

SPB NEWS

"FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST"



ReAction Group – Whitechapel Centre Collection

This morning members of our ReAction group collected donations of hats, gloves and scarves to support the Whitechapel Centre.

The Whitechapel Centre is a local, independent charity who work to prevent and resolve homelessness, social exclusion and housing poverty by providing practical, realistic, tailored support so that each person can find a route out of homelessness, maintain a home and achieve their individual potential.

Donations will be accepted until **Thursday 23rd January**.

Thank you so much for supporting this very worthy charity.

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Diary Dates

Y5 Ski Trip – Sunday 19th January to Sunday 26th January

School Health – Y6 Height & Weight – Tuesday 21st January

U11 Boys Football vs Booker Avenue @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 21st January 3-5pm

U11 Boys Football League match @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 24th January 1pm-3pm

Mass @ SPB – Monday 27th January @ 9.15am

U11 Girls Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 28th January 3-5pm

PGL Meeting for parents/carers – Thursday 30th January @ 4pm

Y6 Girls Football @ Simpsons Ground – Friday 31st January 12.15pm – 3.30pm

U10 Boys Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 4th February 3-5pm

Online Safety meeting for parents/carers via Zoom – Thursday 6th February @ 2pm

U11 Boys Football vs St Paul's @ Herron Eccles – Tuesday 11th February 3-5pm

School closes for half term break – Friday 14th February

Half term – Monday 16th February – Friday 21st February

Children return to school – Monday 24th February

Cross Country @ Sefton Park – Monday 24th February @ 4pm

Cross Country @ Wavertree – Thursday 6th March @ 4pm

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter eggs (for Easter Bingo events) – Friday 7th March

Mass @ SPB – Monday 10th March @ 9.15am

Own Clothes Day – Donations of Easter eggs (for Easter Bingo events) – Friday 14th March

Activities

Day	Club/Activity	Year Group	Time
Monday	Jay Woods Football From 06.01.25 until 31.03.25	Y1	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Monday	Choir Club	KS2	3pm – 4pm
Monday	Computer Club from 13.01.25*	Y4	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	Jay Woods Football From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25*	Y5/Y6	7.45am-8.30am
Tuesday	Dot Art Club From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25*	Y5	3pm – 4pm
Tuesday	LLS Multi-sports From 07.01.25 until 11.02.25	Y3 & Y4	3pm – 4pm
Wednesday	Jay Woods Football From 08.01.25 until 02.04.25	Y2	3.05pm – 4.05pm
Thursday	Jay Woods Football From 09.01.25 until 03.03.25	Y3 & Y4	7.45am – 8.30am
Thursday	ReAction Group	Y4, Y5 & Y6	3pm-4pm
Friday	Jay Woods Football From 10.01.25 until 28.03.25*	EYFS	3pm-4pm

*No session for EYFS football on 04.04.25

*No session for Dot Art on 21.01.25

Computer Club dates 2025– 13th and 27th January
 10th and 24th February
 10th and 24th March
 19th May
 2nd, 16th and 30th June
 14th July

General/Important Information

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK?

EYFS:

This week we have continued with our story Lost and Found, exploring vocabulary in the book and using some illustrations to compose and write captions. We have explored maps, identifying where Antarctica is and discussed how we could get there. We have also learned the words and actions to a continent song and learned some fascinating facts about penguins. In our busy time areas, we have painted and decorated kitchen roll tubes to make the two characters from the story, the boy and the penguin. Developing our scissor skills, we have been cutting and sticking things that we would take if we were to visit Antarctica. We have also been writing lists of things we would take such as a hat, scarf and boots. In numeracy, we have been practising to count and order to and back from 10. We then moved on to discussing position names such as first, second and third to describe positions in queues and races. We listened to a story called The Loo Queue and in our outdoor area, we have taken part in races. We then discussed and gave out medals for the children's positions in the races. In RE over the next few weeks, we will be learning about how Jesus spent his life. The focus this week was when Jesus blessed the children. We learned about the disciples and how Jesus welcomed everyone and showed God's love. We also shared ways in which we share God's love. Finally, in PSHE, we discussed different jobs and why people have jobs. We were given clues and had to guess the jobs. The children really enjoyed this so maybe you could try this at home! Another busy week, we hope you all have a great weekend!

YEAR ONE:

Year 1 have been working hard this week. In English, we have been writing character descriptions using adjectives and conjunctions, super impressive! In Maths, we have been subtracting using a number line. In RE, we listened to the story about Jesus in the temple, meeting Simeon and Anna and how they recognised how special Jesus was. In Geography we learnt the capital cities in the UK and labelled them on a map. And in Science, we sorted animals into different groups, such as Reptiles and Amphibians!

