



Newsletter



April/ May 2023

School trips



School trips are so important for enhancing the experiences of the children at our school and for supporting our curriculum. Last month, Year 4 visited Chester to learn more about Roman Britain, which they have been studying in history. Throughout the day, they learned about the Roman legacy, studied artefacts and took part in a parade as a Roman centurion.



Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank to support the work that they have been doing on space as part of the Science curriculum. They visited the planetarium to reinforce their understanding of the solar system and constellations, carried out an investigation about space as a vacuum and learned some of the history of space travel.

All of the children in both year groups had fantastic days and represented our school really well.



Advisor Visit

During March we were visited by an external adviser, who came to school to observe our approach to writing. Throughout the day, we visited lessons, looked at children's books and spoke to children about their work. The feedback was incredibly positive. In the lessons, all of the children were engaged and the quality of writing that we saw was very strong. When we spoke to the children, they were able to tell us articulately about how they had structured their writing, about the vocabulary choices that they had made and how they had used editing to improve their work. Our report from this is very pleasing, with our advisor stating, "In all year groups there was clear evidence that children had made at least very good progress. It was clear to see how the development of writing was skilfully guided, with suggestions about how to improve the writing. The variety of approach is appealing to the children, and this is reflected in their books."



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April/ May Dates

26th April – Y6 Leavers' photographs
27th April – Proposed Strike Action (see Parentmail)
1st May – School closed – Bank Holiday
2nd May – Proposed Strike Action (see Parentmail)
8th May – School closed – King's coronation
9th May – Y6 SATs start
16th May – Y6 dental check up
18th May – Choir performing in Euroakvision at Hilbre
26th May – School closes for half term
5th June – INSET day
6th June – return for summer term

Keeping your child safe online

During March, school ran 2 workshops aimed at helping parents understand the dangers of the online world and how to protect your children from them. Although they were not particularly well attended, the feedback was very positive, with attendees commenting that they learned to check location settings on Whatsapp and particularly about secrecy around online friendships.

Easter Experience

All of our year groups visited St Michael & All Saints church and their team of volunteers to take part in an interactive workshop that helped them learn what Christians believe about the story of Easter. The children visited a number of stations to learn about each part of the story. Reverend Coverley was very impressed by how the children listened and were able to recall the main parts of the story at the end.



Sport

Our school football team took part in a thirteen goal thriller against Overchurch in the Houlihan cup. Unfortunately, we ended up on the losing side, but showed great perseverance, regularly coming from behind to set up and exciting finish. Our athletics team were looking forward to representing Wirral in the Merseyside youth games at the end of March, but unfortunately the event was cancelled at the last minute. However, 4 of our children went on to represent Merseyside in the North West region competition, with children from our school captaining both the boys' and girls' teams to victory. A fantastic achievement!!!!



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