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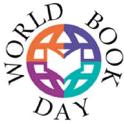
NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day

Thank you to everybody who helped to make yesterday such a special day in school. World Book Day always generates a lot of excitement and it was terrific to see so many of our pupils take on the challenge of coming into school dressed as one of their favourite book characters.

In addition to creating a spectacular scene – especially when all of the children gathered together in the school hall to take it in turns to take to the stage (as a class) and try to guess as many of the book characters on display as possible – the day clearly inspired a large number of children to produce some outstanding writing.

If you have managed to keep a log of all of your child's reading this week, please send this into school next week (so we can calculate how many hours of reading the children in our school completed this week) along with any sponsor money collected - for taking part in the World Book Week Reading Challenge.

We will add together all of the money raised by the children on Friday (15th March) and look to place the order of new books next weekend – so we can get these delivered to school before Easter!

As it was clear so many of our children are inspired by the Harry Potter series of books, not only did we change the names of our houses for the day on Thursday, we have ordered a complete set of the Harry Potter series of books for our school library; which should be here and available for the children to borrow from the start of next week!



will be added to the money raised to date, and forwarded to Comic relief at the start of next week.

Winning House

The winning House this week, is GRYFFINDOR (BRIDGE)!



All of the children in Bridge are invited to come into school on Monday, dressed in their own clothes - out of uniform - hopefully adorning something that is red to signify their victory.



Sports Festival at I M Marsh Campus (Liverpool John Moore's University)

Yesterday, a group of children – selected as they are great role models and ambassadors for our school – were chosen to take part in a special 'Spirit Of The Games' KS2 Sport Festival at Liverpool John Moore's University.

During the morning, the children took part in a series of team building games and problem solving activities, that relied on them working together. At the end of the session – during which the children were commended on their outstanding behaviour and fantastic attitude – the children were presented with individual medals and certificates (and earned a trophy for our school).

Next week, our school netball team will play their first competitive fixture of 2019 – against St Clement's – on Thursday. The school football team also have their first fixture of the new year in the next few weeks, as they are scheduled to play Westfields on 27th March.

Comic Relief



We now only have a very small number of red noses available for sale (at a cost of £1.25 per nose). These will be on sale, from the school office (at any time), until they are all sold.

On Friday, the children are invited to come into school dressed in red, with red (or crazy) hair and wearing their red noses. However, on this occasion we are not asking for any additional donations – as we have chosen to support Comic Relief this year by selling red noses on their behalf. *Should we receive any extra donations, this*

Skipping

Following on from the success of the skipping workshops last week, the children at our school have been given the opportunity to build on these skills and practice skipping during morning break times – as we took delivery of a large number of brand new skipping ropes at the beginning of the week.



It has been great to see so many of the children use their time on the playground to skip, keep fit and take part in something that they clearly enjoy.



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Lots Going On In Year 5



Over the last few weeks, the children in Year 5 have been treated to a number of wonderful enrichment opportunities – which they have greatly enjoyed.

The first of these took part last Monday, when the children took part in a Science and Modern Foreign Languages Day at St Chad's.

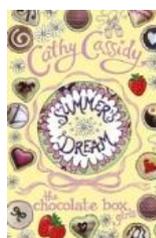
The day started with our children taking part in a series of science activities to learn about the human body (and breathing) – the highlight being given the chance to dissect a pig's lung and being shown how to calculate the peak flow rate – before they went to visit the languages department (to take part in French, Spanish and Mandarin (Chinese) lessons).

Later that week, on Wednesday, the children were collected and taken to Halton Stadium to take part in Crucial Crew.

This is an annual event, organised by Halton Borough Council for all pupils in Year 5 throughout the local authority and is offered to each school at no cost. During the morning, the children completed a number of tasks, including how to stay safe online, discussing fire safety and recapping key road safety messages, as well as exploring other ways of staying safe within the community (including which adults they should seek help from if they ever felt lost, scared or intimidated).

This week, the children walked to The Heath School to meet Cathy Cassidy, the author of a number of children's books including *Summer Dream* and *Love From Lexi*.

While they were there, the children listened to Cathy talk about her life (and her family), share the things that inspire her to write (and where she gets her ideas from) and listened to her read one of her stories, *Sami Silver Lining* (about a Syrian refugee who plays the flute and joins a band).



The fun and enjoyment for the children in Year 5 will not end there, as next week they (along with the children in Year 4) will be able to take part in the One Goal 'Develop Team Spirit Day' on Tuesday; and there are also plans for them to visit a local Buddhist temple later this term.



Year 6 Glorious Gases Workshop

On Monday, we were visited by two ladies (Dr Jane French and Lucinda Lewis) from The Catalyst Museum, who led a science workshop for the children in Year 6.

