Childwall CE Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter; albeit a slightly later edition than usual, on a Monday. School continues to be a hive of activity and we thank you all for your support as we embrace a range of learning opportunities and experiences for our children. Walking around school, we can hear that preparations for Christmas and Nativity services are well under-way, alongside a full curriculum and a number of school trips, competitions and visitors.

"And the child grew and became strong; He was full of wisdom and God's blessings were upon Him." (Luke 2:40)

This half term, we will be focussing predominantly on the Christian value of **compassion**. We know from Mark's gospel that Jesus always put the needs of others before his own.

"When Jesus saw the crowd, his heart was filled with **compassion**, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things." (Mark 6:34)

Worship Warriors

Worship Warriors reminded us all of Jesus' story of The Good Samaritan. With the help of some wonderful puppets, our Worship Warriors encouraged us all to consider just 'who are our neighbours?' and encouraged us to always be mindful of how we can show that we are good neighbours, today and every day.

House Point Winners – Joy – 909 pts

Well done to children from all four houses who have worked so hard to earn house points this week.

Celebration of Achievement

This week's certificates were awarded to children for being a scientific thinker:

Class 3: Elliot and Daniel
Class 4: George and Talia
Class 5: Josiah and Ali
Class 6: Nancy and Aidan
Class 7: Joshua and Issac
Class 8: Jacob and Faye
Class 9: Zachary and Zane
Class 10: Ruaridh and Keziah
Class 11: Rebecca and Elliot
Class 12: Wilf and Hugo
Class 13: Alex and Alex
Class 14: Jacob, Ruby and Harry
Class 14: Harriet, Thomas and Oliver

Boys' Liverpool Echo Shield - 2nd Round
The boys travelled to Liverpool College this week to play in the second round of the Liverpool Echo Shield, following a bye in the first round. With the boys being 2-0 down at half time, a much improved second half was needed. After a fantastic fight back, the final score was 3-3 which took the game to penalties. Unfortunately, the boys were beaten 3-1 on penalties despite their fantastic comeback.

Girls' Broadgreen League Match
A fantastic display from our girls' team saw an emphatic 9-0 win at Broadgreen International School. The girls are really growing in confidence and playing some really good football! Well done, keep it up!

Premier League Primary Stars EFC Qualifiers
The boys played in the Premier League Primary Stars Qualifier at Netherton Goals Centre which was hosted by Everton in the Community. EFC have run a series of qualifiers across Merseyside in search for the best team to represent the club at the prestigious Premier League Primary Stars National Finals in May. The boys went unbeaten at the tournament and are now one of ten teams to qualify for the Regional Finals at Finch Farm in February; great work, everyone!

Girls' LSFA League Matches
The girls played their first round of LSFA fixtures at Simpsons Sports Ground where they played 4 matches against some tough opposition. The girls won 2 of their matches and have made a good start to the league. Well done, all.

The Daily Mile - Yourtrak App
Yourtrak has been developed and designed to encourage school children to engage and enjoy running a mile a day. Yourtrak helps children to set their individual goals, work as part of their class team and also help the whole school to complete an 'Around the World' journey.
The App is a fantastic tool to allow each class teacher to record and highlight each child's achievements and reward them through certificates and stickers.
We have been using this new system for the last two weeks and we are delighted to see that the children are re-motivated and pushing themselves more than before. We are using rubber wristbands to calculate the number of laps the children are doing daily. The children simply pick up a wristband at the start of every new lap and count them at the end of their 15 minutes of running. The App then converts each lap (277 metres) into miles.
Take a look at our stats so far:
Whole School Journey - 3288 miles
Best Class Journey - Class 14, 362 miles
We will be sharing data each week with the children and celebrating a range of achievements whilst tracking our 'Journey Around the World.'
Yourtrak also provides a Parent App that allows parents and carers to join their child's journey with real time access to their dashboard and achievements. Keep a look out for an activation email which will be sent out within the next week!

Community Links

PTFA

Christmas Gift Idea!

