



Newsletter – 15th July 2022

Learning Means the World Curriculum

Reception

Reception have really enjoyed the topic 'What on Earth'. Reception have been using their senses to make observations and talk about the world around them, particularly when looking at the blossom and apples on our apple trees. Children found lots of litter in our outdoor area and were very surprised to see a big mess with lots of rubbish from a Teddy Bears picnic. Therefore, we each wrote a letter to Teddy about the importance of not littering and had a class discussion about recycling our rubbish and why we need to look after God's wonderful world. Our topic links to our RE topic 'Our World' and children talked about what they love about God's wonderful world including the animals, flowers, volcanoes, sea creatures, trees, and water. Reception have learnt about the importance of not wasting water and what we can do to look after our precious water. In small groups, Reception worked well together to create a poster about not wasting water.

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. We were able to observe and talk about the changes happening to our caterpillars, then watch each caterpillar build a chrysalis. Reception class were very excited to share with their friends when a butterfly emerged from its chrysalis. After taking care and feeding our butterflies, we were able to release our butterflies into our garden area.

Well done for all your hard work this year Reception class.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have loved learning about Josephine Baker in our History lessons. They watched some videos of her dances and even learnt how to do them and performed them in groups to the rest of the class. Their favourite dances were 'the turkey trot' and 'the itch'.

Year 1 have also been learning about lots of different types of animals and the groups they belong to. They talked about whether they are mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish or birds. The children used ink to make animal prints which were so creative and detailed.



YEAR 2

Year 2 really enjoyed studying 'The Visionary' unit this half term. They had lots of fun making their own sliders and levers mechanism. They could confidently talk about their designs and enjoyed sharing their end products with the class. They have also been learning about Ada Lovelace and why she was known as 'a visionary'. We used the iPads to research Ada and find out lots of information about her amazing achievements!

We have also been learning about 'Amazing Animals' and how we can group animals. We have looked at the life cycle of animals, as well as their needs to help them survive. We visited Knowsley Safari Park on Friday 17th June which enhanced the children's learning! It was our first school trip in a long time because of Covid and all the children behaved brilliantly the entire day! During our trip we learned lots of facts about different animals and we were able to observe a variety of animals on the safari tour and as we walked around!



YEAR 3

'Lindow Man' and 'Under the Canopy'

Lindow Man – The Story of Prehistoric Britain

Year 3 have enjoyed our last two topics this term. In history, we have studied the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and learned about 'Lindow Man' - the well-preserved body of an Iron-Age man discovered in Lindow Moss peat bog in Cheshire in 1983.

We also learned about how people lived and worked in this period and studied a 3D model of one of the most famous Stone Age dwellings to exist – 'Skara Brae' on the Scottish Isle of Orkney.

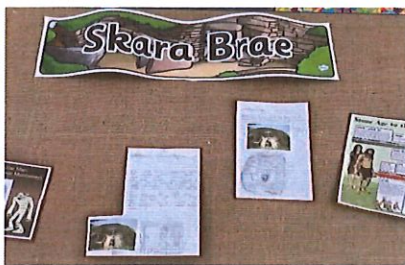
We read the book 'Pebble in my Pocket', and in science, we studied rocks and soil, and learned about the different types of rocks, how they are formed and the role that volcanoes and glaciers played in the creation of our Planet.

We created some beautiful artwork based on a local rock sculpture called 'Moongate.'

Under the Canopy - Rainforests

Our second topic, 'Under the Canopy', was all about rainforests. We learned that tropical rainforests are huge - covering 7% of the Earth's land mass and are home to more than half of the world's plants and animals. We read the book 'The Shaman's Apprentice' and wrote about the importance of the Amazon people, their ancient practices and uses for plants of the rainforest. We also learnt that we rely on rainforests for many things - clean air, a stable climate, medicines, bananas, citrus fruits, chocolate and coffee beans, to name a few.

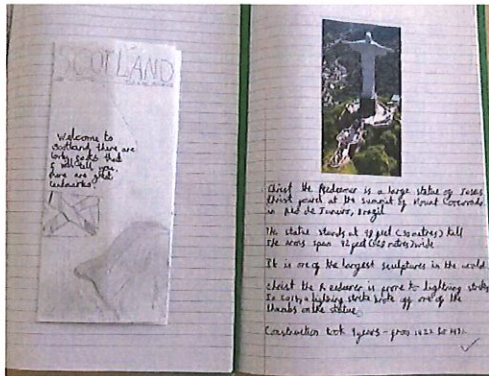
Our science topic was also all about plants. We sketched and labelled the parts of a plant and focused on the life cycle of our class plants, observing them grow, flower, bear fruit and change colour over time.



