



St. Peter's News

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A Big Thank you from Mr Penn



Well what a final half term it has been! It feels like the longest 'good-bye' in history and yet I have enjoyed every minute of it and would like to say a huge thank you for everyone involved in the range of events and special Collective Worship that have been put on to mark my time at St. Peter's as Headteacher. There have been so many kind messages and generous donations towards my leaving gifts which were presented to me by Dan Thompson, Chair of Governors, at a special reception attended by colleagues past and present, governors and parents from Friends. These included a watch to 'mark my time at the school', a leather briefcase and suit carrier and a special weekend away in the Lakes. Two Collective Worship followed, each led by the younger children and pupils in Key Stage 2 and were attended by parents. There was also a very moving service at St. Peter's Church for our annual Leavers' Service for the Year 6.

A further surprise came on the last Friday afternoon of term when the whole school performed a surprise 'flash mob' on the school field to One Direction's 'You Don't Know You're Beautiful'. Quite incredible and brilliantly executed! This was followed by strawberries and fizz (sparkling grape juice) with parents in the school hall. It is hoped to be able to post this on the school website. I was delighted to be able to present my own gifts to the school that included a large Bible and wooden stand for whole school worship, a class set of hard back Bibles for KS2 and a selection of children's Christian books for our younger pupils.

And so now it really is time for me to say a final good-bye. It has been a huge privilege and honour to have been Headteacher at this wonderful school, and I will take with me so many special and happy memories. I will always remember my time at St. Peter's School with great fondness, and the people who make it such a special school, with great affection.



St. Peter's Top Awards for Sport

On Thursday 6th July, St. Peter's took four teams to the Merseyside Games at Wavertree. This is a prestigious event which sees the top schools from Merseyside



competing against each other, whilst representing their borough. St. Peter's competed against schools from Liverpool, Halton, Sefton, Knowsley, St. Helens and Wirral in tri-golf, quick sticks hockey and quad kids athletics (two teams). All of the children performed to an exceptionally high standard and they represented our school and Wirral very well. Both the hockey and tri-golf teams finished 5th, and for the second year running the quad kids team finished 2nd making them the 2nd best team in the whole of Merseyside - a tremendous achievement and one to be very proud of.



At the end of June, the new age curling team also went to Liverpool to represent Wirral in the Merseyside final. This is a sport which is very similar to the game played on ice; however, it is played

indoors with competitors firing their stones in turn towards the target. The team performed brilliantly together with each child having a different role: to knock an opponent's stone out of the way, to block a stone or to score on the target. After three wins and two draws in the group stages, St. Peter's finished 2nd in their group on goal difference and made it into the 3rd/4th playoff. A fantastic set of 4 ends saw St. Peter's winning by 5-1 collecting bronze medals.



Author visit

On 27th June, Year 3/4 walked to Gayton Primary to meet Cressida Cowell, author of 'How to train your dragon.' Cressida was a fantastic and inspirational speaker; the children and adults were hooked from the moment she started. After the talk, the children were able to ask Cressida questions about how she became a writer and what inspired her to write about dragons. Pupils then had the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of one of Cressida's award winning children's books. Following their visit the children have designed their own dragons and will be sending them to Cressida along with a letter of thanks - they are hoping she will reply!



Eco tackle Climate Change

On Tuesday 20th June Mrs Buckle, Mrs Macklin and six members of our Eco-Team went to Greenleas Primary School in Wallasey to take part in the 2017 Climate Challenge.



This year the challenge was to make our school better prepared for changes to the climate. Twelve schools took part in the challenge and each had to prepare a presentation lasting two minutes. We decided to focus on

two specific areas, these were:

- Hot, hot, hot – how can we keep our schools cooler without using more energy?
- Water – too little and too much.

The morning was very creative with many wonderful ideas being suggested and although we didn't win, we had a great time and learnt lots of new facts about our climate and ways in which we could help.



Island Adventure



Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Hilbre Island on the final Wednesday of the school year. A special day out to mark their time at the school and provide a further cherished memory. Thankfully the thunder storms held off and they enjoyed a day of walking, chatting, reminiscing, sandcastle building and investigating rock pools - a lovely way to say goodbye to a special year

St. Peter's Bake Off



This term saw a new after school Baking Club for 8 children from Year 6. They baked a variety of tasty goodies such as scones, short-bread biscuits,

apple pie and cup cakes. The children learnt a range of baking skills but most of all we had lots of fun, particularly enjoying tasting the results of all their hard work.

...a final word

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our school throughout this year in so many different ways. It has been quite a year! To 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, to Miss Harris, who is leaving after 9 years at St. Peter's as she prepares to relocate to Oxford and marry her fiancée Tim. 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 at St. Peter's.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! May I wish you and your families much happiness and joy in the years ahead.

Chris Penn - Headteacher