



St. Peter's News Summer 1

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Visit to partner schools in Uganda



Mr Penn and Miss McKeown will be flying out with a team of 13 adults on Thursday 26th May for a two week mission to Uganda. The trip will see the team working with our partner school, the Rock of Joy, Masaka, and two other schools and their respective communities, on a number of education and health projects. They will be joined by Mr Dan Thompson (parent and Chair of Governors), Rev Martin Cannam (parent and Rector) and Mr Daniel Cambridge (parent) as part of the team.

One of the projects will be to continue to promote dental hygiene and to encourage the children to brush their teeth regularly. Thanks to your kind support and donations, along with

the churches, two dentists and other local schools, we will be taking out over 3000 tooth-brushes! Parent and dentist, Paul O'Brien, arranged a collection point at his surgery at Neston Dental Care and collected over a thousand brushes



which he presented to school. There will be a special Collective Worship for the team on Thursday morning before they return at 4:30pm to leave from St. Peter's school.



Adult Mission - Uganda 2016

Keep in touch with the team's work during their two weeks in Uganda through these links

<http://www.rockofjoy.co.uk/adult-trip/4592425722>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/181032095379/>

Moving on...

At half term we will be saying good-bye to two of our teaching assistants. Miss Robyn Barbrooke is leaving to go travelling in Asia before returning to complete the final year of her degree course. Miss Barbrooke joined St. Peter's in September 2013 and has worked in KS1, as well as with individual pupils across KS2. We would like to thank her for her contribution and wonderful support over the last three years and wish her well for the future.



We will also be saying good-bye to Mr Kaylan Elliott who has completed his one year apprenticeship with us, supporting PE & sport across the school. Mr Elliott is leaving to take up a TEFL post (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) in Spain. We thank him for his contribution this year and send him our best wishes as he embarks on this new challenge.

Ventures - Y5 Christian Residential

The start of this term saw a group of our Year 5 children, along with Mrs Clayton, take part in a pilot project organised by CPAS Ventures and championed



by Bishop Keith, the Bishop of Birkenhead. Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) run Venture holidays for children and young people all over the country but this was the first project that involved working with schools. Four schools took part which saw children from St. Peter's, Christchurch Moreton, Priory Parish Primary in Birkenhead and Holy Spirit Primary in Leasowe come together to play games, sing songs, complete challenges and explore the Bible over a long weekend at Barnstondale Camp. The residential was a great success with the children having a fantastic time and experience, with the chance to make some new friends. We have planned a celebration get together and picnic for the children to meet up again before the end of term. The success of the pilot has been such that we plan to offer it again next year and are opening it out to



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Orchestra & Concordia Perform



Both the St. Peter's Orchestra and Concordia Choir have had the opportunity to showcase their talents during May with two concerts. The first was performing to a community group who meet at the St. Peter's Centre, 'Thursday's Together.' Following the concert the children had chance to talk to those who attended. We also held our Summer Musical Celebration on 24th May where the choir and orchestra performed to parents, family and friends. Both events were a huge success and the children were very well

received. A huge thank you to Mrs Helen Chetwood (Music Lead) and Mrs Angela Charlesworth (Orchestra Leader) for their input throughout the year.



Healthy Fortnight is great success

The last two weeks of half term has seen the whole school take part in 'Healthy Fortnight.' The two weeks incorporated a range of activities relating to keeping fit and exercising, healthy eating and having a healthy mind. The activities included a 'wake up and shake up' session first thing in the morning, with children taking part in 'run a mile a day' challenge with their class. Both proved to be really popular and so we are considering continuing these in some capacity next half term. Each class visited Tesco to find out where our food comes from, as part of their Farm to Fork project. We had Tranmere Rovers players visit and sessions led by some of our parents in their professional capacity. The inflatable assault course and 'tug of war' were other highlights. The focus of the two weeks has been 'promoting healthy choices and lifestyles', a key aim of our school vision statement.



Chris Penn - Headteacher