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Dear Parents

Welcome to the July edition of Thingwall's school newsletter and our last newsletter of this academic year. I can't believe where the year has gone! Congratulations to our lovely FS2 class who have completed their first year at school and goodbye to our Year Six pupils – we will miss you very much indeed and wish you the best of luck as you embark upon this next exciting phase in your education. We hope that the following information below will be useful to you...

Diary Dates:

Once the diary is finalised for next year we will circulate it to parents. All dates will also be recorded on the calendar part of the VLE.

Summer Holiday Reading Challenge:

We will not be setting homework as such over the summer holidays but we would really like to encourage your children to keep reading and to record this in their reading logs. To this end we would like to introduce the Summer Holiday Extreme Reading Challenge! The challenge is to take (and print off) the most unusual photograph you can manage to take of your child reading and return it to the School Office during the w/c 2.9.19. Book token prizes will be awarded as prizes for the best photographs during a special assembly on Friday 6.9.19.

Summer Holiday Reading Bingo Challenge:

We have teamed up with staff at Pensby High School to also offer children an opportunity to take part in an additional reading challenge based on the game of Bingo. Each child will be challenged to complete as many of the tasks below and get them signed off by an adult to prove they have been achieved. There will be a small prize for every child who manages a full house...

THINGWALL'S READING BINGO

READ A BOOK ON A BEACH	READ A BOOK OF POETRY	BUILD A DEN OUT OF OLD SHEETS/BLANKETS AND READ A BOOK IN IT
READ A BOOK IN THE DARK USING A TORCH	CREATE A BOOK REVIEW FOR A BOOK YOU HAVE READ	VISIT A LIBRARY, BORROW A BOOK AND READ IT
READ A COMIC OR A MAGAZINE	READ A NON-FICTION BOOK	READ A BOOK IN THE GARDEN

Goodbye Mr Bettridge and Miss White:

This is the last newsletter of the year and three of our colleagues will be moving onto new challenges. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Bettridge the best of luck as he moves to Greasby Junior School to take up the post of Seconded Head Teacher for the Autumn Term and also to Miss White as she completes her fixed term contract with us as Year One teacher in Miss Collins' absence. Friday also saw us say goodbye to Premier Sport's Mr Hartley for one last time as he is leaving the company to pursue his dream of becoming a primary school teacher. Whilst we will miss his expertise immensely, we also wish him the best of luck on his new adventure.

Joke Competition Winners:

We had an overwhelmingly positive response to our joke competition and Year Five spent a hilarious afternoon with Paul Field from the Art of Brilliance judging and choosing winners.

It was hard to pick winners (especially as everyone has different senses of humour) but we selected a winner from each class and these children were presented with their prizes by Mrs Davies, previous Head Teacher at Thingwall (and quite possibly the funniest Head Teacher we have ever come across).

FS2 – Poppy

Year One – Poppy

Year Two – Beau

Year Three - Leo

Year Four – Isla

Year Five – Joseph

Year Six - Zoe

Outstandingly Happy School Award:

We are delighted and proud to display our Outstandingly Happy Schools banner outside school. Well done to Year Five, Mrs Holroyd and Mrs Metcalfe for all of their work to achieving this status – as far as we are aware we are one of only two schools in the Wirral area to achieve this accolade. Well done Thingwall!

Williamson Art Gallery Exhibition + Coast 2 Country 2019 Update:

This project continues to go from strength to strength and, I think it is fair to say, ALL of the Deeside Schools are quite rightly proud of this collaboration. Just a reminder the project aimed to...

Deeside Coast 2 Country Collaborative Project 2019

Inspire our whole school community to be 'A PART' of our world.

Collective Deeside Values:

- *APPRECIATE* the world around us, our role as guardians of this planet, the beauty of our local area.
- *PROTECT* the local environment, the animals around the world who need our help, future generations
- *AWARENESS* raised across our local communities to enact real and lasting change
- *RESPONSIBILITY* to help meet our global goals, to care for our world, to help the environment
- *TOGETHER* as a school, as a community, as global citizens.

All 18 schools agreed to take up the following pledges:

Project Legacy Pledges – Deeside Schools pledge ...

