



Newsletter

February/March
2018

Enjoy the newsletter-Mrs Gowan and the E.L.E. Team

Latest News

Easter Eggs

Are you eggcited about Easter? Hopefully you can help to make it really enjoyable for the children by donating an Easter egg please. The eggs will be used as prizes for the PTA Easter Bingo on Monday 26th March and for a charity raffle being drawn on Thursday 29th March. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 26th March for 50p each or 3 for £1. The School Council will make the decision as to which charity to donate to.

PTA

There are lots of PTA events coming up such as pyjama parties, bingo, discos and Gala Day! The PTA do an amazing job but desperately need more parent/grand-parent help. Please try to come along to the meetings which take place at school on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm. Helping with jobs such as shopping for events; supervising stalls; organising

refreshments; sourcing raffle prizes to name just a few would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Keep Reading!

Thank you to everyone who attended the book fair. There were some amazing books purchased which we are certain the children will enjoy reading. Miss Bond who kindly organised the fair is busy spending the commission earned on new books for school! We had some fantastic entries to the extreme reading competition. Miss Grant will be displaying them in the library for everyone to enjoy. The children loved sharing their favourite stories during World Book Day. It is great to see children enjoying books together. Please keep encouraging the children to read every day with speed but ensuring understanding. Please keep up with reading through Bug Club. If you are having difficulty accessing Bug Club, please see your child's classteacher.

OFSTED says...

Pupils have many opportunities to develop their skills in English and mathematics through their work in other subjects.



Diary Dates... March/April 2018

Mon 12.03	Kandy Drama Club 8am Spring Term assessments start Mad Science 3.15-4.15pm last week	Mon 26.03	PTA Easter Bingo 3.15 approx an hour. £2 for 4 games, £1 for stand up bingo during interval. Refreshments on sale. Please note this date has changed due to Children's University graduation clash. Y5 and 6 may attend unaccompanied as long as they bring written permission to walk home afterwards.
Tues 13.03	Y5 sponsored walk to Taylor Park for Willowbrook Hospice KS1 Rugby Club 3.15-4.15pm	Tues 27.03	Children's University graduation in Liverpool pm
Wed 14.03	Tri-Golf Club 8am Y1 trip to Lego Land Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.15-4.15pm	Wed 28.03	Tri-Golf Club 8am last week Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.15-4.15pm last week Governors' budget setting meeting 6pm
Thurs 15.03	Living History workshops Shakespeare YR SHARE 1.30-3.10pm Fencing Club 3.15-4.15pm Y1 Phonics check information meeting for Y1 parents 3.15-3.45pm (repeated after tomorrow's family assembly)	Thurs 29.03	Achievement assembly 9.30am YR SHARE 1.30-3.10pm Fencing Club 3.15-4.15pm Easter egg raffle draw School closes for Easter holidays at 3.15pm After School Club open.
Fri 16.03	Y1 Family Assembly 9.15am. Doors open 8.50am. Y1 Phonics check information meeting to follow assembly approx. half hour. Afternoon tea for the elderly with Y3. S4YC football 3.15-4.15pm wk 3 of 4		HAPPY EASTER!
Mon 19.03	Kandy Drama Club 8am Spring Term Spelling Bee competition for KS2 Spring Term assessments continue Easter egg donations please for bingo and raffle	Mon 16.04	School opens for Summer 1 Term 8.50am. Breakfast Club open 7.30am New Reception notification of places to school in September 2018.
Tues 20.03	Y5 to overnight residential YR to Songfest at St Helens Town Hall KS1 Rugby Club 3.15-4.15pm last week	Wed 18.04	Parents' progress meetings. 1.30-6pm. Please drop in to meet the teacher in the hall. You may wish to avoid busy times, likely to be between 3 and 4 and 5.30pm onwards. PTA 6.30pm. We need new recruits, please come along!
Wed 21.03	Tri-Golf Club 8am Y5/6 Hockey Club 3.15-4.15pm Y5 residential return	Thurs 19.04	YR SHARE trip
Thurs 22.03	YR SHARE 1.30-3.10pm Fencing Club 3.15-4.15pm	Friday 20.04	S4YC football 3.15-4.15pm first week of block
Fri 23.03	Y5 and Y6 workshops with Chamber of Commerce S4YC football 3.15-4.15pm last week of block	Mon 23.04	Y5/6 Netball and Football Clubs 3.15-4.15pm wk 1 of 6



'Working with each other and for each other'

Reception Visit

The Reception children enjoyed a wonderfully active and creative day on 7th March. They visited 'Imagine That' in Liverpool for a very 'hands on' experience.

Year 5 Librarian Visit

The St Helens Library Service visited Year 5 on 5th March for book reviews and a quiz. The children engaged really well with this session.

Year 4 Visit to Fiddler's

Ferry

As part of their topic work, all about 'Electricity', Year 4 visited Fiddler's Ferry. They enjoyed a tour of the power station and made wind farms and circuits.

Talent Assembly

Well done to all of the confident, brave and talented pupils who showcased their skills in our recent talent assembly. This time the whole school enjoyed gymnastics, dancing, singing, joke telling, a jujitsu demonstration as well as a Harry Potter recital-AMAZING!

Cinema Experiences

Fun was had by all during the Infant and KS2 cinema experiences recently. Thank you to all the PTA members and staff who helped out. The KS2 film ran over time but the children managed to watch the end the next morning. We will try to pick films that finish on time for the next event!

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Latest News...

Violin Workshops

Once again our pupils were treated to violin workshops by one of our very talented mums. Francesca's mum, Mrs Dawe designed amazing musical experiences for all of our classes around their current learning themes. The children really benefit from such wonderful experiences. Maybe it will inspire some of our pupils to follow in her footsteps and play in the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra! Thank you so much Mrs Dawe.



St Helens' Schools Multi-skills Competition

Bronze medals adorned the necks of our fantastic competitors from Year 2 who proudly represented our school in the competition on 6th March. Well done to Darcy, Logan, Ollie, Alfie and Niamh.

St Helens' Schools Highland Games Competition

Silver medals were awarded to Year 4 who came runners-up in the Highland Games competition in February. We are all so proud of the children's achievements. Congratulations to Euan, Cody, Avaia, Trudy, Oliver, Jack, Sophie D and Sophie W.

Year 2 Assembly

Well done Year 2 for producing such a wonderful assembly on 23rd February all about Africa. We all learned so much and thoroughly enjoyed the acting, dancing and especially the singing of Waka Waka!

Staff News

Congratulations to Mr Ford who is the proud father of Hannah Laurin Ford who was born on 12th February weighing 8lbs exactly. Young Isaac Ford has been helping his mummy and daddy to look after his new baby sister. I'm sure Mr Ford will show his Year 1 class some beautiful photographs of Hannah.



Snow Closure

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by having to close the school on Thursday 8th March due to snow. The education and care of our pupils is of prime importance to us and decisions to close the school at any time are not taken lightly. Decisions always follow our agreed policy and procedure and are made with approval of the Chair of Governors.

Annual Reports

During the last Governing Body meeting, a decision was made to review the format and content of the annual reports to parents. As a result, we have organised a working party to include representatives of all stakeholders-pupils, parents, staff and governors to agree a 'new look' report. Mr Dagnall is leading this working party and may ask for your help in the decision making in the near future.

Afternoon Tea for the Elderly

Following the success of a similar event earlier in the year, we are hosting another afternoon tea for some of our senior folk. On Friday 16th March Year 3 will once again prepare tasty snacks for our community members and then enjoy reading stories together in the afternoon.

*You can't get a cup of tea big enough
or a book long enough to suit me.*

C. S. Lewis

