



# St. Peter's News

## Spring 2

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### Good-bye to Mrs Wishart

At the end of this term, St. Peter's will be saying good-bye to Mrs Karen Wishart, our ICT Administrator. Mrs Wishart joined the school five years ago and has responsibility for everything ICT in the school. She has played a key part in developing our electronic communication with responsibility for the enhanced school website, newsletters, on-line booking system and many more aspects of computing at St. Peter's. She has also been one of our named first aiders and looked after children when they have been injured or feeling unwell. We are hugely appreciative of the support Mrs Wishart has given in so many different aspects of school life and would like to say a sincere thank you to her. We wish her well as she relocates to Kent to be nearer to her family.



### Further Staff News

As reported in the March News Update, Miss Lara Jones will be getting married during the spring break to her long term partner and fiancé Daniel. We send them both our love and best wishes for their very special day.



Miss Jones will return as Mrs Bass at the start of the summer term (1/2LB). A further name change will see Mrs Clayton reverting back to her maiden name, Mrs Breeze, after Easter (1/2DB).

Miss Ellie Thornhill will be leaving her post as Teaching Assistant apprentice in Years 1&2 at the end of this term. We wish her well for the future.

### The Big Sing Event

The whole of Y5 recently attended a 'Big Sing' celebration at Woodchurch High School, along with children from the other 11



Anglican primary schools on the Wirral. The event was to mark and celebrate the work of the Diocesan Director of Education, Mr Jeff Turnbull, who is retiring in April after 26 years in the post. The theme took on Mr Turnbull's favourite Bible verse from John 3:16, with each school giving a short presentation from a part of the verse, which included poetry, dance, song and drama. There were also a number of songs that we all joined in with. The event concluded with a word of thanks and a blessing from the Bishop of Birkenhead.



### New School App

Have you downloaded the new school app 'mySchoolApp'? We are using this as a new and improved way of providing parents with the latest information about things happening in the school. The app can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play, after opening the app—Enter St Peter's CE Primary School Heswall and sign-up. Please be sure to subscribe to the notification groups that pertain to you under 'Settings'. A pdf will be attached with this Newsletter to explain the 'How to...' in more detail.



### Eco team on a mission



Mrs Macklin and Eco members have been weeding and tidying the raised vegetable beds ready to plant our new crops.

We have spoken to the kitchen staff to confirm which vegetables would be good to grow to use in our school dinners. They suggested carrots, potatoes, rhubarb, beetroot and onions.



## World Book Day

This year World Book Day saw pupils and staff coming to school dressed as a character from a story book. The day saw a range of reading and book activities, including 'the mystery reader', with parents and volunteers coming in during the school day to surprise the children and to read to them. It was lovely to have a number of dads coming in to read. We hope to be able to encourage this further in the future.



## Y6 Residential to the Manor

Our Year 6 pupils spent five days in March at Manor Adventure in Craven Arms, Shropshire, taking part in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities. Although the weather was a little on the wet side, it certainly didn't dampen the children's spirits. One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to take on the new High Ropes course that was recently installed at the centre at a cost of £800,000. The whole week was action packed and the children and the staff had such a fantastic time, if a little exhausted. The coach home was very quiet!



## Sport

This term has seen further sporting success for St. Peter's in a range of different sports. The school basketball team represented Wirral in the Merseyside School Games with 6 boys and 3 girls from Y5/6 taking part. Although they didn't progress to the semi-finals, their attitude and skill were a real credit to the school. Earlier this month, 3 teams of children took part in the Wirral Primary 'Quik Sticks' Hockey finals. The St. Peter's B team made it through to the final beating St.



Bridget's 3-0. They will now go on to represent Wirral in the Merseyside Finals in July. A fantastic achievement.

St. Peter's finished first out of all Wirral Primary Schools in the Sportshall Indoor Athletics and so went on to represent Wirral in the Merseyside stage of the competition. The children were brilliant,

supporting and encouraging each other, with some marvellous results recorded. St. Peter's finished third overall, our highest ever finish. Well done to the whole team! Further successes have included the Y3 football team getting through to the Everton finals, with the Y4 and Y5 teams giving a good account of themselves. A wonderful term of sport, let's hope our success continues in the summer.



## The Selfish Giant

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 Selfish Giant, 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.



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