YEAR TWO:

What a fantastic week we have had in year 2. In maths, we have been learning how to measure things using meters and centimetres and how to compare object by size. In English, we have been reading Bog Baby and creating our own character description using adjectives and co-ordinating conjunctions. In RE, we have been continuing our exploration of the journey of the Magi and creating a storyboard to show the events within the story. In History, we have started a new topic all about explorers and this week we have looked at the different equipment used by famous explorers and why they are useful to have in our backpack. Keep up the good work year two!

YEAR THREE:

Year 3 have had a busy and productive week. It has been lovely to get outside in the fresh air now that the snow and ice has melted. We took advantage of this on Monday when we re-enacted Matthew 2:1-12, 'Visitors from the East'. The children used costumes and props and went on a journey around our school grounds, imagining how the Magi might have felt whilst following the star to see the new-born King. In History, the children discussed how life changed when stone age man learnt how to farm. In Science, continuing with their new unit on 'Rocks', the children were given the task of grouping and classifying different rocks according to their properties. They used the adjectives they came up with last week to make different groups including: heavy, smooth, rough, dark and light. They also learnt about the three different types of rock and how they are formed. The children enjoyed a lovely PSHE lesson this week in which they talked about how everyone belongs in our class. They discussed ways in which we are all connected and how we can create a sense of community. In English, this week has involved gathering ideas for a setting narrative. The children have used their Writer's Knowledge to plan what they will include when describing a scene from 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. We began a new Maths unit this week, all about length. The children have been working out how to measure using mm, cm and m, how to convert between different measurements and have compared and ordered lengths when given in different forms. Excellent work, Year 3. Well done!

YEAR FOUR:

This week, Year 4 has been busy exploring new concepts and developing their skills across a range of subjects! In Maths, we've been focusing on graphs, learning how to draw and interpret bar graphs and line graphs with increasing accuracy and confidence.

In English, we've been delving into *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. The children have analysed the plot, picking out key phrases they can use in their own writing. They also produced detailed setting descriptions of Arthur's town and vivid character descriptions of Fenrir, the wolf that destroys the town's fire.

In Geography, we've been learning about the features of a river. The children applied their knowledge creatively by building pop-up models of a drainage basin, helping them visualise and understand how water flows through the landscape.

Our Art lessons continued with our study of David Hockney. This week, the children recreated *A Bigger Splash* using oil pastels and blending techniques, resulting in some fantastic and vibrant pieces.

YEAR FIVE:

In RE this week, Year 5 read a piece of Scripture which Jesus chose when he was given the privilege of reading in the synagogue. It was from the prophet Isaiah. We discussed its meaning and significance before listening to two hymns. Then we discussed the links between these and the message in the scripture. In Maths, we have completed our Graphs chapter - everyone has done really well interpreting the data which has been presented in different forms, such as tables and line graphs with up to three lines. In English, we have continued studying our example text, *Chasing Footsteps*. We examined the structural and language features of a cliff-hanger narrative and how to gradually build up tension throughout the paragraphs. We have also completed role on the wall activities and written character descriptions. In History, we travelled back to AD900 to learn what life was like in Baghdad and why it was the cultural and learning capital of the world during the Islamic Golden Age. In Science, our focus was dissolving. We tested different materials to see if they were soluble or insoluble. After that, we planned and carried out an investigation to see how temperature affects the time it takes for sugar to completely disappear. This week, we have loved our Art lessons. We learned how to draw two different styles of dragon eyes, focusing on size and shape. This was only the first attempt but we have been really impressed with the quality of the drawings!

YEAR SIX:

Year 6 have really enjoyed writing our finished documentary narrative on the ways of the wolf. As the imagined themselves as David Attenborough, they were able to write a detailed narrative of their lives showing lots of technical vocabulary and punctuation for effect. In maths, we completed our decimal unit – mastering multiplication and division of decimals meaning we now begin our new unit of measurement which we will begin next week. In R.E, we looked at how books stand the test of time sharing our favourite books and linking this to the Bible which has been translated in many languages across the world. We started practising our perspective drawing in art, inspired by L.S. Lowry which we will continue to explore next week incorporating all of the skills taught. In Geography we compared the UK and the USA which will be the focus of this unit and gather ideas of how it differs from here including time zones, climate and natural disasters. And in computing this week, we looked at how search engines rank searches and use adverts to push up the ranking on selected products.

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