

Dear Parents

Welcome to the November edition of our school newsletter. The following information may be useful for you...

**Staffing Changes:**

We have a few changes to staffing which will be of interest to you.

We have appointed a new Midday Assistant, Mrs Jones and we hope she will be able to start as soon as possible. Welcome to the team Mrs Jones!

*Welcome!*

Ms Tucker will be leaving us at Christmas as she has secured a new role as Activities and Well-Being Manager across the Cheshire Residential Homes for January. We wish her the very best of luck in her new role and know that she will keep in contact with us as she is eager to continue our pen pal links with the residents of Trepassey Care Home.

Mrs Sparke will be leaving us at Christmas for personal reasons. She has been with us for just over two years and we will miss her calm and kindly manner very much indeed. We wish her all the best for the future and hope that she will keep in touch.

*Goodbye*

**Thingwall Buddies Update:**

The wrap around club continues to run from strength to strength and Nicky and the Thingwall Buddies team plan to open up to pre-school children this coming January. They have arranged a Meet and Greet from 2pm to 3pm on 30<sup>th</sup> November and again on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This is for any newly registered or interested pre-school children and their parents (2-4 years of age) and is a wonderful opportunity to have a look around their fabulous new setting. If you are interested in visiting the new building to meet the team please call 648 2930.



**Flourish Tutoring Christmas Bag Appeal:**

As you may remember we try to support two charities per year - one locally based charity and one based abroad. This year is no exception and we have decided to support Flourish Tutoring's Christmas Bag Appeal this year and DRIP Uganda once again. Please see the message below from Flourish Tutoring and support us if you are able to...

*Dear Parents*

*I know it's not yet December and I'm so sorry to mention it before the official Christmas month but, I'm sure you'll agree, this is worth it. This Christmas, I'd like to build on donations made last year and ask if any students, parents and families would be kind enough to donate a toy to those in need this Christmas.*

*Toys will be packaged into age categories for those children who, without donations, would go without. We are collecting for the following age groups: 3-6, 7-10 and 11-16 - girls and boys.*

*Anything would help ♡. We would be thankful for toys/games, pyjamas, slippers, books, crafts, colouring books and pens/pencils.*

*We'll be working closely with Thingwall Primary as a drop off point and donating to local charities and collection groups that we know make such a difference to Christmas morning for lots of local children. Please donate if you are at all able.*

*Children can bring donations with them into school to be kept in the IT Suite up until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. They'll be really appreciated by team Flourish and then organised into age ranges ready to be wrapped and dropped off nearer the time.*

*Any support will be much appreciated and we're so grateful for any donations, no matter how small.*

*Thank you for your support*

*Kate Silcock.*



### **Christmas Message:**

Christmas is an expensive time of the year. If you are worrying about Christmas expenses (relating to the above paragraph) please call the school office in complete confidence and Mrs Evans will make a note of your name to enable Flourish to offer support.



### **School Crossing Patrol:**

The School Crossing Patrol team are currently recruiting for a permanent lollipop person to work outside our school on Pensby Road. If anyone is interested, please telephone Margaret Bradfield at the LA on 0151 606 2152 for more details.



### **Viking Boat Thanks:**

Many thanks to two of our parents who have recently renovated our school Viking longboat following it being damaged in a recent storm. Mr Jamieson repaired the boat for us as it had snapped in half and the mast had broken and Mrs MacPherson repainted the boat for us so it now looks as good as new. Thank you both, we really appreciate you taking time out of your busy day to help us.



### **Head Boy and Head Girl:**

Kai- Year Six have had a really exciting time lately. Last week we had a history visit to mark the end of our World War Two topic and to mark Remembrance Day. Captain and Mrs Corden visited us to speak about the war and they showed us some war artefacts. We looked at the food that was rationed and we were very surprised because people weren't able to access very much food at all. For instance, an adult was only allowed one egg per week! If you wanted a new item of clothing (e.g. a shirt) you had to save up your coupons and all of your monthly allowance would be spent on just one item of clothing! Petrol was also rationed and people used to walk or bike everywhere. They also used to car share to save petrol. We looked at posters and photographs of Heswall and the surrounding areas to see the war damage from bombs, it was really shocking to see the damage and very hard to recognise any local places. We had a really interesting morning.



