



Newsletter – 1st April 2022

Learning Means the World Curriculum

Reception

Reception class have enjoyed the topic 'Let's Play' this half term and have become immersed in the storybook *The Naughty Bus*. Reception class have been learning about where the London Naughty Bus comes from using Google maps to find London, as well as researching famous London landmarks including the London Eye, Tower Bridge, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace. We also looked at how toys are made and found out how a teddy bear is made. In our writing, Reception class have been doing some descriptive writing, describing the Naughty Bus, and designing and describing a new Space Ranger toy. Reception class have also been using their imagination and creativity to design and make their own Naughty Bus using different materials whilst having lots of fun making them too. We are really looking forward to ending our topic with a Teddy Bear's Picnic with our favourite teddy or toy.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about our local community. They have enjoyed going for a walk in our local area looking at the different road signs, street names and people that live in our area. We have been looking at things from a birds eye view and have been using Google maps and Google Earth to identify human and physical features from which they have really enjoyed.

Year 1 have also enjoyed learning about Plants. They have been busy looking at the different plants we have at our school and writing descriptions about them. They have also been learning about the different parts of flowers and trees and how the different parts function and what they do.

Well done Year 1 for your super work!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their 'Land Ahoy!' topic this half term. We looked at maps and atlases and then created our own treasure maps. We had lots of fun reading each other's maps and following instructions using directional language such as; north, south, east and west to find the treasure.

In music we enjoyed listening to the song Shiver my Timber! We also used percussion instruments to help us perform the song and remember the lyrics. Throughout the topic we have also been learning about Madagascar. We researched Madagascar and created our own fact files about it. We had lots of fun researching all the animals in Madagascar.

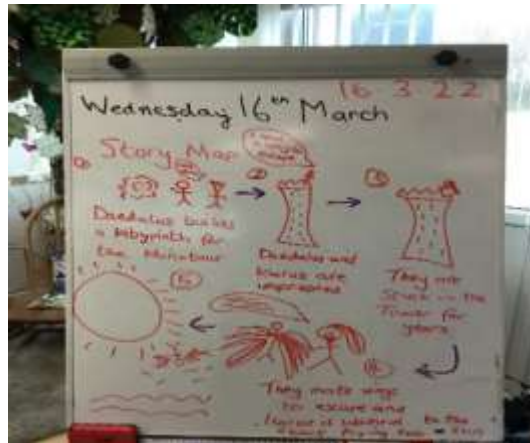


YEAR 3

Athens V Sparta

Year 3 have enjoyed our topic 'Athens V Sparta: Ancient Greece' this half term and we learned all about Ancient Greece. We have studied the beautiful landscape of Greece, its islands and miles of beautiful coastline, as well as the history and traditions of this ancient land. We made traditional Greek urns, and looked at the climate and the food that is grown there. We learned that Ancient Greece was a very powerful empire between 2000 BC and 146 BC and was responsible for introducing democracy, as well as many new ideas for government, science, philosophy and art.

The alphabet, Olympic Games, the marathon and the theatre are all Ancient Greek inventions, and the Greeks were responsible for lots of building and construction styles that exist today.



We also compared two cities that existed in ancient times (Athens and Sparta) and looked at their similarities and differences, observing what it would be like to grow up there.

We have also studied lots of Greek myths and legends and learned all about the Greek Gods and Goddesses who lived on Mount Olympus and how the Greeks made sense of the world, animals and how people came to be through the telling of these stories.

YEAR 4

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working extremely hard learning all about 'Law and Order'. We have looked at the concept of justice and citizenship, focusing on the importance of leadership and understanding what makes a good leader, why we need leaders and what different leadership roles exist. We have been learning about the importance of rules and how to recognise issues of justice, rights, and responsibilities. During our lessons, we always aim to work co-operatively with one another, developing awareness of the impact of our decisions on others. We clearly expressed this during our PE/Dance lessons when we played fun, fast paced games that required group co-operation. This led to working closely with partners, guiding and controlling their movements as we developed and performed a co-operative duet demonstrating moves, ensuring they were performed fluidly and simultaneously.



YEAR 5

This half term we have started our new Dimensions topic on 'Invaders and Settlers', which focuses closely on the ancient Romans. On Friday 18th March we visited Chester Grosvenor Museum to find out why the Romans settled in Chester.

Our trip began with us meeting a Roman gladiator in full authentic armour. His name was Claudius Crasius (which means ugly in Latin!) We then had to put on our own armour – called lorica segmentata, and carry a shield (scutum), before pledging allegiance to the Roman Empire. We were then ordered to march to the amphitheatre, where we had lots of fun learning battle formations, to beat the Celts (teachers!)



