

The Keys Newsletter

Messages from St Peter's

10th February 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear Parent / Carer,

What a pleasure it was to see all of our pupils experience what life was like in the 80's and early 90's when we held an exhibition about computing and digital technology. They got to play with, amongst other things, old BBC, Commodore and Sinclair computers, typewriters, Gameboys, have a go of a Sinclair C5 (the first ever electric car) and play games such as Chucky Egg, Manic Miner, Defender and Donkey Kong. It was great to see them go back in history, but slightly depressing for me when I had to explain what a cassette was and that it didn't need Wi-Fi. Watching them figure out how to play a tape in an old stereo system was priceless. Even more enlightening was that many parents were as confused as the children as they hadn't experienced downloading a game using a cassette recorder. It was also lovely to share memories with our slightly older school community when we opened it up for everyone.

More sports teams were representing the school over the past week, with our Year 4 girls finishing a creditable third place in the St Helen's Schools Championship and our Year 5 boys competed well in their small school's tournament. More are scheduled for next term.

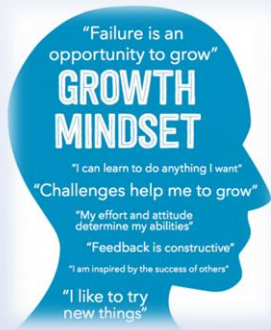
We have been putting a big emphasis on girl's sport since the end of Covid, and it is pleasing to see that their participation rate is equal with the boys. We have girls' football and netball clubs at the moment, and most will be aware that I helped organise the girls Wildcats at Vulcan Juniors FC, which now has eight girl's teams. There are lots of sporting and leisure opportunities for girls in and around this area. Newton Le Willows FC are now looking for girls to play in their teams and if you're interested, they have an advert in this newsletter.

Reading newsletter. This week, we sent you our Spring Terms Reading Newsletter which is produced by our Year 6 pupils. Reading is the foundation of all learning and is promoted and taught from day one in school. Please take the time to read the newsletter, we issue one every term and our pupils and Mr Badley work hard to produce it.

Have a lovely half term.

Mr Robinson

Celebration & Congratulations



GROWTH MINDSET

Reception: Leo L
Year 1/2: Oskar P-E
Year 2: Henry L
Year 3: Melody P
Year 4: Joseph B
Year 5: Charlotte D
Year 6: Tallulah P



STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Oliver M
Year 1/2: Andre L
Year 2: Rebekah S
Year 3: Robbie N
Year 4: Freya T-E
Year 5: Karla L
Year 6: Olivia B



VALUES AWARD

Year 5: Rasmus K

COURAGE AWARD

Year 5: Lewis J

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Jakob P-E
Deacon M
Sophie E
Noah B
Chloe C



GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION



St. Peter's Geography Competition

Design your own island

Can you design your own island using Ordnance Survey map symbols?



See the slides attached for details



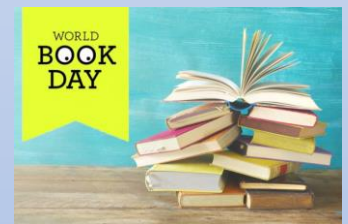
**Entry deadline:
1pm on Friday 10th March**



Our Geography Ambassadors with one of the amazing prizes for the winning entries.



**WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY 2nd MARCH 2023**



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. We hope you will join us in celebrating this reading event.

Letters have been sent home regarding the arrangements for the day along with other activities that will be taking place in the lead up to World Book Day including book fair, book recommendation competition and the PTA sponsored read.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March, bringing with them their favourite book to share with their class.

GOOD LUCK HARRY!



Y3 pupil Harry will be playing in the World Junior Golf Championships in Portugal next week. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday he will be competing against the best golfers in the world, Harry being one of them.

Good luck from everyone within the school community. We are very proud of you.

The poster features a young boy in a red shirt and dark shorts in the middle of a golf swing on a green field under a blue sky with clouds. The text 'WJGC WELCOMES HARRY FRANCIS' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. The boy's name 'HARRY FRANCIS' is in a larger, red font. The word 'ENGLAND' is written in white on a black banner, with the St. George's Cross flag to its right. 'DIVISION 7/UNDER' is written in white on another black banner. Logos for the World Junior Golf Championship and CornerStone are also present.

WJGC WELCOMES
HARRY FRANCIS

ENGLAND

DIVISION 7/UNDER

CornerStone
global risk group

@worldjuniorgolfchamps

GOOD LUCK WILLIAM!



Year 6 pupil William is starring in a principal role in the NADOS production of Sleeping Beauty.

Good Luck William in your role from everyone within the school community.

Please see flyer below for further details regarding performance dates and times.

 **NADOS** Newton NADOS Association of Dramatic & Orchestral Societies

NADOS
presents

noda
Be inspired by amateur theatre

Sleeping Beauty

Script by Alex Jackson
Script kindly presented in agreement with alexjacksonpantomimes.com

22nd-25th February 2023
7:15pm Wed-Fri, 12:00pm Matinee and 6:00pm Sat

Tickets Adult £10:00 Concession £8.00
available from

TICKET SOURCE

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nados1/e-zamole>
or www.newtonados.com
or Phone **07734 582924**

St. Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School,
Rookery Avenue , Ashton-In-Makerfield WN4 9PF

BAGS 2 SCHOOL



Leaflets have been sent home regarding the clothing collection from Bags 2 School.

