

Dear Parents

Welcome to our October newsletter. It has been a very busy first term back and it is hard to believe that we are already at the half term break. We hope that you all have a happy and safe week and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you:

I am sure you will agree that it has been an unusually busy half term! Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support of school during this time and also for respecting the COVID rules of wearing masks, social distancing and self-isolating when necessary. You have ALL played a pivotal role in keeping our school as safe as we possibly can and, for that, we thank you very much indeed. Thank you also for taking notice of the no visitors in school rule, hopefully we will be able to relax this rule in time and will once again be able to welcome you all in for meetings, assemblies and fund raising opportunities – we await that day with excitement!



A special thanks needs to be extended to our wonderful POTS team. They have not let the small matter of the pandemic stand in their way of raising vital funds for our school and purchasing the additional extras for us. The children (and staff) have been thrilled with the games for our new wet lunchtime boxes. We thoroughly enjoyed choosing items together and we actually look forward to wet break times now as we love playing with all our new toys! Thank you also for securing funding from ASDA to enable us to purchase our external hand sanitizers and also for organising a superb bingo afternoon on the last day of term. We look forward to finding out what you have in store for us after the half term break.



Attendance:

Please remember that you must email the school office email address urgently if your child or any close family member gets a positive COVID result. It would help us greatly if you could do this (even over the weekend/holidays) as we would need to snap straight into action to consult Public Health, inform parents and close bubbles if a positive case is received. For ease, we would appreciate it if you could add COVID CASE to the subject bar as this will mean Mrs Hamel can locate the relevant emails in a speedy manner. Many thanks for your support.



Harvest Festival:

We were completely overwhelmed by your generosity for our Harvest Festival collection this year, we have collected a record breaking amount for the Charles Thompson Mission who are based in Birkenhead. The final total was an impressive 24 big bags and 6 large boxes full of dried/tinned foods and toiletries. The

Mission staff are very pleased indeed and were very eager to pass on their thanks and appreciation of your generosity.



Secondary School Year 7 Applications:

Please remember that the deadline for applications for high school places is the 31st October 2020. It is really important that all Year 6 parents complete the application by this deadline.



Prospective Parents 2021-2022:

We have had some enquiries from parents regarding joining our FS2 class for 2021-2022. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are not currently allowed to show parents around the school. However we do have a plethora of information about our lovely school on our school's website and our Twitter account so please signpost any interested parents to the various videos, photographs and newsletters available. In addition we are also offering individual Head Teacher telephone consultations where we hope to be able to answer specific questions you may have. If you know any parents who may live in the local area and are interested in applying for a school place at Thingwall, please share this information with them.



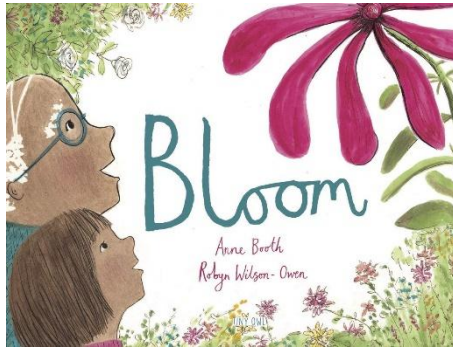
Half Term Art Competition:

We would like to invite your children to enter an art competition over the half term break to advertise the importance of travelling to school safely now that the nights are drawing in. The theme of the competition is 'BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN' and we hope to receive lots of lovely entries to promote this key safety point. All posters will be laminated and displayed around school to keep the message at the front of everyone's mind and we will aim to have a prize per class which will be judged by our Eco-Warriors and Councillor Mike Collins. All entries must be brought into school by November 4th and please remember to add your child's name and class to the back of their entry. Good luck everyone.



ZOOM TO BLOOM! Our Virtual Author Visit:

We were delighted when Anne Booth, author of Bloom (Hope in a Scary World) contacted us on Twitter to tell us that she was thrilled that FS2 had chosen to do a book study on her book as part of our Recovery Curriculum. She was so impressed with our work that she has asked if she can do a virtual Zoom visit with us to meet the class and say thank you for enjoying her book so much. On Wednesday 4th November, the FS2 class will therefore meet Anne, listen to her read her story, show her our flower crowns/headdresses and share our aspirations for the future with her. This is a fabulous opportunity and one that will last in our memories for a very long time. We are very excited!



