Pre Prep
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Pre Prep School Newsletter — Friday 14th June 2019

Happy Birthday to:

Ella R1, Ajmal 1Q, Lucas 2Q and Zara 2Q

Notice to All Pre-Prep Parents

Can I please remind parents/guardians that the Pre-Prep children should be in school by 8.30am. Register and lessons start at 8.40am. When children arrive late this disrupts the class. Thank you

Water Bottles

Can I please remind parents/guardians not to put **juice** in your child's water bottle. Please only put WATER in the water bottles. No juice is allowed. Thank you

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Reception – Year 2 Sports Day will take place on **Wednesday 26th June** on the **Prep School Playing field**

Reception classes 1pm-2
Years 1 + 2 2pm-3pm

National Clean Air Day on 20th June

Liverpool City Council will be participating in National Clean Air Day. This is an event across the country where Local Authorities and partners undertake activities to reduce air pollution on the day. Liverpool Council is committed to reducing air pollution in the city and is introducing a number of measures to tackle this problem.

Important Notice to Parents/Guardians

Prep & Pre-Prep Car Park is not to be used by Parents/Guardians

Please do not use Prep / Pre-Prep Car Park to drop your child off in the morning or in the evening to collect your child. This applies for **Breakfast club and After School Club**.
This is for the Health & Safety of all of our children.

House of the Week

Squirrel

Important Notice to All Parents/Guardians

Can I please remind parents/guardians that once you have collected your child from school please leave the Pre Prep school site as soon as possible. **Children are not to play on the adventure playground or the tennis courts** as Afterschool use these facilities. Prep children are also still having lessons on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** at this time. Can parents/guardians refrain from watching Prep children whilst they do these activities, as this is a safeguarding issue.

Thank you

Tooth Fairy News

Robyn 1P lost her tooth, Alice 1P lost her tooth and Grace 2Q lost her tooth and they all had a visit from the Tooth Fairy

Lost Property

Rehman R3 has misplaced his black school coat which Ava 1P has misplaced her black school coat. Could all parents/guardians check your child's clothing please. Thank you

Liverpool College PTA are holding a Car Boot Sale on Sunday 30th June. If you would like to book your "Pitch" please contact by email the PTA

- **Congratulations to Nathaniel R1 for receiving his 5m swimming certificate and badge**
- **Well done to Rudy R2 for receiving his 10 metres swimming certificate and badge**

Lets Talk Autism – Primary

The Isabella Trust invites you to a Let's Talk Autism On Tuesday 25th June 4pm – 5.30pm meeting at Walton Nursery & Early Years Centre, 99 Cavendish Drive, Liverpool L19 1NB

Weekly Attendance
Week beginning
Monday 10th June 2019 School
Target is 97%

Class	Attendance	
R1	93.0%	
R2	91.9%	
R3	96.3%	
1P	96.7%	
1Q	82.2%	
1R	90.4%	
2P	97.0%	
2Q	97.0%	

Congratulations to Class 2P and 2Q for 97% Attendance

Families are so busy these days that spending quality time with your child is sometimes difficult. Spending time with your child encourages them to be more independent and learn so much.

Each week in the newsletter there will be an activity to do with your child.

This Week **why not turn** off the television, mobile phone, tablet and **……**

Play a board game

Dates for your Diary

19th June	Y1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park
26th June	Pre Prep Sports Day
4th July	Reception Fun Day (Information to follow)
5th July	Y2 Trip to Delamere Forest information to follow
9th July	Y2 Leavers Assembly
10th July	School finishes for Summer

Environment Day

To celebrate Environment Day please see some useful ideas to help insects on the next page.

G. Gannon Head of Pre-Prep

205 Make an earwig hide

15 MINS

Fast-moving earwigs belong to a group of bugs that are "thigmotactic", meaning they prefer small, cramped spaces like cracks or crevices. This can make them hard to catch, but making this hide should do the trick.

What you need
- Plastic flowerpot
- Short bamboo cane
- Honey
- Straw

1 Block up all the holes in the flowerpot and stuff it loosely with straw. Drizzle the straw with a little honey.

2 Push a short cane into the ground near a compost heap or a flowerbed. Position the upturned flowerpot on top of the cane.