YEAR 4

Picture Our Planet

During this half-term, Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard, learning all about Brazil, Scotland and Fiji as part of the Dimensions 'Picture Our Planet' topic. We explored these countries finding some key facts about them and understanding some of their traditions and customs. We looked at both human and physical features of Brazil for example Sugar Loaf Mountain and Christ the Redeemer and produced some excellent research about them. When looking at Scotland we created a fantastic leaflet using information we found about Loch Ness and the Highland Games. This links to our science topic where we have been looking at animals and their habitats and the impact of climate change and deforestation. We produced a thought-provoking presentation using PowerPoint looking at the effect this has on these animals and where they live.



YEAR 5

Our topic work has centred on World War 2. After looking at the events leading up to the Second World War, we have looked at what life was like for children, especially the evacuation programme. Several pieces of literature we've studied this year has involved children who were evacuated, such as *The Buried Crown*. We researched the main events during the war, such as *The Blitz*, and created Blitz skylines, using oil pastel and black and white card.



Lily



Savannah

This term we have made super progress with our swimming and we're looking forward to further developing our strength, stamina and technique during the autumn term.



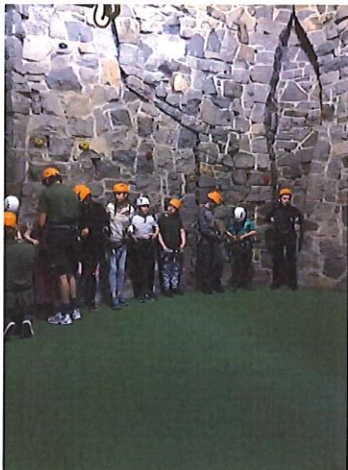
We have also loved choreographing a dance for our end of year show: *Pirates of the Curry Bean*, where we represented the treasure! It has been fabulous to be able to sing and dance again in school.



YEAR 6

Plas Menai Residential

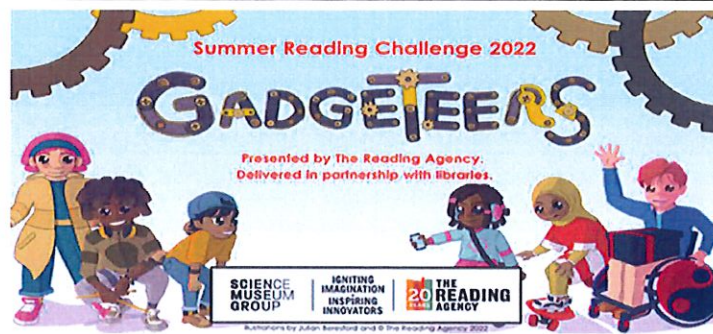
What a fantastic time we all had in Plas Menai this year. The children were amazing. Staff at the Centre commented on their wonderful behaviour and determination when trying all the activities. They were a credit to their parents and a pleasure to spend time with. They have all made wonderful memories that they will treasure forever.



Pirates of the Curry Bean.

Year 6 have worked so hard to prepare for our annual school play. They have learned lines, songs and worked with props and rehearsals have been fun and exciting. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that they deliver the best that they could, and we hope you enjoyed the show!





Get ready for **Gadgets**, arriving online **and** in your **local library** this summer.

Science is all around you!

Join the Gadgets for the Summer Reading Challenge to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things!

What do you have to do?

Just read **six** books during the summer. The school with the most pupils signing up. Will be awarded prizes – one being a meeting with the world famous author Frank Cottrell Boyce – WOW! So come on Our Lady's let's all sign up...

From 9th July visit Widnes or Ditton library. They also have a great collection of ebooks and eaudio books and all you need is a Halton Library card and PIN.

Not a member of the library?

Don't worry, it's quick and easy to join, Just visit:

halton.me/join-the-library

Fundraising

Thank you all for helping with a fundraising during the year. We are pleased to say we have collected and donated the following:-

Nugent Care - £297.17



Cafod - £250.00



Halton Haven Easter Flumpets - £176.80



Vintage Garden Party - £761.50

What a great day that was had by all! Thank you to all who came along and joined us in our Jubilee celebrations and helping to raise much need funds for the school. Thank you for your continue support.

Pirates of the Curry Bean

Thank you to everyone who purchased and attended our Yr6 performance – Pirates of the Curry Bean. We managed to raise a fantastic £666.00. Thank you.

To all our wonderful Year 6. We wish you lots of luck and our very best wishes as you start in your new high schools. Reach for the stars!

All the staff at Our Lady's.



