



St. Peter's News

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Mrs Benson set to retire

Mrs Benson, who has been part of the teaching team at St. Peter's for over 25 years, has decided to take early retirement at the end of this school year. She joined the teaching team in September 1990 and has worked in both Early Years and Key Stage 1 teams, including being Y1/2 Leader during this time. Mrs Benson is currently supporting both Foundation 2 and Y1/2 classes two days a week. We plan to mark Mrs Benson's significant contribution to St. Peter's at the end of the school year.

The Eco-Team fly the flag for St Peter's

I am delighted to confirm that St. Peter's has been awarded the Green Flag (for the third time) in recognition of our continued Eco work and awareness of environmental issues affecting our school, local community and everyday lives.

The Eco Committee had to complete an environmental review covering the Eco School's 9 topics:

- Energy
- Water
- Biodiversity
- School grounds
- Healthy living
- Transport
- Litter
- Waste
- Global citizenship

Congratulations to everyone involved. It is fantastic to be able to fly our green flag!



On Wednesday 30th March, 6 members of the Eco Committee, Mrs Macklin and Miss Mooney went to St. Alban's Primary School in Wallasey to take part in the 'Wirral Climate Challenge 2016'.

Ten schools took part and each had to give a presentation. The challenge was to come up with an idea about how your school could help encourage more efficient use of energy in your local community.

The Mayor and Councillor Mooney (no relative of our Miss Mooney!) were part of the judging panel and although St. Peter's did not win, we had some fantastic ideas and made an excellent presentation. Well done Eco!



Further Staff News

Miss Jones takes up her maternity leave at the end of this term and we send our best wishes for the safe arrival of her baby in April. Mrs Sally Monks will be joining the Y1/2 team and will be class teacher for 1/2J during Miss Jones's absence. She joins us from Greenleas Primary where she is currently teaching Year 2.

At the end of this term we will be saying good-bye and thank you to two members of our Years 3&4 team. Mrs Williams has been working as part-time class teacher with 3/4SC, whilst Mrs Hill has been working with our pupils in Y3/4 as a teaching assistant since September. We would like to thank both of them for their hard work and commitment to St. Peter's over the last two terms.

Uganda Mission



As reported in March's news update, Mr Penn and Miss McKeown will be part of the adult team going out to the Rock of Joy in Uganda for a two week mission on the 26th May. Our school has had a long standing partnership with the Rock of Joy School, Masaka since 2007 and this will be an opportunity to take out letters and

work from our pupils as well as important resources to benefit the children and their education. Such trips are an important part of strengthening the link and partnership between us.

We have already raised just over £1000 for the charity this year and we are planning further fundraising activities in the next few months. Every penny raised will go directly to supporting projects we will be working on whilst we are out there. These include a healthy teeth project, solar panels to power the laptops we are taking out, security fencing for the perimeter of the school to keep the children safe, and new play equipment (swings) for the children to play on.

We will be holding our annual Bring and Buy Sale on Thursday 28th April for the Rock of Joy. Children are invited to bring in books, toys and games in good condition from the start of that week.

As part of the Oral Hygiene project, we plan to take out around 1200 toothbrushes and so **we are asking for donations of new toothbrushes, with a collection point in the main entrance.**

World Book Day

This year World Book Day followed the theme of 'bedtime stories,' with pupils and staff coming to school dressed in their pyjamas. The day saw a range of reading and book activities, including children giving a presentation of their favourite book, with the finalists presenting to the whole school. There was also a 'drop everything and read' when the bell rang throughout the day. Even the lunchtime menu had a 'book theme' with the catering staff joining in the spirit of the day by dressing as book characters.



A Trip to Prenton Park

On Saturday 5th March, St. Peter's pupils and a number of parents attended Tranmere Rovers Football Club for a 'Match Day Experience'. On arrival at Prenton Park the children took part in



a range of skills and competitions in the newly refurbished Futsal indoor pitch before receiving a snack and match programme. After a surprise visit from some of the players, we then took our seats in the main stand to watch the game between Tranmere and Gateshead. We clearly brought the team good luck with Tranmere being awarded two penalties and seeing them win 3-1. Everyone had a really good day out. Thank you to the Tranmere in the Community Team for looking after us so well.



Sport

On Monday 14th March the basketball team went to Archbishop Beck Sports College, in Liverpool for the Merseyside School Games final of the event. There were nine schools from Liverpool, Wirral, Knowsley and Sefton with each school



representing their borough. We therefore were given Wirral t-shirts to wear for the event. After being given a demonstration from some of the Liverpool basketball team showing us some tremendous slam dunks, the competition got underway. Each match was very competitive with most being won by one basket. We were playing with adult sized baskets and found it difficult to convert our number of attempts into scores, but so was everyone else.

We started with a hard fought draw and after a loss in the next game managed a really impressive win against the school from Knowsley. Our results continued to be mixed with some draws, defeats and 1 more win. Although we didn't make it through to the semi-finals we were proud with how our skills and shooting had progressed over the games and how we played the game displaying the correct sporting values. It was a great achievement to get to this event in the first place and to be in the top 6 schools in Merseyside for basketball is amazing. Well done to all the team.

Building Works Begin

I am sure you have noticed that the building project has now begun, which has seen a large section of the playground being fenced off. It is expected that the work will stretch over 4 months with the building



of a new pupil staircase and entrance at the front of school, a new staffroom and a flexible learning hub in the centre of school. It is going to be an interesting few months ahead!

Wind in the Willows



The Image Theatre Company visited St. Peter's at the end of this term for their annual theatre performance in front of the whole school. This year they performed the Wind in the Willows, which was

well received by both pupils and staff. They incorporated their usual and popular format of choosing a number of children to be involved in some of the acting, whilst the rest of the school joined in by learning and singing along to a number of songs during the one hour performance. Unsurprisingly, everyone enjoyed another great show and we look forward to inviting them back again next year.

Chris Penn - Headteacher