

Thingwall Primary School...
Teachers, Parents and Students -
Together Promoting Success

Dear Parents

Welcome to our newsletter. The following information may be of interest to you...

CAPE@Thingwall Primary School:

As you will already be aware, the ex-Stanley School land and remaining building was allocated to Thingwall by the Local Authority when Stanley School relocated to their new building.

We are delighted to inform you that, as a result of a very detailed tendering process, CAPE (our existing Before and After School Club provider) have been awarded sole use of the building following a unanimous vote by our school leadership team, our non-parent governors and the Local Authority. This is an exciting time for the school and for CAPE and we are sure you will be eager to know how the school will benefit from this arrangement. The CAPE@Thingwall Primary School offer will therefore consist of...

- ✓ A brand new, state of the art pre-school facility for children aged 2 ½ years to school age.
Morning session - 9am to 12 noon
Option to stay for lunch - 12 noon to 12.35pm
Afternoon session - 12.35pm to 3.35pm
- ✓ Full wrap-around care (Before and After School Club) for children aged 2 ½ to 12 years. Children will be taken into school and collected by CAPE as per the usual arrangements. Please note that the upper age range has been extended to include past pupils who have moved to Year 7 as we recognise that certain children may prefer to use this facility rather than let themselves in at home - an overwhelming process for some.
Morning session - 7.30am to 8.55am
Afternoon session - 3.30pm to 6.30pm
- ✓ Holiday Club Facility for 2 ½ to 12 years. This will be run between the existing facility which is provided by CAPE at Irby Primary and at our new venue.
- ✓ Lunchtime Care Facility for our new FS2 September starters from 12 noon to 1.10pm. This will suit our new parents who find it too difficult to sort lunchtime childcare due to work commitments. This is an optional extra for new parents and a small cost will be applied should they wish to take advantage of this facility for some/all of the staggered start lunchtime period. This facility will run from 05.09.16 to 19.09.16 when new children will be allowed to stay for the lunchtime period.

We are sure this new facility will prove to be very popular and the CAPE@Thingwall Primary School team will hold a launch event later on this term to showcase their new facilities - parents will obviously be invited to this exciting launch so keep an eye out for future newsletters.

CAPE@Thingwall Primary Schooo contact details:

Telephone Number - 0151 648 4431 and www.capeclub.co.uk

Deeside Champion of Champions Spelling Bee:

Many thanks to Mr Bettridge who organised our first ever inter-schools spelling tournament last week. We were ably represented by Lily (Year Five) and Adam (Year Six) as both children had won the Spelling Bee heats in our school late last term. An excellent time was had by all. Irby, Pensby, Gayton and Barnston Primary Schools were represented by their

Year Five and Year Six Spelling Bee Champions who attended with their Head Teachers. The event was watched by our Key Stage Two pupils who behaved impeccably throughout and they really enjoyed having a go at the trickier words on mini whiteboards. All visiting staff congratulated Thingwall pupils on their conduct and their ability to work as a team and encourage all of the competitors, regardless of their school badge! It was a closely run contest which saw Thingwall and Irby going head to head in the final with Irby eventually seizing the coveted trophy in extra time. Well done Irby, who were awarded the Deeside Champion of Champions Spelling Bee trophy, a richly deserved prize of £20 book token for the overall winner and a £100 library voucher for school.



Year Six Refugee Debate and Mayoral Visit:

Last week also saw us welcome Tuyet Ramzay (Wirral's Minority Ethnic Achievement Service) and Les Rowlands (current Mayor) into school to watch a debate about refugees living in Wirral. The Year Six children who took part were amazing - their eloquent viewpoints were thoroughly researched and communicated with real passion and clarity. Year Five really enjoyed watching too and were able to take part in a vote at the very end. We hope that some of Year Six will be able to represent the school at Wirral's School of Sanctuary Award Evening later on this term so watch this space. Well done to Year Six and to all of the staff concerned who helped to make the debate run so smoothly - Mr and Mrs Bettridge, Mrs Lapsley, Miss Hine, Mrs Buckley and, of course, Tuyet Ramzay. Thanks also to Les Rowlands who thoroughly enjoyed attending the event.



Islam Craft and Culture Morning for Parents - 25.05.16:

Tuyet Ramzay will be visiting us again on 25.05.16 to work with myself and the staff from FS2, Year One and Year Two to hold an Islam morning for children and parents/grandparents. The event will start at 9.15am and will take place in the Computing Suite. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to attend from all year groups across school to take part in various creative activities with the children. Similar events based on the other World Religions have been held throughout the year and we are certain that this year will be every bit as successful as the other mornings! Please do join us for some/all of the morning, if only to drop in for half an hour for a cup of tea. Previous mornings have focussed on Diwali (Sikhism and Hinduism) and the Chinese New Year (including

Buddhism) and all who have attended agreed that it was a really interesting occasion. Thanks go to all the staff from FS2, Year One and Year Two for organising these worthwhile events and, of course, Tuyet Ramzay.

Year Five Residential Visit Parent Meeting 17.05.16:

Year Five parents (or grandparents) are invited to a meeting about the Year Five Residential to Burwardsley on Tuesday 17th May at 5.15pm in the Year Five classroom - please arrive via the back door to avoid the Year Six meeting in the Hall. Miss Arden and myself will be available to take you through the finer details of the visit (timetable, kit list, sleeping arrangements, meal times etc) as well as answer any questions you may have. Year Five children are also welcome to attend if they wish.