The collection date will be: **FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023.**

If you have any good quality, unwanted clothing items please **bring to the playground in a plastic bag on the morning of Friday 3rd March 2023 by 9.00am.**

Please note we are unable to take any collection items prior to this date.

SPORT 4 KIDS – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Booking is now open for the holiday camp at St Peter's during this February Half Term. ***Please book with Sport 4 Kids.***

SPORT4KIDS FEB HALF TERM
WELLBEING WEEK CAMPS
MONDAY 13TH – FRIDAY 17TH FEB
AVAILABLE FOR AGES 4 – 12
8AM-6PM

S4K

We are delighted to announce that we will be running four S4K 'Wellbeing Week' Camps across the North West area during the February Half Term! Our camps offer a wide range of activities, provided by specialist coaches which are fun, engaging and designed to help bring high quality and technical sports development for all. Camps are sure to fill up quickly so book today to avoid missing out!

WHY ARE SPORT4KIDS DIFFERENT?
1. Every Child Counts
2. Structure to the Day
3. SPEED – Recognising Achievement
4. Special Sports Coaches
5. Quality – The S4K Way

S4K **Ofsted Registered**

**USE CODE 'EARLYFEB15' BEFORE
MONDAY 23RD JANUARY TO RECEIVE A
15% DISCOUNT ON YOUR BOOKING!**

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St Peter's C of E Primary School, WA12 9UR
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St Peter & Paul Primary School, WA11 8AT
Contact: joshua.anderton@sport4kids.biz
(AGES 5-12)



Book your place via www.sport4kids.biz/camps or scan the QR code above for your specific camp. Payment is made online by credit or debit card. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call on 0300 303 3866 or email enquiries@sport4kids.biz. It is essential you register online before the start of the camp so that we have an accurate record of all the children attending as well as contact details and medical records. This is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in Sport4Kids care. We thank you for your co-operation.

S4K



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ENQUIRIES@SPORT4KIDS.BIZ



0300 303 3866

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Play Football



The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football



TIME AND DATE

EVERY FRIDAY 5pm-6pm



LOCATION

NEWTON- LE-WILLOWS HEALTH & FITNESS, WA12 OAG (astro pitch)



NEXT STEPS

Head to thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: KERRY - 07922 206401



PTA NOTICE - MOTHERS DAY SHOP



THE PTA WOULD LIKE TO INVITE
ALL CHILDREN TO DONATE
PRE LOVED ITEMS ON
6TH & 7TH MARCH 2023
TO BE USED IN THE
MOTHERS DAY SHOP

PTA Mother's Day Shop
Friday 10th March

We are getting ready for the return of the very popular Mother's day shop, to make this happen we need your help. We are going to be getting things ready on *Tuesday 8th March* in school from 6pm and then to help sell the gifts to the Children on *Friday 10th March* from 1pm.

If you can spare any time to help at either or both dates please contact the PTA on stpeterspta@yahoo.co.uk



PTA NOTICE - READATHON



The **Readathon** is back!

In the run up to world book day we're once again running the sponsored Readathon where children are asked to get sponsored to read as many books as they can.

Sponsor forms will be coming home before half term. All children who take part will have a chance of winning a prize.

Thanks for your help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th February 2023

- School re-opens after half term
- NO SESSION TODAY - KS2 Girls Football Afterschool Club: 3.30-4.30pm (*club will start again from Monday 27th February*)

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

- KS2 Netball Afterschool Club: 3.30 -4.30pm

Thursday 23rd February 2023

- Year 4 – Swimming
- Year 3 & 4 STEM Club: 3.30-4.30pm
- Kidslingo Club: 3.30-4.30pm

Please note some of these dates may be subject to change.



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please could we ask that you let the school office know in advance if your child has a medical appointment.

Could we also ask that provide the office with a paper copy or phone screen shot of the appointment and inform us what time you will be collecting/dropping off your child on the day of appointment.

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

Holiday Requests

Please note that all term time holiday requests will be unauthorised. Taking holidays during term time does have a detrimental effect on a child's education. Extended holidays in particular can be the difference between children achieving their year group objectives and not particularly if the pupil then is off for period of time with a sickness. Any pupil that falls below 94% attendance is classed as a cause for concern and will be contacted by the Education welfare Officer.

There are penalties, as set out by St Helens MBC, that could lead to up to £600 for a family of four
[Penalty notices - St Helens Borough Council](#)

OFFICE NEWS



DINNER MONEY

If your child wishes to change their lunch preference please advise the office via email giving **a week's notice**. Payment is taken through the School Money Online Payment System.

UNIFORM

Uniform can be ordered direct from Touchline UK Liverpool Rd, Warrington, WA5 1AE, 01925 413777

sales@touchline-embroidery.com

We also have a small number of items on the School Money site under SHOP which you can pay for then contact school to arrange for them to be sent home with your child.

ABSENCE

When reporting on the absence line, can we politely request that you leave a brief description of your child's illness rather than just saying they are unwell. If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea please note that they should not return to school for a period of 48 hours after the last incident. This is a local authority policy

Applications for Holiday Leave must be submitted to school at **least 4 weeks** in advance. Forms can be found on the school website or requested from the school office. In accordance with Government and Local Authority policy, holidays taken during term time will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances**.

CHANGES

It is very important that if you change contact numbers, emails or addresses that you advise us as soon as possible. Any changes must be sent into school via email.

Thank you

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