



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week the pupils in class five visited Safety Central. The complex has every safety scenario you could think of, set up with life size examples. The children loved the railway and street recreations. Two fantastic Rangers explained every situation in detail and how to stay safe. The children learn a lot on this trip and had lots of fun.

Our club offer for the spring term has been reviewed. We are pleased to offer a variety of clubs, taking place during lunchtime and after school. You can select and sign up to our after school clubs via school spider. These will take place after school each Wednesday with the exception of Wednesday 25th January due to staff training.

Sacramental preparation will take place each Monday after school. These children will be enrolled onto the sacramental programme this weekend at the Saturday evening mass. We ask that you remember these pupils in your prayers.

Earlybird sessions resume again next week. If your child has received an invitation, we strongly advise that this taken up. Similarly for the maths intervention that will take place on Monday after school.

Regular school attendance and punctuality is essential if your child is to make progress.

Excellent attendance and punctuality is essential to ensure pupil progress. We refer to this each week in our weekly newsletter. Parents will be contacted directly if we feel their child's attendance is presenting a concern.

Next Thursday 19th January, Year 6 parents are invited to the SAT's preparation meeting. This meeting will take place at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classroom.

I would like to congratulate all those pupils who represented our school yesterday, at the Ellesmere Port Sports Village Gymnastics competition. The pupils in year 5 and 6 were awarded gold, after coming first overall.

Alicia, who has been attending JCPE gymnastics club said "The trip was great! Everyone tried their best and had fun, and we are really pleased with the result".

Wishing all our families an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance Class 1	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5 Class 6
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Overall Attendance this week **97.2%**
Across the school, **47 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Dates for your diary

Please see important dates below, please also continue to check the calendar on the school website which is continually being updated

- Thursday 19th January 3.30pm – Y6 SAT's preparation meeting
- Wednesday 25th January – Y4 start weekly swimming
- Friday 27th January 5.30-7.30pm – Zumbathon organised by FOSL
- Wednesday 8th February – Change for life champions
- Wednesday 8th February – Hoops for health Y5/6
- Wednesday 15th February – Valentine's Disco 3.20pm
- Friday 17th February – School closes
- Monday 27th February – School re-opens
- Thursday 2nd March – World book day
- Tuesday 7th March – Parents evening
- Thursday 9th March – Crucial Crew Y5
- Thursday 9th March - Parents evening
- Thursday 23rd March – St Nich's activities day Y4
- Thursday 30th March – First forgiveness
- Monday 3rd April – Holy week
- Wednesday 5th April – School closes
- Wednesday 19th April – School re-opens

Reception

Spring Term has got off to a great start for our Reception class! We were very excited to begin our new English book and have enjoyed our first lessons finding out a big red bus.

During this week, we worked together to create a map of our classroom and place different objects from different areas on there. It was wonderful to see the children then create their own maps whilst in their own learning time.

The children have also been working really hard on their counting and have been matching the numbers to the number of objects and enjoyed playing maths games together.



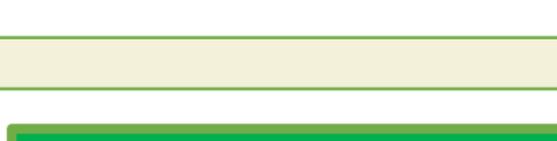
Class 1

Our first full week of the Spring Term has been great! We started the week by evaluating our windmills that we created on Friday afternoon. We were able to identify what went well and what we would change about our designs to make it even better.

This week, we have enjoyed exploring our new English text called *The Lion Inside* and made predictions about the story based on the clues we found.

Within our maths lessons, we have been worked together to explore fact families and master subtracting within 10.

We also really enjoyed our geography lesson where we explored the different countries that make up the UK.



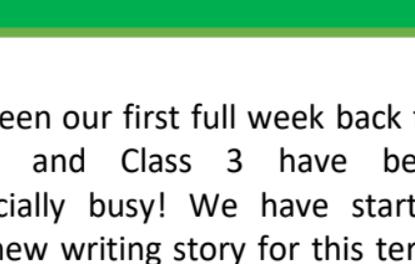
Class 2

This week we have really enjoyed starting our new book *The Dragon Machine*. We discovered that dragons are all around us, we even found signs of them in our classroom.

In maths, we have been counting back using a number line and using base 10 materials.

In geography, we have been finding out about famous landmarks from around the UK and positioning them on a map.

In PE, we have enjoyed gymnastics sessions and practicing creating balances and shapes.



Class 3

It's been our first full week back for 2023 and Class 3 have been especially busy! We have started our new writing story for this term, *the Stone Age Boy* by Satoshi Kitamura. Through this book we will be writing from a historical perspective to create our own story.

In Maths we have begun our multiplications with the 2, 5 and 10-times table.

In Geography we have been reviewing the key parts of the globe as we begin our new topic which explores Antarctica.

In Science we have been exploring the different forces such as gravity and friction. A great week Class 3, well done all!



