

Dear Parents

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of our first half term, the last seven weeks have whizzed by! We have packed so much into this half term; it has been as busy as ever. Please enjoy the October newsletter below and find out what we have been doing...



Black History Month:

Every class has chosen one or two people to focus on for October's Black History Month, which is celebrated worldwide. The children have enjoyed finding out about notable people of African and Caribbean heritage who have contributed so much to our lives through music, good deeds, sport, entertainment, science, politics and much more. Thank you to the staff for working so hard to enrich our children's understanding and awareness.

Classes focused on the following people so your children will be able to tell you all about them if you ask...

FS2	Floella Benjamin Jo-Jo and Gran-Gran Windrush Generation
Year One	Marcus Rashford
Year Two	Diana Ross Bob Marley
Year Three	Jesse Owens Muhammad Ali
Year Four	Dame Kelly Holmes
Year Five	Mae Jemison
Year Six	Martin Luther King



Creativity Week:

We are looking forward to a creativity week next week in school which will be based on local pop culture and heritage. Our friends from the Pop Project will be visiting on Thursday morning to deliver a wonderful musical extravaganza based on the Beatles which promises to be jam packed with toe tapping tunes and groovy dance moves – we can't wait!

Friday will see us all come to school dressed in Beatles themed fancy dress (optional as we know some of our children prefer to wear their uniforms) and we will all take part in a sponsored danceathon to raise much needed funds for outdoor equipment and our new literacy units of work. Please help us raise vital funds for school, every little helps. Thank you in advance for your support.



Sponsored Danceathon Form:

Your child should be bringing their sponsor form home this evening so please make us aware next week if you need another form or it doesn't arrive home!



Year Three and Year Four Mosque Visit:

Our lower key stage two classes had a really interesting visit to the Shahjalal and Islamic Cultural Centre earlier on this week. Many thanks to Wirral's MEAS (Minority Ethnic Advisory Service) for organizing the visit and taking the staff and children around the mosque. It was really wonderful to be able to experience the Call to Prayer and observe the rules and routines within the mosque. As usual, our children were beautifully behaved and were really excited to find out about how other people live their lives and what they believe in. It was also lovely to meet some of the pupils from Woodlands Primary, which is next door to the mosque. They were able to show us around and help the MEAS ladies. Thank you to all who helped to make it a visit to remember.

A graphic with the text 'THANK YOU' in colorful, stylized letters on a light pink background. The word 'THANK' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The word 'YOU' is in a cursive, yellow font. The letter 'O' in 'YOU' is replaced by a red circle with a white starburst pattern. The background is a solid light pink color.

Polite Reminder:

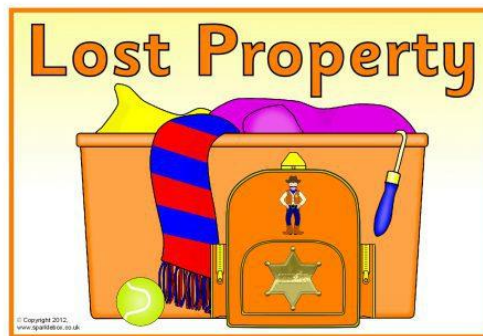
We felt it was important to just remind you about three things for health and safety reasons...

1. Please do not bring dogs onto the premises, even if they are being carried, as we have pupils who are allergic to dogs and a minority who are scared.
2. Please do not allow your child to play on either trim trail before or after school. We had a nasty accident earlier on in the week and there are no staff to supervise your pupils at either end of the school day.
3. Please do not ride bikes or scooters around the premises. They should be wheeled into school and secured in the bike rack which is on the back playground.



Lost Property:

We already have a mountain of lost school uniform items which we are storing in the canteen. If your child has lost any items so far this year, please call in at either end of the school day to sift through the lost property bins. Also, please remember to name items as we were able to return three school jumpers to one owner earlier on this week because they were clearly named.



Could It Be You?

Are you the helpful parent who picked an older lady up off the pavement outside school earlier on this term? If so, please contact the school office as we have a thank you card from the person concerned.



Harvest Thanks:

Thank you to everyone who donated items to our harvest festival, in aid of the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead. The Mission ensure us that the items will be put to very good use to support the needy and homeless in Wirral and the surrounding areas.



Holiday Club:

Our wonderful next door neighbours, Thingwall Buddies, are running a holiday club for over half term. If you are interested in booking a place please click on the hyperlink below to register. Places are limited so it will be on a first come first served basis.

<https://www.barnstonbuddies.co.uk/holiday-club>



Celebration Corner (or HUGGS – Huge, Unbelievably Great Goals!)

Well done to all of our Year Three and Four pupils, who were great ambassadors for Thingwall when they visited the Shahjahan Mosque in Birkenhead, earlier on this week. ☺

With best wishes for a relaxing half term break

Mrs D L Evans