On the way back to the museum, Ethan kept us all in line by leading the chant: 'Sin, sin, sin, dex, sin', which means 'Left, left, left, right, left.'



After a well - earned lunch in the King's Arms Kitchen, we were treated to a fascinating workshop led by a very knowledgeable historian called Jenny. The time went by far too quickly, and we all agreed it was a fantastic day out and a great way to learn about the Romans in Britain.

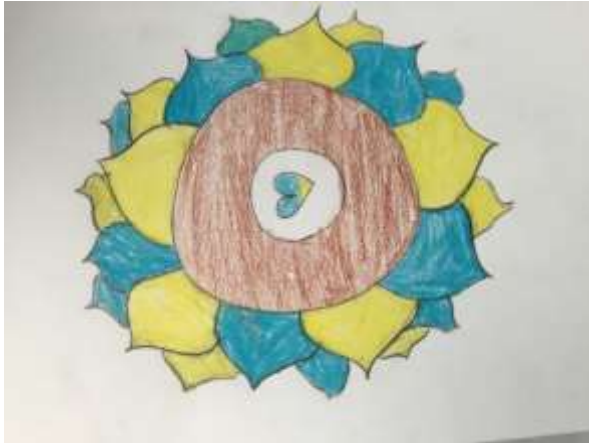


Some of your pupils' work has been selected for publication!

This week we have just discovered that some poems we entered into the 'Young Writer's' competition are going to be published! Out of 10,000 entries all of ours have been selected for publication. The anthology will be out in June, and our school will receive a free copy, which will be on display in the library. We break up for Easter very happy bunnies – it's official – Year 5 are about to become published authors!

YEAR 6

Year 6 Learning Means the World Topic this half term has been Wars of the World. The topic asks us to consider current wars and the reasons why wars begin. Year 6 were sensible and mature while we discussed the current war in Ukraine, and they produced wonderful poetry about the plight of refugees. They also produced beautiful artwork depicting their designs of a modern-day equivalent of the poppy – something to symbolise this war and the hopes that the world has for people of the Ukraine.



Autism Awareness Week 2022



Autism is a lifelong disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world. There are approximately 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK.

This year during Autism Awareness Week every class has taken part in activities and looked at some of the wonderful resources from The National Autistic Society.

The whole of the Junior School was given a presentation by a Year 6 pupil, Genevieve, explaining all about Autism and the way we can all help others who have Autism, both in our school and throughout the wider community. We all learnt so much, and the children were truly enthralled listening to such a wonderful, heartfelt presentation.

Yr6 Plas Menai Residential Trip – 8th June to 10th June 2022



The trip may be paid in full or by instalments, but **all payments must be made by Friday, 20th May 2022.**

Deposit of £50.00 should have been paid by Monday, 20th December 2021.

1st instalment of £50.00 should have been paid by Thursday, 20th January 2022.

2nd instalment of £50.00 should have been paid by Monday, 21st February 2022.

3rd instalment of £50.00 should have been paid by Monday, 21st March 2022.

4th instalment of £50.00 should be paid by Wednesday, 20th April 2022.



Fundraising during Lent

Thank you for your generous donations during this Lent to raise money for CAFOD and Nugent care. We will let you know the exact totals in our next newsletter.

Walking against hunger on 'Odd Socks Day' to raise money for CAFOD



Easter egg raffle will be drawn on the last day of term



Class Assemblies

This term we have been able to welcome parents/carers back to our class assemblies ☺

Well done to Yr1 who took part in our first class assembly all about Fairtrade.

Well done to year 3 on leading our Easter service.



HPAN Performance at the Brindley, Runcorn

Year 5 and 6 girls who attended Dance Club took part in the HPAN Performance at the Brindley Theatre on Tuesday, 1st March.

Several primary schools across Halton participated either performing a dance routine or singing. The girls worked so hard to perfect their dance routine for this performance.

They were amazing! Well done girls.



HAF Easter Activities

School have been asked to share the promotional posters below from the Vibe; they highlight the activities that they are hosting for HAF Easter 2022 in Halton. The sessions are for young people who are eligible for Free School Meals. This has been made possible with funding from the DfE. All sessions involve enrichment activities, sports, and a free meal. Young people are encouraged to register to secure their place.