3 Check the hide after about a week. There should now be several earwigs inside, and you'll be able to get a good look at them without losing them down a small space. Just let them go when you're finished.

097 Build a log-pile home

30 MINS

Rotting wood is important for wildlife, and there's lots going on in a log pile. It provides food for some animals and insects, while others use it as a place to hibernate during winter. Once built, don't disturb it.

What you need
- Spade
- Logs and sticks
- Bark, leaves, and some ivy plants

1 Pick a shady corner that's out of the way – dappled shade is best. Dig a shallow pit. Pile up the logs, the biggest at the bottom.

2 Put the smaller sticks on top, crisscrossing them as you go. Fill any spaces with leaves, bark, pine cones, or stones.

3 Plant an ivy vine and trail it across the top of the pile to help keep in moisture. Your log pile will now make a warm, safe home for small creatures.

Lichens, mosses, and fungi also grow on log piles and provide food for bugs.

029 Make a bug hotel

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Insects need shelter in the winter – somewhere safe, warm, and dry. Recycle scrap wood and natural items into a bug hotel. In spring the bugs will repay you by pollinating your plants.

What you need
- Fir cones
- Teasel heads
- Drilled wood blocks
- Canes
- Dry branches
- Stems
- Wooden frame

1 Ask an adult to help you use some scrap wood, such as pallets, to construct a frame for your hotel. Ours is a big rectangle, but yours can be any size or shape.

2 Insert stems, canes, fir cones, drilled blocks of wood – any items that fit and contain crawl spaces for insects.

3 Pick a site for your hotel. Make sure it's in a sheltered location, facing southeast or southwest, if at all possible.

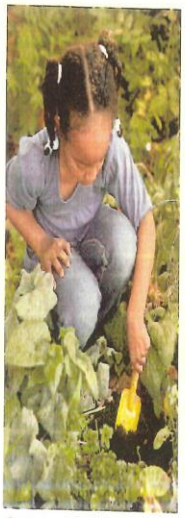
4 Hang it on a wall, or put it next to one at ground level. Cover all the compartments with wire mesh for more stability if you like.

337 Make a home for a frog or toad

20 MINS

Toads and frogs like a cool, damp, shallow burrow to hide away in during the day and to hibernate in over winter. Why not make them welcome in your garden by building them a special home?

What you need
- Trowel
- Clay pot
- Damp leaves
- Watering can
- Collected rainwater



2 Place the pot on its side in the hole. Bury about half of it by filling the inside with moist soil.

1 Find a cool, moist place in the shade. Dig out a hole with a trowel, making the hole a bit longer than the clay pot.

3 Use damp leaves to make a nice bed for the frog or toad inside the pot, and water the area to keep the pot in place.

261 Create a ladybird sanctuary

15 MINS

Ladybirds eat other bugs that attack plants. One ladybird may eat 5,000 aphids in its lifetime! Invite more of them into your garden by building this cosy place for adult ladybirds to hibernate over winter.

What you need
- Corrugated cardboard
- Scissors
- Clean plastic bottle
- Twigs
- Decorations (optional)

1 Cut the top off the plastic bottle. Cut some cardboard to roughly the same length as the bottle.

2 Roll up the cardboard as tightly as possible without crushing the ridges and put the roll inside the bottle.

3 Fill the hole in the centre with twigs for the ladybirds to land on. Put the bottle in a bush or other sheltered place. Slope it downwards to keep out the rain.

339 Build a bee hotel

20 MINS

Some bees seek holes in trees or walls to use as nests. The hollow stems of the bamboo in this bee hotel will give them somewhere for their young to grow.

What you need
- 20 pieces of bamboo cane 1 cm (½ in) diameter, 15 cm (6 in) long
- Scissors and strong tape
- Modelling clay
- Clay pot

1 Stand the pieces of cane (or hollow plant stems) on end to make a bundle. Use the tape to bind them together.

2 Press the canes firmly into a lump of modelling clay to seal off one end.

3 Put the canes into the pot with the open ends facing outwards. Use some more modelling clay to wedge the bundle tightly inside the pot.