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NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day
Thursday 5th March

As mentioned in the school newsletter prior to half term, all of the children can come into school on Thursday (World Book Day) dressed as a book character.

During the afternoon, each class will enjoy learning about and listening to a story from another culture; and will engage in a series of activities based on this book for the remainder of the day.

This is a special day to celebrate the love of reading and promote what an important lifelong skill this is. If you can, please consider visiting the library or a local book shop with your child next week - or spending some extra time with them sharing or reading books?

Having regular opportunities to read, significantly improves a child's reading and writing ability; and is instrumental factor in extending their vocabulary (which is known to be the strongest indicator of future academic success). Therefore, can we please express a massive thank you to all of our parents who regularly listen to their child read. Ideally this should be taking place every day for at least 10 minutes – so they are reading, and developing a love of books, for over an hour each week.



Next week also sees the launch of Halton's borough wide Reading Strategy - aimed at raising the profile and enjoyment of reading across Halton. They want to share the mission to promote:

Reading Every Day,
Everywhere, for Everyone

In order to help make this memorable - and to also enthuse and encourage children and their families to become involved - there will be a number of events organised during the remainder of the year; and in the future.



Year 6 Residential Visit to

ROBIN WOOD

Over the last three days, the children in Year 6 have had an incredible and action-packed time at Robinwood Maes-y-Nant (Cross Lanes) Activity Centre – taking on a variety of tasks aimed at building their confidence, self-esteem, team building skills, cooperation and ability to overcome personal challenges.



The decision to move the Year 6 Residential to Robinwood this year was taken to ensure that the children had the chance to 'have a go' at a much greater number of activities (as Robinwood offers each group the chance to experience 14 different activities: Quest; Caving; Giant Swing; Archery; Canoeing; Trapeze; High Ropes; Crate Challenge; Climbing; Dungeon; Zip Wire; Piranha Pool, Night Line and various Team Challenges – with activities starting just after 8:30am and continuing throughout the day until 8:30pm each evening) – and also to keep the cost of a three day residential to a minimum; to ensure that it was as affordable for as many of our families as possible.



The children in Year 6 have been amazing and should be incredibly proud of how well they have supported each other. Their willingness to push themselves and give activities that seemed quite daunting at the start a go, and for developing key skills such as listening skills, respect, compassion and determination.

Miss Whiting must be credited with organising this trip and liaising with the centre – to ensure that the trip ran incredibly smoothly. Equally, parents and carers can be reassured that the quality of care, organisation and professionalism of everybody who works at the Maes-y-Nant is exceptional.



In addition to Miss Whiting, our thanks and appreciation must also go to Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams who also gave up their time (and

sleep) to supervise, motivate, supervise and support the children since we departed school just after 10am on Wednesday.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to share this special occasion with our Year 6 pupils. I'm sure they will all sleep very well this evening!

Year 4 & Year 5 'Primary Modern Foreign Languages and Science Day' at St Chad's



On Wednesday, the staff and children in Year 4 and Year 5 were invited to spend the day at St Chad's. This is because they were having a Primary Languages and Science Day.

The children were able to take part in a range of language workshops (including French, Mandarin and Spanish) and a series of activities helping them to develop the necessary vocabulary to talk about animals, colours and numbers in each of these languages.

As part of the Science workshops, the children were challenged to build strong bridges out of paper, use a Bunsen burner and find out about the digestive system.

The teacher who organised this event has commented: *"The ITT students from Liverpool John Moore's University were delighted - as were we - at the manner in which your pupils conducted themselves throughout the day and had nothing but positive comments to make regarding each and every pupil they worked with, so thank you."*

TT Rockstars / Numbots Leader Board

Here are the results for this week:



Numbots

Highest Number of Minutes Played this week:

Year 1- 1st = Mia (Runner-Up = Toby)
Year 2 - 1st = Dylan (Runner-Up = Harry)

TT Rockstars

Highest number of coins overall:

Year 2 - 1st = Sophie (Runner-Up = Evie)
Year 3 - 1st = James (Runner-Up = Ellis)
Year 4 - 1st = Mia (Runner-Up = Jack)
Year 5 - 1st = Hayden (Runner-Up = Ethan)
Year 6 - 1st = Tre (Runner-Up = Ella)

Fastest speed:

Year 3 - 1st = Isabella (Runner-Up = Ellis)
Year 4 - 1st = Danny (Runner-Up = Evan)
Year 5 - 1st = Ethan (Runner-Up Hayden)
Year 6 - 1st = Grace (Runner-Up = Ella)

Junior Bake Off

Love Productions (the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down) have recently opened applications for the 6th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They have asked us to share these details as they are looking for young budding bakers between **9 -15 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but their **applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK.



SPRING TERM After School Clubs

The after school clubs that will be operating this half term are:

CLUB	AVAILABLE FOR	DAY AND TIME	PLACE	LEADER
Year 6 SATs Booster - English	Year 6	Monday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 6 Classroom	Miss Whiting , Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams
Year 1 Phonics Club	Year 1 [Max of 15 pupils]	Tuesday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 1 Classroom	Miss Roberts and Miss Hunt
Year 3 Homework Club	Year 3 [Initially by invitation only]	Tuesday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 3 Classroom / Nurture Room	Miss Stephens, Mrs Clemson-Bank and Mrs Taylor-Dixon
Wildlife and Gardening Club Cost = £5 for 5 weeks	All Year Groups [Max of 16 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Grounds	Mr Thorpe (Edsential)
Football Club Cost = £5 for 5 weeks	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 [Max of 24 pupils]	Wednesday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	Field or Football Court – shin pads must be worn	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Year 6 SATs Booster - Maths	Year 6	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:00pm	Year 6 Classroom	Miss Whiting , Mrs Wright and Mrs Williams
Dodgeball Club Cost £5 for 5 weeks	Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 [Max of 20 pupils]	Thursday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall (or School Playground)	Mr Dyson (RG Coaching)
Destiny Dance	Years 4, 5 & 6 [Places already allocated]	Friday – 3:10pm to 4:15pm	School Hall	Mrs Bickerton (supported by other staff members)

Please return all slips to the SCHOOL OFFICE. Places will be allocated in a first come, first served basis – until the clubs are full.

Please ensure that you include the necessary payment associated with any clubs requested and assume that your child has been offered a place UNLESS YOU ARE CONTACTED TO INFORM YOU OTHERWISE. If we do not have more than 10 people wishing to attend each club, then it is likely we will cancel the club after the first week – as we are not able to subsidise the cost of running these clubs below this level.

Spring Term 2020 – After School Club REPLY SLIP

Name of child: _____

Class: _____

I give permission for my child to take part in the following after school club(s) – and enclose any payment that is required:

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At the end of the club my child will walk home: Yes / No (please circle)*

**Only children in Years 5 and 6 may walk home – at the end of a club – but only with their parent/carer's signed consent.*

At the end of the club my child will be collected by: _____

Signed (by parent or carer): _____

Date: _____

Payment Enclosed: £ _____