Holiday Activity Programme

Easter Holidays 4th - 8th April 2022

For young people aged 8+



Upton Community Centre

- WA8 4PF
- Monday 4th April
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Lunch Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Arts and Crafts
- Multi Sports

Halton Brook Community Centre

- WA7 6LL
- Wednesday 6th April
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Arts & Crafts Workshop
- Multi Sports

Wade Deacon High School

- WA8 7TD
- Thursday 7th April
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Lunch Provided

- Altru Drama Workshop
- Zap Graffiti art Workshop
- Multi Sports
- Bushcraft/forest skills with Andy's Positive Programmes

Windmill Hill, Runcorn

- land on corner of
- Westwood/Southwood Ave
WA7 6LN
- Friday 8th April
- 11am - 3pm
- Free Hot Meal Provided

- Multi Sports
- Graffiti Art Workshop
- Bush Craft Workshop
- Outdoor event

Register now by scanning our QR code





Holiday Activity Programme



Easter Holidays 11th - 13th April 2022
For young people aged 8+

This Easter, Vibe outdoors is offering young people in Halton the chance to take part in some fun outdoor adventurous activities including ?. Vibe Outdoors is the ultimate place for young people to experience adventure and reconnect with themselves and others.

- Transport is provided to Vibe Outdoors from each pick up point
- Vibe outdoors sessions involve water activities such as canoeing, please bring a towel and a full change of clothes, including footwear!
- All specialist equipment is provided
- All activities are lead by qualified outdoor education instructors
- All young people will receive a free packed lunch

PICK UP POINT at
Upton Community Centre,



WA8 4PF



Monday 11th April



10am - 2pm



Free Lunch Provided

PICK UP POINT at Halton
Brook Community Centre



WA7 6LL



Wednesday 13th April



10am - 2pm



Free Lunch Provided

Limited spaces available each day, register now!
Register now by scanning our QR code

UPTON QR



HALTON BROOK QR



Dropping children off in the mornings

It has been noticed that some children are being dropped off at school around 8.10am. Unfortunately, children who arrive before 8.30am are unable to be supervised by staff.

The earliest you should drop your child(ren) off is 8.30am.

Thank you for your understanding.

DOGS

This is a polite reminder that there should be no dogs on site, even on a lead or being carried.



Summer Uniform

When the children return to school after the Easter Break, they can wear their school summer uniform.

Boys – short grey trousers, blue polo shirts and school jumper.

Girls – blue and white summer dress, school cardigan and white socks.

Change of details

Please could you inform the school office if you have any new contact numbers, moved house or if any medical conditions have changed? If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition, please provide a copy of medical evidence from your GP for our records.



Children late

Children should be in class by 8.45am at the latest. If for some reason they are late, then **you must bring your child into school and sign them in on the EntrySign System.** Thank you.

One Way System

Could we remind parents/carers that there is an unofficial one way system in operation around the school during drop off and collection times?

When approaching school by car please do so via Ash Lane and vacate the vicinity out through Oakfield Drive.

Can we also ask you to ensure you park up in a safe place and **NOT** across our neighbours' driveways or on the white lines?

Thank you for your co-operation.



Polite reminder - Snack/Dinner Account

Please could we ask that you check on your child(ren's) snack/dinner account and top up over the half term break ensuring you have credit.

As previously mentioned, there has been an addition to the SchoolComms this year and that is a reminder is automatically generated if your account goes into debit.






For the snack account, it will automatically send you a reminder to top up when it goes below £5.00 if it goes over £5.00 you will have to supply a snack for your child as they will not receive snack until it's topped up.

For the dinner account, it will automatically send you a reminder to top up when it goes below £12.50. Again, you will have to supply a packed lunch until your dinner account has been topped up.

Should you require any further information/assistance regarding SchoolComms, please contact the school office.



What is happening Next Half Term?

Date	Event
19 th April	School reopens Tuesday @ 8.45am (children can be dropped off from 8.30am)
25 th April	Yr4 Preparation for Holy Communion – 3.15pm to 4.15pm 
26 th April	Theatre Company coming into school – Theatre Production of Sword in the Stone – whole school 
2 nd May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
5 th May	Inset Day – School Closed
9 th May	KS2 Sats – all week 
14 th May	Yr4 Holy Communion at St Michael's Church @ 1pm 
16 th May	RSHE meeting for KS2 @ 6pm – Information to follow
17 th May	RSHE meeting for KS1 @ 6pm – Information to follow
27 th May	Yr4 Class Assembly @ 9am. Yr4 Parents/Carers welcome.
27 th May	Vintage Garden Party to Celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from 12pm onwards – All Parents/Carers welcome. 

27 th May	School closes for half term @ 3pm
6 th June	School reopens @ 8.45am (children can be dropped off from 8.30am)
8 th to 10 th June	Yr6 Residential trip to Plas Menai 
24 th June	Reception Class Assembly @ 9am. Parents/Carers welcome.
7 th July	Yr6 Leavers Mass in school @ 6pm. Parents/Carers welcome.
19 th July	Yr6 Leavers Assembly @ 9am. Parents/Carers welcome.  School closes for Summer @ 1.30pm 
1 st September	Inset Day
2 nd September	Inset Day
5 th September	School reopens @ 8.45am (children can be dropped off from 8.30am)