Emily – The whole school had a fun time last Friday as we celebrated Children in Need. We were allowed to wear our own clothes for the day and some people came in Pudsey themed outfits too. We enjoyed activities themed to Children in Need and we found out about the important work that they do. Places such as Claire House, cost a lot of money to run and they benefit greatly from the money raised during Children in Need. We raised £140 in total and we were very pleased and thankful to make this amount of money. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week and the theme for the week was kindness. We are always kind to each other so this was an easy theme for Thingwall to do. We collected 'Caught Being Kind' cards throughout the week and we displayed our names on our class Kindness Fish every time we received a card from an adult. We also created our own Kindness Tree and we hung kind words on the branches to encourage us to all be kind. My Mum always says "In a world where you can be anything, be kind" and we all really enjoyed trying to be kind to each other and to our staff.



### **Corgi Cup:**

We were thrilled to take our Year Four and Year Five Football Team to Woodchurch High School last Wednesday after school, to take part in Round One of the Wirral Corgi Cup. It was a closely fought match and the team from Woodchurch C of E Primary were really skilful (and really tall!) Thingwall came back from 7:6 after regrouping and having a serious team talk from Jack J, our Team Captain. We eventually snatched victory in the last minutes of the game, winning an impressive 9 goals to 7! Well done to the whole team – Jack J, Jack A, Luca V, Joe, Beau, Jack J, Luca S-R, Sam and Chase – we are all really proud of how you played and how you represented our school. We look forward to finding out who we will be playing next in Round Two of the tournament. It is worth noting that this is the first time that the

Thingwall Y4/5 Football Team have got this far in the Corgi Cup, well done to all concerned and thank you Miss Yardley and Mr James for taking the children.



### **Year Two Victorian Day:**

Year Two had a fantastic Victorian classroom experience at the start of the month and all pupils and staff really got into the spirit by wearing some fantastic Victorian costumes. The children made Port Sunlight soap, experienced a laundry day, made bread, played old-fashioned playground games, beat carpets, brushed up, had a lesson learning the 3Rs with a very stern Mrs Goulding and discussed daily life! It was a fabulous day, many thanks to all the Year 2 staff for organising such a fun packed and informative day and many thanks to our parents for providing such creative and diverse costumes.



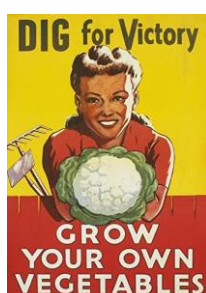
### **Year Two Habitats Day:**

Year Two were very brave last week as Mrs Smith bought a visitor in to see them as part of their Science topic on Habitats. The children were fascinated by Spiral, the curly haired tarantula, and they found out all about her life, diet, habits and personality from Mrs Smith. They held Spiral's exo-skeleton skins and they also explored microhabitats in and around school. It was a real hands on day, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you Mrs Smith.



### **Year Six World War Two Visitors:**

Year Six were lucky to have a super visit from Captain and Mrs Corden from the Cheshire Home Guard last week. The children were able to explore all sorts of artefacts from this period in history, ask many pertinent questions and also they were able to experience what life was like during the war for the local people of Wirral and Cheshire. It was a fantastic day and it really brought this time in history alive for the children. Thank you Captain and Mrs Corden and also thank you to Mrs Sanders for organising the visit for us.



### **Military Style Education:**

Congratulations to Years Five and Six who worked very hard with Kevin from MSE and managed to all pass their level one First Aid Life Saving examination last week. We were very proud of your mature attitudes, what a good life skill to have.



### **England Rocks Times Table Rock Stars Competition Y2-Y6:**

We had great fun taking part in this competition run by Times Table Rock Stars and spent the week competing against each other as well as competing against over 3000 schools in England. We were eventually placed 200<sup>th</sup> out of over 3000 schools which is an impressive achievement.

#### **Year Group Winners:**

Year 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> place with 60,029 points.....This class will win £100 towards their wet playtime games box.

Year Five – 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 52, 622 points.....This class will win £80 towards their wet playtime games box.

Year Four – 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 37, 523 points...This class will win £60 towards their wet playtime games box.

Year Three – 4<sup>th</sup> place with 36, 201 points...This class will win £40 towards their wet playtime games box.