During the workshop, the children completed various

investigations to prove that gases existed (as often these are invisible and are not easily seen). They were given test tubes, different liquids and a vacuum machine to explore the various scientific concepts that they were introduced to.



Both ladies commented: *I hope Year 6 enjoyed the Glorious Gases activity today, we really enjoyed ourselves - they were a great class.*

Year 5 & 6 Parents Lunch

All parents/carers of the children in Year 5 and Year 6 should have received a letter today inviting them to attend school on Wednesday, to sit and eat a school meal with their child (or grandchild).

If you would like to take up this option, please return the slip – and make a payment of £2.50 per extra meal – at the school office on, or before, Tuesday.

School Panto – Aladdin

The 'new' date for the school panto this year – which is Aladdin – is Thursday 21st March.



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As the rehearsal period comes to an end, the children who will be performing in this year's show, will take part in some extra rehearsals during the school day – starting next Friday – and all of the children in school will be able to watch the dress rehearsal on Wednesday 20th March (during the afternoon).

Tickets will go on sale shortly, and are available for the minimal cost of £1.50 per ticket.

Please consider coming along to support this event, even if your child is not taking part this year – as it may be something you wish to encourage them to get involved in during their time at our school.



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Mother's Day Surprise Room



The deadline for informing us that you would like your child to take part in the FOHLS Mother's Day Surprise Room is next Friday (15th March).

If your child/children would like to take part, please place the correct money in a sealed envelope - £2 per gift - and write the name of who the gifts are for (e.g. Mum, Nanna, Grandma, etc) on the front; along with your child's name and class. **Alternatively, return one of the slips printed in the previous newsletters in at the school office before Friday.**

Couch To 2K

The Couch to 2k programme is aimed at families to get everyone involved - or individuals - who would like a stepping stone to couch to 5k. *However all children taking part must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.*

The Runcorn programme will start on 2nd April for 5 weeks at Phoenix Park and 28th May at The Heath Park (Runcorn Hill) for 5 weeks.

Each session starts at 6pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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NEW Couch to 2k
FOR FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANTS
FREE

Phoenix Park meet starts on Tuesday April 2nd 2019
then every Tuesday and Thursday 6-7 pm for 5 weeks at Phoenix Park Runcorn (Meet at the Cafe)

Our second Active Halton FREE Couch to 2k for families individual participants,
Heath Park meet starts on Tuesday May 28th 2019
then every Tuesday and Thursday 6-7 pm for 5 weeks Heath Park Runcorn (Meet at Esposito's Cafe)

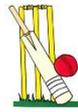
Couch to 2k for families
This programme is perfect if you want to improve your fitness and be motivated as part of a group, or looking to build up to taking part in our couch to 5k programmes or parkrun on Saturday mornings at Victoria park Widnes or Phoenix park Runcorn and children joining Junior parkrun on Sundays in Victoria park Widnes

WHERE: Block 1 Phoenix Park WA7 2PT 2nd April 2nd to May 2019
Block 2 Runcorn Hill Park WA7 4PT 28th May to 27th June 2019
WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7pm (See dates above) comes to as many sessions as you can-the more you attend the more benefit you will see
WHAT SHOULD I WEAR: Trainers are a must, and whatever you feel comfortable in to walk and jog. Remember to bring a drink with you to keep hydrated.
DO I HAVE TO BE FIT TO JOIN IN: No the programmes are for anybody looking to get active. Whether you've never exercised before or are looking to get back to a previous fitness level, there is no pressure, you can work at your own pace and progress slowly.
CAN I BRING MY CHILD: Yes but children under 16 must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
PARTICIPANTS are welcome to attend both Couch to 5k or 2k sessions and work alongside the programme regardless of fitness level.

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All Stars Cricket Programme



It is the return of England Crickets board All Stars programme aimed at getting 5 – 8 year olds involved in Cricket this month.

This is an 8 week programme, which costs £40, but the children get their own equipment to keep!

Both Runcorn and Widnes Cricket Clubs are running the programme again this year. To book children onto the appropriate course go to the following links:

Widnes:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/b38f4c5d-8ade-45cb-9d50-aa53c473e547>

Runcorn:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Course/5d84ef4e-efbd-40ba-8458-776870fb3ecf>

Both clubs have a great reputation for Junior Cricket and all coaches are fully qualified. *Each link has appropriate contact information for each club if more information is required.*

ALL STARS
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Big Moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Runcorn CC
Runcorn Sports Club, Runcorn, WA74SD
6:00pm - 6:45pm, Mondays (May 20th - July 8th)
Contact: geoff@runcorncc.co.uk
Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!



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