



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

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

This past week the children in all classes have been delivering their presentation based on the Artist they have been studying. The teaching staff have been really impressed with the overall standard, as well as the confidence that is being developed through the presentation skills.

To enhance their Art appreciation, we organised a visit to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool. The children had the opportunity to view a range of collections including European Renaissance paintings, masterpieces by Rubens, Rembrandt, Turner and Stubbs, Pre-Raphaelite artworks by Rossetti and Millais, Impressionist works by Monet and Degas and contemporary works by Hockney. Some of the children questioned why there were some modern paintings amongst more traditional collections? They were told that this is done so that they catch the eye of the observer and it enables you to compare the contrasting styles. Overall this was an excellent way to conclude this half terms Art work.

We would like to congratulate Hattie in Year 6 for her sporting achievements. Hattie has taken part in Cheshire County Championships. Hattie participated in 20 races and ended up coming 3rd overall in the age 12 category. Hattie swims for Winsford. Hattie is now ranked in the top 10 in Great Britain with some of her race times. What an inspiration!

Mrs Harrogate will be leaving at the end of this half term. Mrs Harrogate has had many years involvement with the school both as a parent and a member of staff. We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to her for all she has contributed to school life over the years. While we will be sorry to see her go, we know that she will be looking forward to spending more time with her family, as well as enjoying travel and new opportunities.

We wish you an enjoyable half term break and will look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

## Notice

There is no swimming for Yew Tree Class this week.

# Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **97.6%**.

Across the school, **1 hour and 32 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

Lower than 90% Attendance	<b>90-95% Attendance</b>  Class 1 Class 3 Class 5	<b>96-100% Attendance</b>  Reception Class 2 Class 4 Class 6
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**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).**

# Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! We are closed for half term next week. Please join us again on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

# Art trip



# Cherry Class

Cherry class have been working very hard on their phonics this term. They are enjoying learning new sounds and reading harder sentences.

In English we have been writing about the journey the mouse has taken and how he is now good friends with the lion. We all have a lion and a mouse inside!

In maths year 1 have been learning about doubling numbers and we have been investigating why there are only even numbers when we double.

Reception have been learning about different ways to make 5 and moving on to finding one less.

In History year 1 have been learning about toys from the past and have been creating timelines representing when toys were first created.

Reception have been learning about life cycles and investigating what different creatures look like at different point in their life.

In Science, year 1 have been very interested in exploring our senses and have made predictions about what we can feel, hear and smell.

In art we have been exploring colour by mixing primary and secondary colours and making different colours of the colour wheel.

We had a fantastic trip to the world museum and Walker Art Gallery and found out lots of information!



# Elm Class

This week in Elm Class, we have had an exciting week!

We have done lots of fun activities in celebration of Chinese New year, including making Chinese lanterns, our own dragons and bookmarks. We learned what the animals of Chinese new year mean and how the order was decided!

In history this week we looked at why the Great fire of London caused so much damage, and who was most helpful in trying to stop it.

In English this week, Elm class have written diary entries from the perspective of a dragon flying over a sleepy town and wonderful forest.

We finished our week with an amazing trip to the World museum and Walker art gallery and had an incredible time!



## Yew Class

What a wonderful week of learning in Yew Tree class. This week in geography we used atlases to locate the lines of latitude, including the equator and Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We then identified some countries along these lines of latitude. We also identified different climate zones (temperate, tropical and polar) and described their position in relation to the equator. We discovered that the UK is in the temperate climate zone and rainforests are in tropical climate zones.

During science this week, our focus question was 'How can changes in the environment impact the species that live there?' We used secondary sources to create a fact file for an endangered animal. We researched what threats there are to their habitat and considered the impact of these threats on the species. We then used secondary sources to retrieve and record data about the species' population over time. We displayed this data in bar charts and described the data.

Yew class really enjoyed the 'Mad Science' assembly this week. We were really fascinated by the experiments. There are definitely some future scientists in our class.

Finally on Friday, we had a wonderful afternoon at the Walker art gallery and world museum. We even managed to spot some 'Impressionism' paintings in the art gallery!



## Cypress Class

It has been another busy week for Cypress Tree Class and, with so much going on, it was difficult to choose only a small selection of photographs! Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and we had a very important and interesting discussion about different social media platforms and the positives and negatives of using these apps. We also explored how to keep safe online and thought about the three top tips we would share with others about how to use the internet safely.

Alongside Safer Internet Day, it has also been Children's Mental Health week and we enjoyed a mindful afternoon thinking about what we could do to help us feel calm. We then discussed our 'superhero team' (the people or things that help us to keep positive).

On Wednesday afternoon, 10 members of Cypress Tree Class represented our school at the Y5/6 FAVSP Basketball Tournament. They returned to school with huge smiles on their faces and had a great afternoon working together as a team.

As well as all of these exciting activities, we have also been working hard in all of our other subjects, too. We really enjoyed exploring different watercolour techniques in art, discussing and analysing different meal plans in science and writing beautiful setting descriptions in English.

