

Dear Parents

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025, we hope that you all had a relaxing Christmas break. The following information may be useful for you to be aware of as it is a very busy half term! You may have noticed that we are trying to refer to our MAT Values with more consistency this term, so have referred to these within this newsletter...



Best Performing Primary Schools –

The annual School Performance Tables were published at the end of 2024 and we were thrilled to realise that we are joint third in Wirral for our outcomes at the end of KS2! We are consistently in the top 15 but this is the highest ranking we have had in recent years. Congratulations to all of last year's Year 6 pupils and, of course, all of the staff across Thingwall, in particular Miss Taylor who teaches our Year 6 class.



Hilbre High School's Night at the Musicals –

The KS2 Choir had a wonderful time just before Christmas, taking part in the Oak Trees MAT 'Night at the Musicals' festival at Hilbre High with all other MAT schools. Our pupils were very brave as the school hall was packed to the rafters and they performed a wonderful rendition of Do Re Me from the Sound of Music. Their singing was superb, as were their actions and dance. Well done children, we were so proud of you all. Mr Rees did a wonderful job preparing you all and introducing you on his special boatswain whistle, just like Captain Von Trapp did in the film. A brilliant night was had by all, from start to finish!



International Louvre Art Competition –

Congratulations to Chelsea in Year Three, who was recognised last week by the Louvre, the world-famous art-gallery in Paris! Chelsea was awarded **Gold** prize in the GASCA International Art Competition. The judges said her beautiful ecological themed entry "displayed exceptional creativity and skill and also conveyed a powerful message on environmental protection". Congratulations Chelsea, we hope that you

enjoy your prize – an all expenses paid trip to Paris to see your artwork unveiled and displayed in the Louvre! Wow!



Christmas Twitter Competition -

Congratulations to Evelyn in Year Five who won our Twitter/'X' #readingwithmyself Christmas holidays competition. Thank you for taking part Evelyn, we are very proud and we hope you enjoyed your prize!



Big RE Days –

We have been really pleased to welcome Keren Elson, who runs our Big RE Days back into school again this year. She teaches themed RE to the whole class in a creative way, utilising DT, art, music, drama, food technology, RE and PSHE. So far this year, we have been lucky to welcome her in several times:

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 for Hindu and Sikh Diwali celebrations (the children made diva lamps and acted out the Rama and Sita story)

Year 3 for a Sikh Gurdwara day, with a special meal prepared in the Langar (the kitchen in the Sikh Gurdwara)

Year 4 for Celtic Knotwork and Pilgrimages (we have entered some of the Year Four work into NATRE's Spirited Arts competition, so watch this space!)

Year Six for a Hajj Pilgrimage on the school playground which resulted in some fabulous persuasive posters!

Years 2 and 5 look forward to welcoming Mrs Elson in to lead workshops for Easter and the Jewish Passover festival in the second half of the spring term.



Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Week 10.02.25 -

As usual, the final week of this half term will be devoted to our annual Healthy Body Healthy Minds themed week with our overall theme this year being inclusion – Everybody is the same, just different. We will be enjoying a variety of exciting sports and mental health activities over the week and class teachers will be planning their own mental health opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Here is the overall plan for the week...

Day	Activity	
Monday Seated Balloon Tennis	Jane Tucker from Trepassey Care Home will be delivering seated balloon tennis sessions for FS2 to Year 6. No sports clothes necessary as children will remain in school uniform for each session.	
Tuesday Freddy Fit Aerobics	Freddy Fit all day for FS2 to Year 6. These will be hi-energy, fast moving aerobics sessions so children are advised to come into school wearing sporty clothes for the day, rather than school uniform.	
Wednesday Guided Football	FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 will be taking part in guided football sessions with Miss Yardley during the morning. Please come to school in school uniforms as there will be ample time to get changed into PE kits between sessions.	Y3 Dress Rehearsal for the whole school (children and staff only). Corgi Cup Football match at school Sandbrook V Thingwall. Details to follow from Miss Yardley.
Thursday Sponsored Line Dance	Laura Prance Dance Sponsored Yee Haw Line Dancing! Sponsor sheets will follow from Miss Clucas via Arbor later on this week. This exciting event will be open to all classes (and staff!) from FS2–Year 6. Thank you Mrs Prance! Children are able to dress up as cow boys/girls for this event if they wish. However, we understand that not all children like to dress up so this is voluntary.	
Friday Year 3 Class Assembly	9.30 Year 3 Class Assembly for Year 3 parents, carers, grandparents etc. Arrivals from 9am and tea/coffee will be provided by POTS. Thank you POTS.	



Celebration Corner (OR HUGGS – Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!)

This area of the newsletter is so we can celebrate children's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this area of the newsletter, please let the school office know with the relevant details.



Gabriel (Year Two) – Congratulations to Gabriel who has been informed that he has got through to the next round of the 100 Words Writing Competition. This is an incredible achievement Gabriel, we are SO proud of you and thought your story was brilliant. We are keeping our fingers crossed for you. 😊

Archer (FS2) – Congratulations Archer, who was awarded a trophy for his fearless climbing skills on the very challenging Activity for All climbing wall over the weekend. Well done Archer, or should we say, well done Spider Man? 😊

Matthew (Year Five) – Matthew's football team, Eastham Rangers u10 Jets, won their match 2:0 and are now through to the final of the Division 6 u10s Top Cup! Well done Eastham Rangers and Matthew, we are very proud and wish you the best of luck in the next stage of the competition. 😊

James (Year Five) – James, won his second man of the match for his great football defending and super concentration. Well done James, what great team player skills you have, we are very proud. Keep up the hard work! 😊

Lauren (Year Five) – Congratulations to Lauren, who was awarded a distinction in her recent Level Two Freestyle Dance examination. Well done Lauren, we are very proud and think your silver trophy is amazing! 😊

Grace P (Year Five) – Congratulations to Grace, who recently passed her Level Three Freestyle Dance examination. Well done Grace, we are very proud! 😊

Mia (Year Five) – Congratulations to Mia, who recently passed her Level Two Freestyle Dance examination. Well done Mia, we are very proud! 😊

With best wishes to you all,

Mrs D L Evans