliament at the Town Hall.

At the meeting the children and young people discussed articles 4, 12, 14, 15 and 17. We talked with children from other schools about what we have enjoyed from our last few sessions; what we are proud of and what we would like to see next year. We found out that some of our ideas about 'Belonging and Homes' will be published next year in the **Liverpool Homes Guide** following our meeting with architects at the last session.



It was also a special day as the winner of the **Liverpool Homes** competition was announced— our very own **Jasmin** from **Year 5** !

Well done Jasmin, we are very proud of you!

And a big 'well done and thank you' to our Year 6 councillors , Ben, Ethan, Chloe and Penelope, who will be leaving us for their new schools. We hope they continue to be active citizens and use their voice (Article 12) for the good of themselves and the good of others around the world.

School Council Presents 'SPB's Got Talent 2024'

The School Council have been very busy over this last month organising our end of Year Talent Show, Each year group held auditions, with only two acts from each year group able to compete in the final. As you can imagine, the talent was amazing and diverse - from comedy, dance, magic tricks, instrument playing and hula-hooping, to name but a few!

The final will be held on Wednesday 17th July—so too late for pictures of the event to be printed in this edition. However, the acts met up for some direction on what would happen on the day and had their pictures taken (see right).



Action for Climate Change.....

Absolutely 'well done' to our Rights Ambassadors, who decided to do something about the **multiple paper towels being used** when children washed their hands. In the Autumn term, they designed posters to be placed on the paper towel dispensers, as well as explaining their campaign in assembly. **And it has been a success!** Mrs. Leahey informed us, this week, that we have purchased **10 cases less** of paper towels this school year, than we did last year! Not only that, we still have quite a number of cases stored, which will start the new school year in September. Even though the team's main aim was to **reduce the amount of trees being felled** in producing this school staple, we actually saved our school **£325.00!**

Next year, our plan is to encourage other schools to take on the 'One Paper Towel Challenge'.

Global Goals for July. . .

This month we have looked at **Global Goal number 1—end poverty, in all its forms, everywhere.** We have discussed the word '*poverty*' and where it can be seen. We know people can experience poverty in many different ways, including **money, food, housing** and many more. We discussed ways we can try to help people in our country, and other countries, who might be experiencing poverty such as charities and food banks.



ReAction Update from Iyla Marshal—Year 6...

We asked Iyla to summarise topics and action covered this year in the ReAction Group. Here's what she said ...

1. We supported the local charity Paper Cup who support the homeless, by collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks. We learnt how to crochet to make some squares for a blanket for the homeless, but we found it very difficult.
2. We discussed the problems that may arise if we judge people unfairly. Our role plays showed various situations at home and in school.
3. We looked at the statement "It's not fair" and thought about different ways that people may be treated unfairly in life - maybe because of their race, colour or gender
4. We read about the Disciples and saw how Thomas doubted that Jesus had raised from the dead and discussed how we believe or doubt things in our life.
5. As a few of the group are leaving SPB to go to secondary schools, we considered the ways to make friends and be a good friend. We also thought about how Jesus chose his friends and how they had both strengths and weaknesses.
6. We compiled a booklet to highlight the A-Z of SPB.
7. We made posters to remind the children in our school to stay safe during the summer holidays.
8. We always finish our session with a prayer which is often led by one of the group.



The Language of Rights.....

We didn't focus on a 'right' during this final half term. Instead, we consolidated our understanding of the '**language of rights**'. The classes chose a word, each day, clarified its meaning and discussed its link



Happy 50th Birth Year St Paschal Baylon...



Wishing our school many more years of **playing, learning** and **pupil action**! May our pupils continue to grow as **global citizens**, who go out into the world and make a difference.

