



St. Peter's News

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Staffing News

Many congratulations to Mrs Monks and Mrs Bass who have both announced the news that they are expecting babies early next year. Mrs Monks will begin her maternity leave after the Christmas holidays while Mrs Bass will return after the Christmas break, expecting to begin maternity leave at the end of January.



Anthony Horowitz talks to Year 5/6 pupils

Back in September, pupils in Year 5/6 enjoyed an exciting and unique opportunity to 'meet' with world-famous author Anthony Horowitz through an hour-long FaceTime conversation during which he shared some of his writing tips, gave pupils a virtual tour of his writing studio and set the pupils a personal writing challenge. This really fired up pupils' imaginations and some superb writing has been produced as a result.



With Fondest Memories

It was with great sadness that we received the news that Mrs Judith Russell, former Headteacher of St Peter's, passed away peacefully on 18th September. Mrs Russell served the Heswall community and St Peter's School for many years; she will be sadly missed by her family, friends and her many old colleagues.



Year 3/4 Roman Day

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful Roman Day. Everyone dressed up in fabulous Roman costumes, and spent the day learning about the invasion attempts on Britain by Julius Caesar, and the successful invasion by Claudius. All the children spent time training to be in the Roman Army, learning the Latin commands to march and charge! By the end of the day, everyone in Year 3 and 4 had designed and made a 'scutum' - a Roman shield. Thank you to everyone involved, and to all the parents who organised such great costumes too.



Eco News

Eco Committee have planted three hyacinth bulbs each in a terracotta pot to take home for Christmas. The pots now need to be kept in a cool dark place, under the school hall, to encourage root growth and will be checked regularly for watering. By the middle of December the shoots should be approximately 4-5cms long and the pots can then be brought into lighter and warmer conditions. We hope to have pink, blue and white flowers in time for Christmas.



A Final Goodbye

Education Sunday (September 10th) saw a special order of service with contributions from a number of church schools from across the Diocese of Chester; it included a warm welcome to the new Diocesan Director of Education, Chris Penn, who was presented to Bishop Libby by a group of pupils from St Peter's. Thank you to all staff and parents who attended the service to support Chris as he takes on his new role.



With a little help from our Friends

The Friends of St Peter's aim to develop relationships between staff and parents, and advance the education of pupils through providing financial assistance for items not normally supported by the Local Authority. This is achieved through the hard work of the Social Committee, who co-ordinate and run a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including the Summer Fair, Pancake Flip and Bonfire Night to name but a few.

In the year to August 2017, the Friends of St Peter's raised £24,500—an incredible achievement, enabling the school to purchase the following: Playground resurfacing and new markings, new curtains for the Hall, £3000 of new books for KS1, 10 x Samsung Galaxy Tablets, new sports equipment, visualisers for every classroom, equipment and tables for F2.

All of this is only possible with parents' help and support to plan and run the different events. If you're able to help in any capacity, please let us know – the Fundraising and Social Committee meet on the first Monday of every month in Otto's Lounge in Heswall at 8pm—all are welcome. Alternatively, you can speak to Jo Todd or Jo Jackson, who co-chair the committee, or just leave your name with the school office and they'll get in touch.



Year 4 set off for an adventure in Wales

Our Year 4 pupils 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!



Welcome Mr Jones

It was lovely to welcome Mr Darren Jones to the school for his first opportunity to meet with some of the St Peter's community at the Welcome Back 'Sausage Sizzle' on 19th September. Mr Jones will be in school every Friday after half term to get to know the children, families and staff as well as possible before he starts his new role as Headteacher in January.



INSET DAY

A reminder that pupils should return to school after half term on TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER as Monday is a staff INSET day.

The Vikings visit St. Peter's

Year 5 and 6 had the chance to really immerse themselves in Viking culture through a visit from Gary the Viking. Throughout the morning, once dressed in clothes of the era, the children were fascinated by the tales Gary told of how the Vikings were amazing sailors, tradesmen and inventors. They learnt how many of the days of our week are named after Viking gods and how they discovered new lands and settled throughout the world.

During the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to take part in four activities all linked to how the Vikings would have lived: they made clay oil lamps and a Viking board game; learnt about Viking culture by drawing and writing about Viking artefacts and developed their warrior skills using spears and shields. The children had a fantastic day and it was a brilliant start to our Viking topic for this term.



Sports Round Up

Tag Rugby

St. Peter's took three teams of children (34 Year 5/6 children) to the Wirral Tag Rugby Festival at Birkenhead Park Rugby Club. All three teams competed with great enthusiasm, skill and a high level of sportsmanship and were a real credit to St. Peter's. This year there was a change in the rules which meant that if a girl scored a try it was worth double. This meant that each team had to think carefully about their tactics and involve every member of the team. Each team tried their best and enjoyed the afternoon with the A team finishing top in their group. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you for your superb behaviour and attitude. Thanks also to Mrs Penn for all the hard work she put into organising the event.



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