Loving God, we pray for all our children as they prepare for a new season in their lives. As they prepare to start nursery or school for the first time – give them joy in new experiences. As they move into new classes – give them confidence in growing friendships. As they move to new schools – give them strength in their growing independence. And for all the parents, teachers, assistants both seen and unseen, helpers, carers and volunteers who teach and nurture our children, we ask for your blessing, your joy, your wisdom and your patience as they re-charge their batteries over the summer break, ready for the new term! We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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19th July 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your help and support. Across the year, we have had had some ups and downs but overall we have had a very successful end to the academic year.

Statutory Results

Phase	Assessment	School		National	
		Expected standard	Greater depth	Expected standard	Greater depth
Early Years Foundation Stage	Good Levels of Development	57%		tbc	
Year 1	Phonics	93%		tbc	
Year 2	Reading	77%	33%	tbc	tbc
Year 2	Writing	63%	7%	tbc	tbc
Year 2	Maths	83%	13%	tbc	tbc
Year 6	Reading	93%	20%	74%	tbc
Year 6	Writing	73%	17%	69%	tbc
Year 6	SPAG	90%	27%	72%	tbc
Year 6	Maths	87%	17%	71%	tbc
Year 6	R/W/M	70%	7%	59%	tbc

We are so pleased with our excellent end of year results, whereby we are above national figures...a mark of all the hard work and dedication from staff, children and of course you... our parents and carers.

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Class Arrangements for September

The classes in school next year will be arranged as follows:

Reception: Miss Beckett and Miss Morris

Year 1: Miss Beger and Miss Poulson

Year 2: Mrs Kevan and Miss Valdez

Year 3: Ms Morgan and Miss Quirk

Year 4: Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Tansey

Year 5: Mrs Hignett and Mrs Jones

Year 6: Mr Easby and Mrs Heston

Uniform

Please ensure that the children return to school in the correct school uniform.:

Blue cardigan/jumper, white blouse or shirt, tie, grey trousers or skirt, grey/white socks and black shoes (no trainers and no logos). Thank you for your support of this during the year.

On P.E. days, the children should wear their white P.E. t shirt and blue shorts. Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled. There are several pieces of uniform at school which have not been claimed by anyone. We are also asking that, for Health and Safety reasons, jewellery is not worn at school. (Exceptions to this rule are wrist watches and plain gold studs (No diamante style studs)).

Attendance/Absences

The average attendance in school this year was 96%. (School target was 97%). Your help in ensuring that appointments etc. are arranged outside of school hours when possible and bringing children into school before and after appointments is much appreciated.

If a child is not coming to school, please ring the office before 9.00am. It is school policy to contact parents if we have an unexplained absence.

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As Headteacher, I have a legal obligation to report all children who are absent for more than 20 days in a school year and also those children whose attendance is erratic or giving the school cause for concern, whether they have missed 20 days or not.

Thank you

We are very fortunate to have a number of people who work tirelessly throughout the year to ensure that our school is able to do its best for your children. All of these people give their time, energy and enthusiasm, often working unseen, unnoticed, above and beyond what is asked of them and to them we say thank you: To our governors, teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, and support staff.

Good luck to all of our Year 6 pupils as they leave to start at their new schools... we send our very best wishes and will look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

Finally,

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer in whatever you do and wherever you go.

May you talk to God this summer and every day and in every situation.

May you talk with God every day.

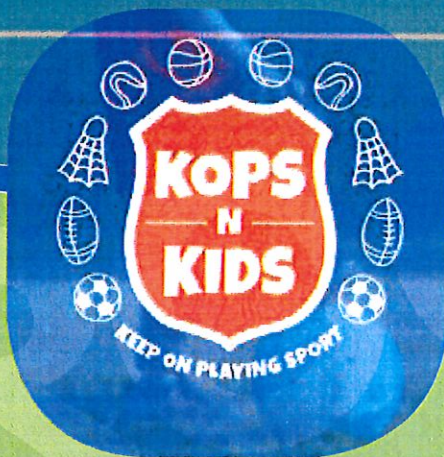
Yours sincerely

Mrs P McGuffie

Headteacher

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Kops n Kids comes to Kingsway Leisure Centre

Every Thursday & Friday in August

Morning Sessions 09:00-12:00
Afternoon Sessions 13:00-15:00

FREE

Join us for a Summer full of Sport! We have football, table tennis, badminton, water activities, boxing, MMA and many more fun activities for ages 8 - 16 to take part in.

The sessions are **completely FREE** and there's no booking so just turn up for one or both of the sessions on the days you'd like to attend.

NO LIMITS

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For more information please call 0151 495 2200

Kingsway Leisure Centre, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QH