Class 4

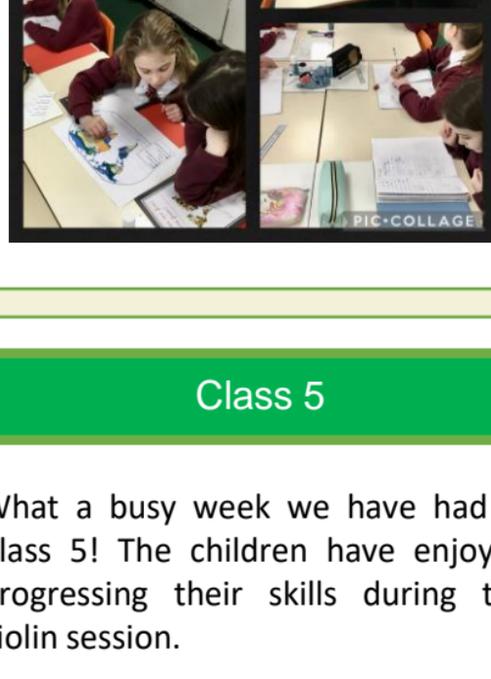
We have had a wonderful week in Class 4. The week began with Junior Jam joining us for our computing lessons and what a great start to our week!

We have also really enjoyed exploring our new text in English, *Escape from Pompeii*.

In maths, we have been learning about area and how to calculate the area of a variety of 2D shapes.

We began our new unit in geography and I can confidently say that we are all very much looking forward to seeing how our lessons progress!

We look forward to another busy week next week.



Class 5

What a busy week we have had in Class 5! The children have enjoyed progressing their skills during the violin session.

Junior Jam visited to teach them the basics of coding and how to repeat sequences of code.

The trip Safety Central was a big hit with the children, and everyone had a very fun and educational time.

The children also went swimming this week, sadly next week is their last session.



Class 6

Class 6 have had a super busy first full week back after the Christmas holidays! We've started lots of new topics in all subjects and have been working particularly hard in Maths to tackle some fractions problems!

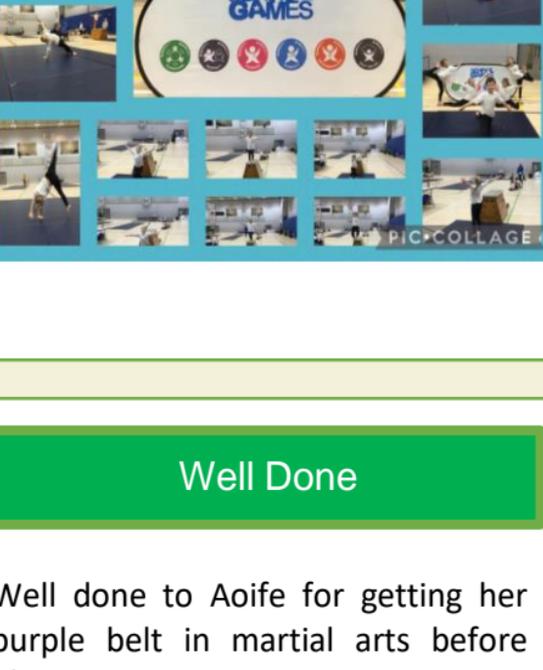
In our D&T lesson, we started preparing the fabric for our teddy bear waistcoats.

Throughout the week, we have also been doing lots of exploration of different vocabulary and have been spending time practising our dictionary and thesaurus skills!



Gymnastics

Well done to our gold medal winners that took part in the Ellesmere Port Sports Village Gymnastics competition



Well Done

Well done to Aoife for getting her purple belt in martial arts before Christmas



Award winners

Well done to everyone that won awards this week, we are very proud...

Head Teacher Awards



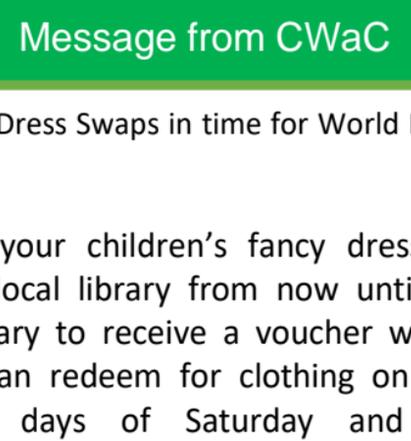
Subject Awards



Pride Awards



Teacher's Special Awards



Message from CWaC

Fancy Dress Swaps in time for World Book Day...

Take your children's fancy dress to your local library from now until 10 February to receive a voucher which you can redeem for clothing on the swap days of Saturday and 18 February. Clothing should be in good condition and have the CE mark or have been purchased since 2015. Find out more at this link;

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news/world-book-day-fancy-dress-swaps-to-be-held-in-borough-libraries>

And of course it would be great if you could encourage your children to join the library at the same time – joining is free and there are no late fees for Under 13s. Parents need to give permission.