Self-Portrait Tea Towels
As a lovely keepsake or gift for Christmas, the PTFA have facilitated the creation of self-portrait tea towels for each year group, which has involved each child drawing an image of themselves.
The tea towels are £4 each, and orders can be placed at www.pta-events.co.uk/childwall.
Orders must be placed before Friday 29th November in order to ensure Christmas delivery. Tea towels purchased will be delivered to school and sent home in your child's bag before the Christmas holidays.
Please Note: Due to a minimum order quantity requirement set by the printers, the PTFA will only be able to arrange for each year group to be printed if at least 50 have been ordered for the year group.
Proofs can be viewed on the noticeboard at the school gate or on the PTFA page of the school website:

Over the past few weeks the PTFA have been collecting prizes for our first ever Christmas raffle.
The list below details the prizes that we have had donated and by whom.
(Apologies if we have missed anything off the list, we are still updating it).

1. Max Spielman - Frame and photo
2. Wilkinsons - £20 voucher
3. Area 51 - 2 free games of laser quest
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5. Daisy London - Gold chakra bracelet
6. David Lloyd - 14 day free pass
7. TJ Hughes - 2 x santa Christmas ornaments
8. Paul Cliff - Free MOT
9. The entertainer - £15 voucher
10. TJHughes - Peppa pig tea set
11. Sadie Krishnathasan - 1.5L bottle of rose wine
12. TJ Hughes - Peppa pig piano
13. Claire Taylor (class 2) - Crochet snuggle blanket
14. Daisy London - Gold chakra bracelet
15. Goals speke - Free weekend pitch hire
16. Rose Lane Chris's Chippy - 2 x fish and chips
17. Crew - Free haircut
18. TJ Hughes - Boy and girl ornament ball lights
19. Starbucks - Gift card
20. Body shop - Pamper party for 6
21. Sainsbury's - Music quiz, candles, biscuits and chocolates
22. Daisy London - Gold chakra bracelet
23. Calissa - Afternoon tea for 2
24. Tasha Kendrick (class 4) - Box of cup cakes
25. Waterstones - £10 voucher
26. TJ Hughes - peppa pig house
27. SGB - £40 hair cut voucher
28. Claire McNamara (class 2/5) - Liverpool shirt (adult)
29. Olson & Olson - Shampoo and hair cut voucher
30. Tasha Kendrick (class 4) - Chocolate hamper

The list will be updated as new prizes are donated. We will shortly be selling tickets during school pickups and dropoffs at the cost of £1 per strip, but in the meantime the following people have books if you would like to buy any tickets:

- Dave Holland
- Julie Redfern
- Fiona Grant
- Sadie Krishnathasan
- Rhia Preston
- Tasha Kendrick

Thank you in advance for your support.

Easy Fundraising

The PTFA have an Easy Fundraising site which parents/carers are able to use in order for the school to benefit from any online purchases you may make, therefore please donate to:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/childwallschptfa/

Food Bank Christmas Appeal!

Thank you to those who have already begun to send in selection boxes or other 'luxury Christmas items' for us to donate to food bank at St Gabriel's Church, Toxteth. Just a reminder that our school council members will be at the gate each morning this week to collect any items which you would like to donate; it really does make a difference for families in Liverpool this Christmas.
We thank you in advance for your **generosity** and **compassion**. ("Love your neighbour as yourself" Mark 12:31)

We are pleased to announce that we're helping the Foodbank charity this Christmas. As a school, we're asking the children to bring in some especially seasonal food such as selection boxes, biscuits, mince pies during the week beginning Monday 25th November. Members of the School Council will be at the gates each morning collecting donations. Thank you.

Phoebe and Rayaan (Y6 School Council members)

Thrive in 5 – Parents' Workshop – Reminder – Tomorrow 1.30pm

We are delighted to offer a 'Thriving Parenting' Workshop to support and compliment the Thrive in 5 programme that we have so successfully embedded into our school culture. It is to be held on **Tuesday 26th November from 1.30 to 3 pm.** At this session you will learn more about what Thrive in 5 is, how and why it makes an impact and what you can do to further support your child at home. You will also leave with insights not only into how you can apply some of the principles within your own life, but also tips and strategies to impact and support your parenting. It's a tough job and a little help can go a long way!
The session will be facilitated by Christina Mitchell, the Consultant and Young Person Life Coach that introduced Thrive in 5 at our school. She has a wealth of experience coaching children and teens and supporting parents along the way. Please, if you are able, take the time out of your busy lives to come along and join us.

November Eco Challenges

Thank you to Mary from All Saints, Childwall who has shared this month's Eco Challenges with us. It's important to remember that each of us can make a difference to our environment in our actions and choices and each of us has a responsibility as stewards of God's Creation.

