

Dear Parents

Welcome to the October edition of Thingwall's school newsletter, I can't believe that the half term is over already. FS2 have had a wonderful first half term and have settled right into school life – they are so mature and organised and should all be very proud of themselves. Well done FS2, we are all very proud of you.

Parents' Evenings:

Thank you to all who attended Parent's Evenings this week. We hope you enjoyed looking through your children's work books and had an interesting chat with their class teacher. All parents who attended should have been given the Year Group's long term overview and also your child's termly writing targets. If, for some reason, you didn't get either of these two documents please ask your child's class teacher. We were very pleased as we had a super turn out this year...

FS2 – 100% attendance

Year One – 100% attendance

Year Two – 97% attendance

Year Three – 93% attendance

Year Four – 94% attendance

Year Five – 92% attendance

Year Six – 86% attendance

Our aim is to get to speak with every parent/carer about their child's progress. If you didn't manage to get in to see us can you please ring the School Office for a telephone appointment or an alternative time after the half term break? Many thanks.

Hi-Impact Video and Photographs:

We have been working closely with Hi-Impact this half term and we are delighted with the new promotional film and set of photographs they have produced for us. Please take a look at both on the VLE as we think they really showcase the very best aspects of our school and we are sure you'll agree too.

Smarties Challenge:

Many thanks to all of you who returned your Smarties tubes we have collected a bucket full of loose change – you have been very generous. We will count it as soon as we can and let you know the grand total. We hope to purchase some outdoor equipment with the money. Watch this space...

Parking:

Please park with respect for our neighbours. We have had several complaints recently and neighbours have reported a couple of near misses. Please park considerately and ensure neighbours can get their cars off their drives safely to enable them to get to work. Community Patrol do frequent unannounced spot checks. Please help us keep our children safe and our neighbours happy!

Harvest Festival:

Our Harvest Festival was a great success – thank you to all who attended and all who donated food items to the Charles Thompson Mission. It was really interesting to hear from Bernie and Kevin as they told us of the important work the Mission do. We found out how the food and toiletries are used to help the homeless people in Wirral, heard about how the Mission invite a GP, a hairdresser and a chiropodist in weekly to keep the homeless people as healthy as possible and also a little bit about a day in the life of a homeless person. They certainly made us think very hard and appreciate how lucky we are to have families who love us, food on the table and a roof over our heads. We are really proud to support such a worthy cause and look forward to continuing our links over the Christmas period.

Year Two Class Assembly:

Year Two treated us to an amazing assembly this morning called ‘Pumpkin Soup’ a harvest festival assembly about friendship and kindness. All children were wonderful and we could hear every single word! It was a lovely reminder for us to always use kind words and kind hands and to have kind thoughts and do kind deeds. Well done Year Two.

World Mental Health Day:

We marked World Mental Health Day by doing lots of different positive activities throughout school. Year Six read *The Dot* by Peter H Reynolds which is about celebrating all your talents, even the ones that are yet to be discovered and created their own individual dots, to celebrate creativity, individuality and diversity. They also practised their Buddhism lotus meditation poses. Year Five marked the day by producing gratitude journals to fit with our October values of appreciation and thankfulness. They also started a Power of Positivity Tin. Year Four focussed on Healthy Lifestyles and balance and related it to the importance of achieving balance in our daily lives and not becoming overwhelmed by life’s challenges. Year Three children made Stars of Gratitude to celebrate aspirations and to appreciate our talents. Year Two children spent the day singing Beatles songs and blowing bubbles to create Yellow Submarines – life is so much more fun when you are singing! Year One read Tom Percival’s *Ruby’s Worries* and *Perfectly Norman* and they learned that you must talk about your worries for them to disappear. FS2 had a relaxing time perfecting their yoga poses and creating ‘Same but Different’ handprints.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Themed Week:

We have had a really interesting week focussing on the United Nations 17 Sustainable Goals. These are our blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The goals address the global challenges we all face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice.



Each class focussed on a different goal and completed activities designed to raise awareness and promote how we can play our part in these goals being achieved by 2030. FS2 focussed on Goal 3 – Good Health and Well-Being with a real focus on Healthy Hand Washing Day and the provision of clean water for all, regardless of where we live in the world.

Year One focussed on Goal 14 – Life Below Water and discussed how we can help to conserve the oceans and marine wildlife. They also made sea creatures out of recycled materials.

Year Two focussed on Goal 2 – Zero Hunger with their fabulous Harvest themed assembly.

Year Three focussed on Goal 9 – Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure with how buildings are built in Japan to withstand extreme earthquakes. They also worked in group to make their own earthquake proof buildings.

Year Four focussed on Goal 13 – Climate Action and had a very lively climate debate inspired by the workings of local and national government.

Year Five focussed on Goal 5 – Gender Equality and spent the day looking at future career aspirations and how we can follow whatever career paths we want – we should not and will not be confined by our gender.

Year Six focussed on Goal 15 – Life on Land and how we can play our part in protecting endangered species.

Aldi Sports Poster Update:

Thank you for all the stickers you have sent into school. We are thrilled that we are now only 17 stickers away from completing our second poster!

Scooters and Bikes:

Please remind your children that they mustn't use bikes or scooters on the school premises. We have had several near misses and, whilst most people have taken notice of previous warnings, we still have some children continuing to cycle/scoot around the school grounds.

Celebration Corner!

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HUGGS - Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!

Amber (Year Five) – Amber won Gold at the Bacup Invitational Competition on October 15th. Well done Amber. 😊

Amelie (Year Five) – Amelie was awarded bronze in the Trio Quantum Leap Gymnastics Competition. Well Done Amelie. 😊

With best wishes for a happy half term break. We will see you back in school on Monday 4th November.

Mrs D L Evans