Midday Assistant Vacancies:

We currently have two vacancies on our lunchtime team for part-time midday assistants. The first position is based in Year Three and is every Tuesday and Thursday from 11.55 to 1.15 and the second vacancy is based in Year Four every Monday from 11.55 to 1.15. Both vacancies can be combined into three days per week positions if wanted and both vacancies will be temporary to begin with as they have arisen due to our bubbles arrangements during the pandemic. Please contact Mrs Hamel at the school office for details of how to apply by emailing us on schooloffice@thingwall.wirral.sch.uk



Meals for Children During Half Term:

The following projects are providing meals and activities for children during October half term in partnership with Feeding Birkenhead Supporting Wirral...

Please contact the individual project for more information and be aware that you may need to book in advance as places may be limited.

Building Bridges, Bray Street, Birkenhead
Hot lunches and activities
Monday to Friday, 10am-3.30pm (lunch served between 1pm and 2pm)
buildingbridgeswirralcic@gmail.com

Leasowe Millennium Centre, Twickenham Drive, Leasowe - FULLY BOOKED
Food boxes and activity packs
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10am-3pm
jenni@wirraldt.org.uk

Sandbrook Community Centre, Sunningdale, Chapelhill Road, Moreton

Lunch packs and activity packs

moira@wirraldt.org.uk

Carrbridge Centre, Woodchurch

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-12.30pm

Meals and activities (with activity packs available for children unable to attend in person)

carrbridgemadeithappen@gmail.com

Core Project, Clover Drive, Bidston Rise

Meals, packed lunches, and activities - collection and local delivery available

Corebirkenhead@outlook.com

Gautby Road Youth, Play, and Community Centre, Bidston/Birkenhead

Daily packed lunches and activity packs

luke@gautbyroad.co.uk

Rock Ferry Salvation Army Church, Old Chester Road

Family food hampers and activities

myrtle.lacey@salvationarmy.org.uk

Hope for New Brighton at New Brighton Baptist Church

Food bags and recipe cards

shirlmbowen@gmail.com

Charlotte's Brightside, Molyneux Drive, New Brighton

Cooking ingredients and activities (mainly deliveries)

angie.churchill@yahoo.co.uk

Bee Wirral, St Anne Street, Birkenhead

Food bags and activity packs

rach@beewirral.co.uk

Oak Community Project, Christ The King Church, St Anne Street, Birkenhead

Lunch Bags and Activity Packs (available for collection or delivery on Monday)

den.price59@gmail.com

Shaftesbury Youth Club, Prenton

Monday to Friday, 9.30am-3pm

Breakfast, lunch bags, and activities

michellenaylor@shaftes.org.uk

Nightingales, Argyle Street, Birkenhead

Hampers for Wirral Ways clients with children

damien.prescott@cgl.org.uk

The Positivitree, Bloom Building, Abbey Close, Birkenhead

Healthy grab bags and craft workshop

rachel@thepositivitree.com

Cre8ing Careers - Wirral-wide

Food hampers and activities

lynne.howe@crea8ingcareers.com

Neo Community

Support for families in Rock Ferry
ema@neocommunity.org.uk

There have been a number of other private organisations (cafes / restaurants) offering to help with lunches and other food requirements. Local social media sites are being updated regularly and we have also publicised these opportunities on Twitter. The nearest facility at the moment is Wyldes Coffee Shop in Heswall.



With very best wishes and thanks for your continued support

Mrs D L Evans

Celebration Corner (or HUGGS - Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!)

This area of the newsletter is to celebrate anything your children achieve outside of school in their own time. If you would like your child to appear in the monthly newsletter please write the details down on a post it or send a quick email into the school office and we will include it.

We have elected our Year Six Team Captains for this year and they are all very proud to take on this responsibility, following their closely fought campaign trails and subsequent democratic votes. Well done to ALL who nominated themselves.

The elected Team Captains are...

NORMANS	Amber and Josh
ROMANS	Cora and Isla
SAXONS	Darcie and Rohan
VIKINGS	Jasmine and Daniel

