



St. Peter's News

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Thank you to Mrs Benson

At the end of this school year we are saying good-bye to one of our longest standing teachers, Mrs Benson, who is taking early retirement and leaves St. Peter's after 26 years of service. Mrs Benson has taught across the Early Years from Reception to Year 2 in this time and has held a number of roles of responsibility including KS1 Leader and promoting our Healthy School status. More recently she has led the development of our RE curriculum. This is such a staggering amount of time in one school and her commitment and professionalism towards the school and its children has been evident throughout her 26 years. We would like to express our sincere thanks for her substantial contribution to St. Peter's during this time and wish her a very long and happy retirement.



We also say good-bye to Miss McKeown and Miss Mooney, teaching assistants who have worked in Y5/6 and have been at St. Peter's over the last two years. Miss McKeown is relocating to London and takes up a new TA post from September, whilst Miss Mooney is looking to work in the Secondary sector. We would like to thank them both for their support over the last two years and wish them well for the future.



St Peter's receive awards for Sport

Our school has recently received two awards that acknowledge and celebrate the wide range and high quality sports provision available both within the curriculum and also extra-curricular. The AfPE Quality Mark was awarded in May and was quickly followed by the Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award, the highest level achievable and one of only a few schools on Wirral to have been awarded this. A huge thank you to everyone involved in PE and sports at St. Peter's with a special mention for our PE lead, Mrs Penn, who has worked so hard over a number of years to develop and enhance our PE and sport provision across the school.



One example of our success in sport was demonstrated on Friday 8th July when St. Peter's took 4 teams of children to represent Wirral at the Merseyside Youth Games at Wavertree Liverpool. A prestigious event which saw schools from all over Merseyside compete across 17 sporting events to become overall Merseyside champions – the best of the best.

This year's event had a Rio-inspired flavour, building on the excitement as the world approaches the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Brazil. Over 1200 children took part representing one of the six boroughs of Merseyside - Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St. Helens and Wirral. St. Peter's took a team of Year 5/6 Quad Kid Athletes, a Year 5/6 Tri-golf team, a Year 3/4 Mini Red tennis team and a Year 5/6 Boccia team. Every child worked hard for each other and tried their best. Well done. We are delighted to say that both the Quad Kids team and the Boccia team finished runners up, meaning that St. Peter's have the second best athletics team and boccia team in the whole of Merseyside. A tremendous achievement!



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Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits

At the start of the month we had our annual end of year musical production led by a wonderful cast of Year 6 pupils, who were suitably supported by Year 5. They performed to full houses on three consecutive nights and once again it provided an opportunity for them to showcase their wonderful gifts and talents of acting and singing. A huge thank you to the staff team who helped to support putting the shows on and in particular to Miss Ball, who directed and produced the play. I can't wait to see what you have in store for us next year!



If you go down to the woods today...

Our Y2 pupils marked the end of their time in KS1 with the annual residential trip to Barnstondale. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience trying new things such as climbing and archery. They also loved the chance to have a 'sleepover' with their friends. It helped to develop their independence in getting ready for moving up to Year 3.



Bible Explorers

This month our Y5 pupils had the opportunity to learn about the Bible with a 'hands on' experience in the hall. The exhibition was put on by Bromborough Bible Exhibition and helped the children to learn more about the Bible's history.



Rock of Joy

This half term saw an adult team consisting of members of our school community going out to Uganda to continue the excellent work of the Rock of Joy Trust. Mr Penn,



Miss McKeown, Mr Thompson, Rev Cannam and Mr Cambridge were part of a team of 13 adults who spent just over two weeks working with the three schools connected to the charity. The first week saw the team working with our partner school, The Rock of Joy, Masaka. They taught interactive lessons across the different age groups including orienteering, PE/Games lessons, English and Maths. Other activities including teaching the children about the importance of dental health and carrying out eye tests. The community team painted the new classroom block, erected a perimeter fence and installed new playground equipment. As a school we raised over £2000 towards the many different resources that the team took out with them along with hundreds of toothbrushes that had been donated. For further information and stories from the visit you can visit the Rock of Joy trust website or Facebook page.



...a final word

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our school throughout this year in so many different ways. The dedicated and hard working staff team, our pupils, the friends and volunteers of our school and to you, our parents, for your wonderful support. In particular, those who are leaving St. Peter's this year, to Mrs Benson, Miss McKeown and Miss Mooney. We also send our best wishes and good luck for the future to our Year 6 pupils, as they leave St. Peter's and move on to their respective schools. We hope that you leave with many happy memories of your time with us.

May I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable summer break - see you all in the autumn.

Chris Penn - Headteacher