1. If you have a small amount of shopping to do and the shop is less than a mile away, consider walking instead of jumping straight into the car.
2. Check out the City Council Gillmoss and Old Swan recycling centres. They take all sorts of stuff including printer ink cartridges, light bulbs and tubes, old mobile phones, Tetrapaks and old tools.
3. Think ahead. When you're doing your Christmas shopping try to avoid cards and wrappings which have glitter, foil, a plasticised surface or ribbon. They can't be easily recycled.

This Week's Highlights!

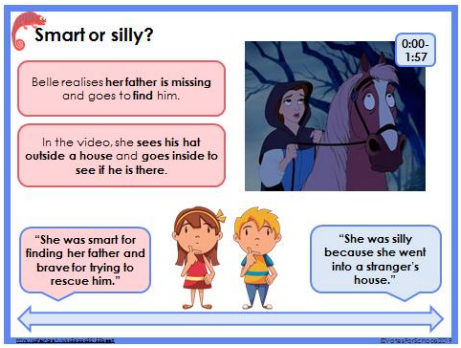
Class 1 were talking about things that are special to them.
Class 2 enjoyed riding balance bikes.
Class 3 loved Santa coming into their class.
Class 4 also liked Santa coming in and leaving footprints.
Class 5 enjoyed making their invitations for the nativity.
Class 6 liked art inspired by an artist.
Class 7 liked leaning about different types of rocks.
Class 8 loved doing kin ball with Childwall Can Do.
Class 9 liked using a special t-shirt and an app to see inside them.
Class 10 enjoyed swimming.
Class 11 wrote a letter to a relative in Victorian times.
Class 12 liked learning about work houses in Victorian times.
Class 13 liked doing WW2 in history.
Class 14 enjoyed lacrosse with Mrs Jones.

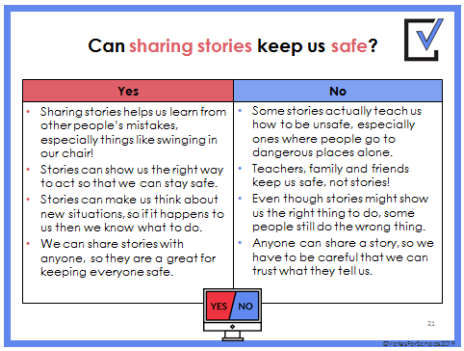
Year 6 Digital Day

Last Tuesday it was Digital Day. We were able to meet some people who worked in digital technology, from a company called IGOO. They talked about their job at IGOO and what they did. We did some fun activities, trying to solve challenges in the real world using digital technology. We worked in small groups coming up with ideas and designing posters (many groups put together a video) and presented our ideas to everyone in our year. They showed us some videos of people talking about their job in digital. They said that it wasn't just about Maths; a lot of jobs were about design and creativity too. We also discovered that you don't need to go to university to get a job in digital. We learnt a lot from Digital Day and some people have been now been inspired in the future to explore the world of digital technology. Thank you to all who came into school to spend time with us.

By Gideon and Isla

Votes for Schools focused this week on the importance of stories and how we all learn so much from stories we read, watch or hear, both as children and throughout our lives – stories are a crucial part of social interaction. Children were invited to consider some well-known stories which we are all familiar with, including The Gruffalo, Beauty and the Beast and Aladdin and considered the choices and actions made by the characters and whether these were, in fact, safe choices. We then went on to think about how we can learn from 'real life' stories and use the benefit of hearing others' experiences to make better choices. When asked the question, **"Can sharing stories keep us safe?"** 56% of our children voted, yes, that stories have a valuable part to play in our safety.





Lower than usual whole-school attendance this week (96.1%) as a number of children (and adults) succumbed to various illnesses. Let's hope that everyone is feeling better and we can all push forwards over the next few weeks of exciting activities and learning surrounding Advent, and looking forward to Christmas.

Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9	Class 10	Class 11	Class 12	Class 13	Class 14
99.3%	92.7%	99%	96.7%	98.7%	99.3%	95.5%	97.9%	95.3%	97.5%	86.3%	97.3%	95.7%	94.4%

Staff Absence

Just as we have seen a rise in children's illness and absence, there are times when staff, too, are unfortunately absent from school. We have a small number of agency staff who we always request should we need to cover any absence; this ensures that staff covering are familiar with school, our practices, safety procedures etc..

