

Teachers, Parents, Students...

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Dear Parents

Welcome to our November newsletter, we hope that you'll find the following information useful:

**POTS Dates and Thanks:**

Please read the Autumn Term 1B newsletter that our Parents' Association emailed via the Arbor app last week as it contains information about all the exciting events we are having at Thingwall in the lead up to Christmas.



**Merseyside Police and the RNLI:**

FS2, Year One and Year Two were visited by members of the local Police and RNLI last week. They discussed how we can keep safe (both in water and on dry land), what to do if we ever get lost from our adults and we were very interested to find out about the role of the Police and our lifeboat heroes. Thank you to those who visited to discuss their roles with us.



**500 Words Competition – Thingwall's Winner:**

Congratulations to Grace P in Year Five who was chosen as Thingwall's overall winner of the Oak Trees 500 words competition. Grace also came second overall in the whole MAT! Well done Grace, we are very proud of you and thought your story was wonderful.



### **MAT Eco Council:**

Mollie and Millie, Thingwall's MAT Eco Reps, are representing our school virtually next week as part of the Oak Trees Eco Team. They will be launching a Walk to School initiative and will be attending an online meeting on Tuesday 10th December where they are going to be trained up to enable them to present to us all on how to launch the project.



### **Parent Survey Feedback:**

Many thanks to all of you who completed the MAT wide survey for Thingwall Primary School, we were thrilled with your support and received a whopping 145 responses! We will elaborate on the results in a bit more depth in our December newsletter.



### **Christmas Raffle:**

Christmas Raffle tickets are now available to purchase via Arbor. Please access Arbor, go to payments, go to school shop and then press the tab for Christmas Raffle. Tickets are priced at £1 each and there is no limit to the number of tickets you can buy so please purchase for family members too! We will hold the draw on Wednesday 18.12.24 and contact the winners before close of day. All proceeds will go directly into school funds to purchase much needed resources to benefit all pupils. Many thanks for your support and also to Miss Clucas' sister who has offered to create a festive hamper for us out of the donated items from staff. Please purchase a ticket or two and help a great cause!



### **KS2 Church FAQs:**

Tonight and tomorrow night will see KS2 pupils taking part in our annual Christmas service at St Michael's Church in Pensby. Please find below some frequently asked questions...

**Does my child need to wear their school uniform?**

Yes please, we would like your child to wear their uniform if they are taking part in the actual service (readers, singers, school band). We have told the children they are able to wear an optional Christmassy item to go with their uniform, for example a hat, hair band, scarf or even a Christmas jumper.

**What time does the service start and finish?**

The service will start promptly at 6pm and finish approximately 7pm. Children can arrive from 5.30 onwards. There will be an opportunity to purchase teas/coffees/mince pies at the end of the service.

**My child is reading, do they need to memorise their words?**

If your child is reading, they will be provided with a copy of their words. There is absolutely no need to learn the words off by heart, please tell them not to worry!

**Will there be parking?**

There is a small car park attached to the church but this is usually set aside for staff and those with mobility issues. The surrounding roads usually have plenty of parking spaces available and there is a small car park behind Pensby shops.



**Flourish Christmas Toy Appeal:**

Many thanks to those of you who have donated gifts to our annual Christmas Toy appeal in partnership with Flourish Tuition. The games/toys/smellies will be collected tomorrow afternoon and distributed to help needy and vulnerable families identified by the Charles Thompson Mission in Birkenhead.

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**TOY Donation**

Age 3-6  
Age 7-10  
Age 11-13

Girls & Boys  
Drop off

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**We're collecting:**  
Toys, PJs, Slippers,  
Games; Crafts; Pamper treats;  
Colouring books; pens; stocking fillers etc.  
Drop off closes 7th December!

Ho ho ho!

## Celebration Corner (OR HUGG) – 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.



### **Daisy (Year Three):**

Daisy had a wonderful day recently at Chester Racecourse with 45 children from 45 different primary schools for AmaSing's first composing workshop for their new 2025 project 'AmaSing World Tour'. The children created a brand new song which will be sung by thousands of young people at their Chester Cathedral and Floral Pavillion shows next year! We can't wait to hear the finished result, congratulations Daisy – what an honour! 🎉

### **Thomas (Year Six):**

Congratulations Thomas, who has been awarded Best Junior Cadet of the year, along with gaining his Start Award for Stand Up Paddleboarding and his Start Award for Kayaking! Wow, Thomas, you've been busy! We are all very proud of you. 🎉

With best wishes to you all,

Mrs D L Evans