



St. Peter's News

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Staffing News

Many congratulations to Mrs Cookson on the safe arrival of her baby boy, William Henry. William was born on the 6th October and both mum and baby are doing well. I am sure they will be paying us a visit at school after half term.

This half term we say goodbye to two members of staff, Mrs Sarah Bythell and Mrs Pam Crammond both of whom are moving on to new challenges. We would like to express our thanks to them both and wish them well for the future.

Miss Jones, Class 1/2J, will be returning after half term following her maternity leave and Mrs Monks, who has been class teacher in 1/2J during this time will continue to teach at St. Peter's as she moves up to Years 3/4 to work with Mrs Woolley and class 3/4CW during Mrs Cookson's maternity leave.

Back to school BBQ

We were only a couple of weeks into the new school year when the Friends held our annual 'Welcome Back Barbecue' straight after school. Once again we were lucky with the weather and it was great to see so many staying to enjoy some food and a chat with parents and staff. The warm weather enabled the children to play on the field whilst the mums and dads caught up after the summer break.



Eco News

The beginning of the school year saw some new additions to our Eco team, with representatives from



each class. We had such an interest that we have created some new roles for those who didn't make it on to the committee. These are our Eco Champions and will be getting involved with the committee on a number of

projects during the school year. The team, along with Mrs Macklin, recently picked the eating and cooking apples from our orchard - there were lots and lots! Some of the apples were used by St. Peter's Cookery Club to make tasty apple pies and crumble.



The team have also been busy sowing grass seed on the bank by the playground. This has worn away over the years and looked really untidy. We have been lucky with the weather over the last few weeks with plenty of



rain and sunshine. We hope that the grass will grow back and will be ready to walk on it in the spring.

Foundation—Everything Dinosaur



As part of their topic on dinosaurs, our FS2 children have been having a great time exploring and learning some interesting facts. On one morning when they arrived at school, they found some dinosaur footprints and went to investigate who had made them! One of the highlights has been a special day with 'Everything Dinosaur'. Our visitor taught them about the job of palaeontologists and how they use bones to find out about dinosaurs.



Building Project Completed

After a long wait and lots of patience from staff, pupils and parents, our building work was finally completed just before the start of the new term. The new rooms have already proved to be a great addition to the school with a larger staff room to accommodate our growing team and a new learning hub in the centre of school. We are still to develop this space and intend in the long term for it to become an area which houses our library. However, it was lovely to use the room for our 'coffee and chat' afternoons with the chance to meet the staff teams in each year group, although the Y1/2 meeting was a bit of a squeeze! I plan to run fortnightly coffee & chat mornings at drop off after half term. The children have enjoyed using the new staircase and entrance and the new PE store opening directly on the playground has also worked really well for outdoor games and Active play at lunchtimes.



Year 4 set off for an adventure in Wales



Our Year 4s had a brilliant time at the Kingswood Centre Colomendy in North Wales. The new school year was only a week old as the year group headed off for a three day residential which saw the children take part in a range

of fun and challenging activities. It was the perfect start to the new school year and helped the children develop their collaborative skills whilst also becoming more independent. A great time was had by all!



Sports Round Up

We have had a very successful start to the cross country season with both the boys and girls teams performing well. At the race on the 6th October at Higher Bebington Park, we had 33 of our pupils taking part. Congratulations to Chris who came first in the Y5 boys, with the boys team coming 3rd overall. Our girls also ran well and a great team effort saw them finish fourth overall.



On Thursday 13th October, St. Peter's took 3 teams of 34 children to the Wirral Tag Rugby Festival at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club. At the end of the pool games, St. Peter's C Team had finished 4th, the B Team 2nd and A team 1st in their group. This meant that both the A and B teams made it through to the semi-finals – against each other! A superb game took place between two very enthusiastic teams, with the A team running out victorious. The B team came joint 3rd overall in the playoff. The A team played against Our Lady of Pity in the final and thanks to some superb tagging the team won 4-3. It was a fantastic game and played with great sportsmanship. It meant that the St. Peter's A team won the tournament. Well done to all the children who took part.



Harvest

This year our Harvest Festival was led by Miss Collins' class 3/4C. Our children kindly donated a range of packets and tins of food for our harvest display. After the service all of the donations were taken down to St. Peter's Church for the Harvest Festival on the Sunday. It was later distributed to the Ark project in Birkenhead and the Charles Thompson Mission. Thank you also to Mrs Marnell, our school cook, who baked a sheaf of corn loaf for our centre display.



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