I would like to take the opportunity to alleviate concerns about changes in staff in Class 2. Mr Kildear is Class 2's teacher; he returned to school last week after a short illness; unfortunately, he will now be unavoidably absent from school for, we anticipate, approximately another week (and we would ask you all to hold him and his family in your prayers).

Miss Edwin is one of our well-known agency staff and will be covering this absence. Miss Owen is, of course EYFS lead and is the consistent teacher throughout this time for all of the children in the year group, overseeing all activities.

To clarify the position of learning support assistant, Miss Campbell was a temporary staff member while we went through the appointment process, with Mrs Henderson appointed as permanent learning support assistant from half term. Having succumbed to one of the lovely illnesses shared by young children last week, Mrs Henderson was off school ill; we took the opportunity to welcome Miss Campbell back from our agency team as a familiar face to the children and, again, someone

who could slot into school with minimal disruption. I'm delighted that Mrs Henderson is well enough to rejoin us today and welcome her to our school family.

Chill Kidz

A fun way to relax out of school

Menu week commencing 25th November 2019

Breakfast – served daily – selection of cereals, toast and fruit; water or milk to drink

Monday	Pasta with tuna or cheese
Tuesday	Toast with beans or spaghetti hoops
Wednesday	Wraps with cheese
Thursday	Soup with bread roll
Friday	Jacket potato with beans or cheese

Loom band chain

The children have been busy creating another loom band chain. This week we measured it and found it to be longer than the astro turf!

ThankYou God for our food today

Our menu for next week is:

Monday – Burger in a Bun with Salad or Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges & Vegetables
Tuesday – Chicken Curry with Rice or Vegetable Rice with Curry Sauce & Peas
Wednesday – Roast Dinner or Cheese and Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes & Vegetables
Thursday – Scouse or Vegetable Hot Pot with Crusty Bread & Beetroot
Friday – Fishy Friday or Cheesy Pasty with Chips & Beans

Every Day:
If children prefer, we also have a selection of sandwiches, hot baguettes, pasta pots, wraps and jacket potatoes available daily. The salad trolley and sliced bread are also available each day, in addition to the selected meal. Children are very welcome to try a small amount of 'something new' alongside what they have chosen to try to encourage them to be 'more adventurous' in their food choices.
Desserts this week include fruit sponge, jelly and cream, ice cream, yoghurt and fresh fruit.

School Dinners

A reminder of the options for school dinners:

1. Packed Lunch for Junior Children
2. Packed Lunch with Fishy Friday for Junior Children
3. School Dinner

Once you have selected an option, this will need to remain the option for the remainder of the half term. This ensures that our kitchen staff are able to order and prepare the correct number of school meals. The cost of a school dinner is £2.00 per day and must be paid for **weekly in advance**. All infant children receive a Universal Free School Meal.

Any new dates added will have *new* to make them easily identifiable; we hope this helps.

Tuesday 26th November	Thriving Parenting Workshop with Christina Mitchell 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 26th November	Class 13 Maritime Museum *new*
Wednesday 27th November	Class 14 Maritime Museum *new*
Thursday 28th November	Year 2 Bridge Chapel – Interactive Christmas Story – pm
Tuesday 3rd December	Reception 2020 Open Day 2pm-3pm
Thursday 5th December	Action for Children Concert – Anglican Cathedral – choir
Friday 6th December	EYFS Nativity for parents/families 2pm – Refreshments afterwards
Tuesday 10th December	Breakfast with Santa EYFS 8am
Wednesday 11th December	Breakfast with Santa Year 1 8am
Thursday 12th December	Breakfast with Santa Year 2 8am
Thursday 12th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
Friday 13th December	Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.30pm
Monday 16th December	KS2 Christmas Service – All Saints Church 6pm
Tuesday 17th December	Year 6 Choir – Carol Service at Woolton Golf Club 7pm
Wednesday 18th December	PTFA Christmas Discos Year 3 & 4 (5-6.30pm); Year 5 & 6 (6.45 – 8.15pm)
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Dinner in school *new*
Wednesday 18th December	EYFS and KS1 Party (pm) *new*
Thursday 19th December	KS2 Parties (pm) *new*
Thursday 19th December	B tales Christmas Production
Friday 20th December	Finish for Christmas 1.30pm

And The Child Grew...Luke 2:40

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