1) To take part in the Coast to County project in whatever way they can during the second half of the summer term;

- 2) To have a plastic reduction strategy for their school;
- 3) To select an endangered Wirral plant or animal that is threatened and create a large 3D sculpture for a project exhibition, using plastic found in waste;
- 4) After the project to ask pupils to state what activities and experiences in their local area that every Wirral child should experience e.g. walk on Thurston Beach and submit these for the development of a children's Peninsula Passport;
- 5) To link up with the community and come together on 28th June to clean up!

The Williamson Art Gallery launch for the Coast 2 Country project went really well and Zoey and Grace (both Year Five) represented us brilliantly as part of the Deeside Primary School's Choir. We got to meet environmentalist artist Jacha Potgieter (his similar work is currently being displayed at Chester Cathedral – please take a look over the summer holidays) and Wirral's Mayor! I think it is fair to say the whole Coast 2 Country project has been a tremendous success. Please see the Hi-Impact film which shows all the hard work the 18 Deeside schools undertook to make Wirral (and ultimately, we hope, the World) a cleaner, more environmentally-friendly place to live.

All 18 Deeside schools are currently planning Coast 2 country 2020 – we can't wait 'til next year!

Fed Fest:

After a rather soggy start to our Federation Music Concert where we were rained off, Hi-Impact filmed all seven schools' musical contributions last week. We await their finished film with great excitement... if the Coast 2 Country film is anything to go by, we will be in for a great treat. Once the film arrives we will upload it onto the POTS Facebook page, Twitter and our school's VLE.

POTS Summer Fair:

The POTS Summer Fair was a great event and we were really lucky with the weather, choosing one of the very few Saturdays in June/July to stay dry! Many families and friends of the school came to offer their support to us throughout the day – it really was a busy day and we eventually made a profit of £1591.69! Thank you to everyone who joined us and, of course, to the parents, grandparents and staff who helped prepare for this event – your support means so much. The profits from the fair (along with profits from all the other POTS events over the year) means that your children can benefit from all the added extras that the school budget sadly can't fund. See scanned annual budget report from POTS, attached to this newsletter.

End of year reports:

Many thanks to those of you who have returned your report reply slips. If you have not yet returned this slip could you please ensure it is returned to your child's class teacher or the School Office by the end of term. Many thanks.

Inglenook Farm Artisan Market Dates of Interest:

One of our parents has asked us to circulate the following dates for their artisan market which is held on the second Sunday of every month...

14th July

11th August

8th September

13th October

10th November

8th December

Further details available on www.inglenook-farm.co.uk

Celebration Corner!

or

HUGGS - Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!

Sophie (Year Four) – Well done Sophie for winning a silver medal for your work on the vault in your Saturday Gymnastics Club ☺

Aaron (Year Four) – Well done to Aaron who has been awarded Life Child of the Year Award by his local church for being helpful, listening skills and for being an expert at answering questions ☺

Jack (Year One) – Well done Jack who performed at the Floral Pavilion in his third Street Dance show with his dance troop, Anamal. He performed a Wild West themed dance whilst dressed as a cowboy! ☺

Jacob (Year Five) – Well done Jacob for passing your recent karate grading and achieving your red belt standard. Congratulations on receiving your trophy too! ☺

Luca (Year Two) – well done to Luca's football team, West Kirby United, who were winners of the Claire House Football Tournament. ☺

Jack (Year Two) – Well done to Jack who plays for the Poulton Vics Monaco Team. He was awarded the player of the Year and the Player's Choice Trophy too! ☺

Finnan (Year Two) – Well done to Finnan who completed the Tough Mudder Challenge with his family to raise money for Cancer awareness. A total of £67000 was raised! Wow! ☺

Jack (Year Four) – Well done to Jack who was awarded his blue stripe belt in Judo (with an advanced pass) and he also received the trophy for being the Best in Grading! ☺

Amber (Year Four) – Well done Amber who won gold at the BACUP International Judo Competition earlier on this month. ☺ Amber also won silver at SKK North West Judo Championships on Sunday 7.7.19. ☺

Isla (Year Four) – Well done to Isla who decided to cut her hair short for the Princess Trust, an organisation that makes wigs and hair pieces for children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. ☺

Andrew (Year Five) – Well done to Andrew who took part in Gung Ho at Chester Racecourse. This is a 5K giant inflatable obstacle course. He raised valuable funds for Autism Together. 😊

With very best wishes for a super summer break. We will see you all again on 3 September.

Mrs D L Evans
Headteacher