Year Two – 5<sup>th</sup> place with 18, 884 points.....This class will win £20 towards their wet playtime games box.



#### **Individual Top 15 Winners:**

The following children were our individual top 15 winners and each child was able to choose a book, courtesy of Lingham, as their prize. Well done children, what an achievement!

1 <sup>st</sup> – Jack Year 6	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ava Year 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Ben Year 6
4 <sup>th</sup> - Ben Year 5	5 <sup>th</sup> - Jayden Year 6	6 <sup>th</sup> - Owen Year 6
7 <sup>th</sup> - Grace Year 2	8 <sup>th</sup> - James Year 3	9 <sup>th</sup> - Elias Year 6
10 <sup>th</sup> - Thomas Year 6	11 <sup>th</sup> - Oliver Year 6	12 <sup>th</sup> - Harriet Year 4
13 <sup>th</sup> - Ava Year Six	14 <sup>th</sup> - Emily-Rose Year 6	15 <sup>th</sup> - Erin Year 6

#### **POTS Diary Dates:**

POTS have been working really hard behind the scenes once again, to ensure that we all get fully into the festive spirit. Please find a list of dates below for the remainder of the term



In house Christmas fair Friday 26th November, this will take place during the school day, children will get to play fair games, make crafts to take home, chocolate tombola and loads of FUN! Includes a raffle ticket £4.50 per child



Breakfast with Santa £3.50 8am – 9am. Children will get to see Santa whilst enjoying a hot sandwich

(bacon, sausage or a pancake) choice of fruit choice and a selection of fresh fruit. All children will get a small gift too. Christmas Jumper can be worn over uniform



We are supporting Claire House Christmas hat day again, any voluntary donations can be given via PTA events and money will then be given direct to Claire House (all children can wear a hat regardless of a donation) Christmas Jumper again can be worn over uniform.



### **Other Diary Dates:**

30.11.21 – Year Two visit Birkenhead Park and Port Sunlight for their Victorian focus on science, history and art. Children can wear their Victorian outfits again but please remember to wear warm coats and sensible shoes.

01.12.21 – Christmas Dinner Day – see previous email for details.

06.12.21 – Year Six Christmas readers will travel to the church so that they can be filmed for the Nativity video.

09.12.21 – Snuggle Up and Read Day – further details to follow from Year Six as this is part of their enterprise project as they are trying to save money towards their residential field trip.

14 and 15.12.21 – Christmas Performances to be filmed. At this point we are not sure when the Christmas videos will be premiered but we will let you know as soon as we are able, it will be during the last week.

16.12.21 – Christmas Parties – Please bring a named plate of party food for your child (no fizzy drinks please) for them to enjoy during the party afternoon. Please note that this is in addition to their school dinner so a couple of snacks should be more than sufficient. We will provide water or cordial. Children can wear own party clothes but please remember a warm coat and sensible shoes.

17.12.21 – Toy Day and own clothes day (please remember a warm coat and sensible shoes)

Final day

04.01.22 – Staff Development Day with our collaboration of schools. School is closed to pupils on this day.

05.01.22 – Term 2A starts



### **Celebration Corner (or HUGGs – Huge Unbelievably Great Goals!)**

*This section is for achievements outside of school that pupils are proud of. If you would like your child to appear in this section of the monthly newsletter please email a short message into the school office and we will endeavour to add it to the next newsletter publication.*

**Jack J (Year Five)** – Well done to Jack who helped Mrs Evans write the sports section of this newsletter. Thank you Jack, your expertise helped greatly! ☺

**Harley (FS2)** – Congratulations to Harley who managed to solve a very difficult Treasure Hunt last weekend with his Uncle Terry. Harley needed to follow a map, listen to instructions from Uncle Terry and keep on trying. Harley didn't give up and eventually he found a mysterious 'X' marking a spot next to a tree. Imagine his delight when he dug into the earth and found a smuggler's treasure box which was 100 years old! Well done Harley (and Uncle Terry). ☺

**Thingwall's Year Four and Year Five Football Team** – Jack J, Jack A, Luca V, Joe, Beau, Jack J, Luca S-R, Sam and Chase – Well done to the team for progressing to round two of the Wirral Corgi Cup. We are very proud of you all. ☺



With Best Wishes

Mrs D L Evans