Thingwall Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents

The following information may be of use to you...

<u>October Values:</u> This month our values that we are trying to embody are Inclusion and Tolerance. If you notice any good examples of this from any of the pupils please let us know and we will add the pupil's names to our Random Act of Kindness Tree.

Goodbye Miss Arden:

We said goodbye to Miss Arden last Friday as she begins her maternity leave ready for her exciting little bundle of joy in a few weeks. Baby is due to arrive sometime near the end of the month. We will keep you all updated with developments and we are sure you will join us in wishing her well.

Match Funding:

Do you or your partner work for any of the following companies or any other company that does matched funding? If so, please contact the School Office or the POTS team via your class rep as you will be able to significantly raise funding for our school

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3i	Cable & Wireless	JPMorgan and Co Inc	
3i Deutschland GmbH	C & A Kingfisher plc		
Abbey National	Camelot Group KPMG		
ABN Amro Bank	Capital International Research Littlewoods Organisation		
Accenture	Centrica plc	McKinsey & Co	
Alliance and Leicester	Chase Manhattan	Merrill Lynch Mercury	
American Express	Citibank Group	Microsoft	
Amoco Foundation, Inc	Coutts Bank	Moody's Investors Services	
		Ltd	
Anderson	Credit Suisse First Boston	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	
Argos	De La Rue	National Grid Transco	
AstraZeneca	Deloitte Consulting	National Power plc	
Bank of America	Deutsche Bank	National Westminster Bank plc	
Bank of England	DHL	Northern Electric plc	
Bank of Scotland	Dixons	Norwich Union plc	
Barclays Bank Dresdner Kleinwort Pe		Pearson	
	Wasserstein		
Barclays Capital	EMI Group plc	Pfizer	
Barclays Group	Ernst & Young	Proctor & Gamble	
BOC Group plc	Exxon Mobil	Reuters	
Boston Consulting Group	GlaxoSmithKline plc	Royal Bank of Scotland	
BP	Goldman Sachs	Shell	
Bradford and Bingley	Guardian Royal Exchange plc	SigmaTesco plc	
Bristol-Myers Squibb	HSBC	Texaco	
British Telecommunications	Invensys	Vodaphone	

CEOP Advice:

It has come to our attention that a potential grooming situation may be taking place on Facebook/Snapchat and Instagram. A person called J Roberts is attempting to make contact with younger females. We are unsure if this person is also targeting young male students and therefore we ask all parents to be vigilant and ensure that their child's privacy settings are on the highest setting.

If you become aware of any suspicious activity please report it at www.ceop.police.uk

Harvest Festival:

You are all very welcome to attend our annual Harvest Festival which is taking place on Wednesday 17.10.18 in the School Hall. This year we have invited Amy from the Charles Thompson's Mission in Birkenhead to talk to us about how they support the homeless people in Wirral by offering food, clothing and showers as well as support through counselling, nurses and dentist services.

Thompson's Mission also help set up the homeless in hostels or their first homes and supply everything they need to help them settle in as much as possible. In addition, the charity helps other local people who may be struggling in different ways by offering food parcels and support. We have decided to support this charity for our Harvest Festival because we wanted to build on the fabulous work that AJ (Year Two) and his Mum did last year by gathering clothing and other supplies.

The appeal this year involves filling a rucksack or shoebox with necessities including food, toiletries and a few gifts. The rucksacks and shoeboxes will be distributed to the homeless on the Wirral throughout December ready for Christmas. We would like to collect any of the following items please. We understand that it is a lot of additional cost to pack the donations into a rucksack or shoebox, so we are requesting individual items for donations. Thanks for your support and we hope to see you at our Harvest Festival.

Men and Women's Clothing:	Food items:
New underwear (S/M)	Chocolate / Sweets
New socks hats, scarves & gloves	Crisps / Cereal bars
Waterproofs	Packet soups
Sleeping bags	Instant Pasta Pots e.g Pot Noodle
	Drinks (non alcoholic)
Toiletries:	Other Snacks
Toothbrush & Toothpaste	Take away food vouchers
Shower gel/ Soap	Hot Drink Vouchers
Deodorant	Other items:
Razors	Small gifts
Shaving foam	Torches
Hair brush / comb	Flasks
Sanitary items	Belts
Lip balm	Pens and Paper
Tissues	
Wash cloth	
Hand Towels	
Shampoo/Conditioner	

Scholastic Book Fair:

We had a really successful book fair last week - it was really busy! The week went very smoothly and our amazing Parents' Association did a great job organising everything - THANK YOU! Mrs Mitchell has done a super job counting up all the money and we are pleased to announce that we made a total of £852. School gets 60% of the profits to spend on books for school so this means we get to buy £511.20 worth of books! This is amazing news - thank you to all of you who supported this event.

Christmas Cards

This week the children have been very busy designing Christmas Cards to be printed and sold by POTS. Please don't buy your Christmas Cards just yet-the PA will be selling packs after half term. Many thanks.

Celebration Corner:

This part of the newsletter is to celebrate your child's achievements outside of school. If you would like your child to appear in this part of the school newsletter please jot the details down on a Post-It and pass into the School Office.

Amelia (Year Two) - Well done Amelia for being awarded the 'Gymnast of the Week' trophy at gymnastics. She managed to climb ropes, do one handed cartwheels and mastered a backwards roll too! ©

<u>Luca (Year Two) -</u> Well done Luca for being awarded a football trophy and a medal for being on the West Kirby Panthers winning side! ©

Thomas (Year Three) — Well done Thomas for the following list of impressive accolades...
Rugby Player of the Week
Taking part in the Hoylake Minis Tournament
Taking part in the Wilmslow Rugby Festival
Playing for Calday Rugby Club ©

<u>Lily (Year Three) - Well done Lily for taking part in the Big Fun Run 5K Race in Liverpool!</u>

Jacob (Year Two) - Well done Jacob for winning a football trophy at your football club. ©

<u>Beau (Year Two) - Well done Beau for being awarded a Sandcastle Making trophy from Beavers.</u> ©

With Best Wishes

Miss D L Cronin