Year Six Residential Visit Parent Meeting 17.05.16:

Year Six parents (or grandparents) are invited to a meeting about the Year Six Residential to Colemendy on Tuesday 17th May at 5.00pm in the Hall. Mr Bettridge and the Year Six staff will be available to take you through the finer details of the visit well as answer any questions you may have.

Thingwall Primary School's 5K Race for Life:

Many thanks to Mrs Laskey for nominating our school to take part in our **Race for Life** for Cancer Research UK. We are hoping to run this exciting event alongside our annual Summer Fair and are just finalising the dates/times etc. For the time being, sponsor forms are available from the School Office should you wish to join in. This event is open to all current pupils and all other female family members. Male family members are, of course, more than welcome to also attend and cheer everyone on/sell refreshments/help to set up the fair! Keep an eye out for further details due to follow this week.

Deeside Collaboration Project:

As you may be aware, we have a very good, established working relationship with Pensby Primary, Barnston Primary and Irby Primary. This year we have further cemented and developed our links by welcoming Gayton Primary and Heswall Primary into our group. This collaboration is very much focussed on celebrating our partnerships, sharing good practice and making effective use of our resources and expertise to benefit all staff and pupils in our locality.

Summer Term Diary Dates:

The following dates may be useful to you for this coming term...

05.05.16 - Staff Development Day as school is being used as a Polling Station

09.05.16 - Year Six SATs Week - Please see Mr Bettridge's letter

11, 12 and 13.05.16 at 3.30 - Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Canteen - lots of bargains available!

17.05.15 at 5.00pm - Year Six Colemendy Meeting in Hall

17.05.16 at 5.15pm - Year Five Burwardsley Meeting in Year Five Classroom - please use the back door to avoid disturbing the Year Six meeting!

18.05.16 - Class and Group Photographs

23.05.16 at 4.00pm - Schools of Sanctuary Award Ceremony in Birkenhead Town Hall Council Chambers

25.05.16 at 9.00am - FS2, Year One and Year Two Parent Morning - Islam. Parents from other year groups are more than welcome to attend if they wish!

w/c 23.05.16 - FS2 visits - morning and afternoon visits for our new September 2016 intake

w/c 30.05.16 - Half Term Holiday

15.06.16 at 10.00am - Year Five Class Assembly - all welcome

16.06.16 at 9.15am - KS2 Sports Morning (Weather permitting)

16.06.16 at 1.00pm - Year Six Visit to the Mayoral Chambers - to be confirmed

17.06.16 at 9.15am - FS2 and KS1 Sports Morning (Weather permitting)

w/c 20.06.16 - Refugee Awareness Week

20 to 22.06.16 - Year Six Residential Visit to Colemendy

21 and 22.06.16 at 1.30pm - FS2 Induction afternoon for new parents and pupils
27 to 28.06.16 - Year Five Residential Visit to Burwardsley
28.06.16 - Year Six Health Education and Puberty Talks (School Nurse, Helen Finland)
30.06.16 - Year Five Health Education and Puberty Talks (School Nurse, Helen Finland)
06.07.16 at 10.00am - FS2 Class Assembly - all welcome
13.07.16 from 4pm - 7pm - Parents' Evening
14.07.16 from 4.30pm - 6.30pm - Year Six Leavers' Party
15.07.16 - Year Three Vikings Local History Day
16.07.16 12 noon - 3.00pm - Car Boot Sale £10 per car - to be confirmed
20.07.16 at 10.00am - Year Six Class Assembly - all welcome
21.07.16 - Own Clothes Day and Toy Day - no toys that can access the internet or take photographs please

CELEBRATION CORNER!

This area of the newsletter is for anything your children achieve outside school that they would like to celebrate with us. Please note that children will only be referred to by their first name for safeguarding purposes, as we are now publishing our newsletters on the public page of the VLE.

Daisy (FS2) - Well done to Daisy who took part in the Liverpool Spring Kids 1km Run last weekend, winning a beautiful gold medal with a green ribbon! Super news Daisy! ☺

Amelie (Year One) - Well done to Amelie who competed with her partner in the City of Lancaster Gymnastics Acrobatics Invitational Competition last weekend. They won the Judge's Choice award for the Best Overall Performance bout of over 200 entrants! Amelie also won a silver medal for a further routine. Congratulations Amelie! ☺

Isabelle and Halle (Year Six) - Congratulations to Isabelle and Halle who took part in a swimming competition with their swimming club and were awarded a plethora of certificates and medals! ☺

Sam (FS2) - Congratulations to Sam who was awarded a skiing certificate for taking part in a skiing challenge at the Chill Factore in Manchester! Well done Sam, a future Eddie the Eagle perhaps? ☺

Hannah and Ella (Year Six) - Well done to both girls who were awarded medals and trophies for their recent martial arts Tag Team and Sparring competition! ☺

Matthew (Year Six) - Well done Matthew who took part in the British Heart Foundation's 'DeChox for March' challenge which saw him (and the rest of the family!) give up chocolate for the entire month! The family managed to raise over £100 for the charity - well done to Matthew and the rest of the family! ☺

With Best Wishes
Miss D L Cronin