



# March Newsletter 2016

## Dates for your Diary

19.4.16 School opens for  
children

23.4.16 Cross Country final at  
Our Lady Primary School  
10am

27.4.16 Celebration Evening  
5.30-7pm

9.5.16. Sats Week

19.5.16 Y2 Residential Visit to  
Beeston

24.5.16 Y2 art work displayed  
at Chester Cathedral

27.5.16 Sports Day

27.5.16 School Closes for Half  
Term

## Easter Experience

On Thursday 24 March our Year 5 children led the whole school through a fabulous Easter Experience. A number of stations were positioned in different locations in the school building for each class to visit in groups. Parts of the Easter story were delivered through music, story, prayer and a range of different experiences. The Year 5 children were a credit to our school. This was an excellent event enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to Miss Hay, Miss Hull and to the Year 5 children for organising.



## Year 3 Residential to Burwardsley

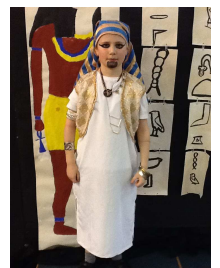
On Tuesday 29 March, the Year 3 children travelled to Burwardsley for their one night residential visit experience. Children took part in an archaeological dig, enjoyed a camp fire and went hiking. Children had a fantastic time. Many thanks to Mrs Leighton, Mrs Peaker, Mrs McGauley, Mrs Sperring and Miss Ollie for giving freely of their time to allow this visit to go ahead.

## Reception Visit to Manchester Airport

The reception class had a super time at Manchester Airport on Tuesday. The trip has stimulated some super writing! The staff reported that the children demonstrated excellent behaviour and manners throughout the day. Well done reception. We are so proud of you.

## Glint of Gold

We enjoyed a super performance of 'A Glint of Gold,' expertly produced by our Year 3, 4 and 5 children before the Easter weekend. The children sang beautifully and used clear voices to deliver their lines. Everyone enjoyed the performance. Well done children.





## PTA

It is with regret that we are unable to host a May Fair this year. We have hugely benefitted from the hard work, dedication and commitment of a fantastic team of parents who have provided our school with excellent social and community events for a long time now. We thank and show our appreciation to a large number of parents for consistently raising in the region of £10,000 a year to support the purchasing of important resources for our children. Recently we have benefitted from receiving nineteen new laptops in school. Last year, all the interactive iboards were purchased for every class. The PTA have provided all the iPads in school to support the children's learning. A number of years ago, the outdoor classroom was provided by the PTA and we have been lucky enough to have received on-going support for our Forest School to allow this provision to enhance our curriculum for all our children.

We would be really grateful for a new team of parents/grandparents/friends of our school who would be willing to organise any fund raising events for school (large or small) to enable us to continue to enhance the curriculum in the way that we always have. Please contact me at school or the school office with any offers. I look forward to seeing you at our PTA Fun Run and BBQ after the holidays and I hope as many families as possible can support our first offer of a fund raising event kindly organised by Mrs Howitt. It is a great idea!

## Enterprise Week

Each class were given £10 which they had a week to grow. The children came up with some great enterprise ideas some of which culminated in a market-place after school on Friday 18 March where a wide range of gifts and food items were on sale for parents and friends to enjoy. Our Year 3, 4 and 5 children decided to use the captive audience at their production to sell their wares. Children raised lots of money to spend in their classrooms.

### Money Raised at Enterprise Week

Reception £31.50  
Y1 £29  
Y2 £44  
Y3/4 £41.90  
Y5 £55.07  
Y6 £50.61

Children have chosen to spend their hard earned money on a range of things including dressing up costumes, games, gel pens and board games

## Staffing

Just to keep you up to date.....

- Mr Hindle has re-joined our teaching team on a phased return following his recent serious illness which is going really well. It is great to have him back!
- Miss Chapman returns to school following her short absence due to a serious back condition. We hope she will be free from any more pain.
- Miss Hay will leave us on 30 April to spend more time with her family. We are pleased to say that you will still see her around and about as she will be continuing to support our teaching team by providing planning, preparation and assessment time for some teachers. We are delighted to announce that following a successful recruitment process we have appointed Mrs Bethan Lamb who will be joining us from Childwall Primary School and starting in our Reception class for September. Mrs Lamb joins us with ten years early years experience and is currently the EYFS lead at Childwall Primary. Mrs Lamb will conduct all the transition arrangements for our new children starting in September. Miss Tweed will take responsibility for the current Reception class during the summer term.
- It is with sadness that I need to report the loss of our Kitchen Assistant Mrs Christian's partner last Friday. Unfortunately he suffered a very short illness and passed away suddenly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Christian at this difficult time.
- We wish Mrs Ashcroft all the best as she leaves us to take up a new post at Birkenhead Prep.

## Communication

Many thanks for your recent parent questionnaires regarding communication. You told us that of the many different ways we communicate, Parentmail and Parent Evenings are the most popular methods of communication. Of the 114 returns, 99% of parents felt that they knew how their child was doing. 99% stated that they know what to do if they have any concerns or worries about their child and 98% felt that their concerns about their child were addressed as well as they could be.

In addition to our current methods of allowing you to communicate with us, I am pleased to announce that there is now a Governor representative on the playground every Wednesday after school for you to speak to should you so wish.

In order to more effectively communicate with the wider community, this term we have taken part in the production of a short two minute video which has been professionally produced to advertise the ethos and values of our school. This will be displayed for visitors in our entrance hall and on the home page of our website.