

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 14th February 2020

PE & Games Kit

It is important that all children are dressed appropriately and well equipped for PE and Games lessons in school. PE and Games kits are different and they are suited to the activities/sports that the children will be taking part in and learning. If children do not have the correct kit, it will be noted and parents/carers will be notified via the SIMS app. If children do not have the correct kit 3 times in one half term, they will receive a Friday detention.

Please see below the list of PE kit and Games kit and a photograph of correct kit.

PE Kit

White polo t-shirt, black skirt (girls), black shorts (boys), white socks, trainers, black pumps for gymnastics.

Games Kit

Girls - White polo t-shirt, black skirt, full school tracksuit, white socks for netball, trainers, red and black school socks, mouthguard and shin pads for hockey.

Boys - Red and black school rugby top, black shorts, full school tracksuit, red and black school rugby socks, trainers, football boots.

Swimming (Year 3 & 4)

Plain black swimming costume, school swimming cap.

On days when children have Games, they are to come into school in their **full school tracksuit**. On days when they have PE lessons, they will have time to get changed in school so they will need to bring their kit in a bag.



Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils,
who were given Headteacher's
Award certificates
this week.

Arben L, Romasia A, Sasha P-W,
Josh K, Caleb N, Lisa A, Nuoor A-T,
Alicja S, Sheldon A, Ben P, Joseph S,
Daniel G, Ava B, Oliver J, Ethan B,
Miranda H, Angelica C, Scarlet K,
Katie A, Gabriel C-C, Elsa McC, Esme
W and Drew McC.

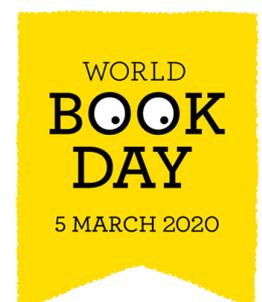


It seems it was Jaida's L turn to shine at WMO, she came away with 2 golds and is under 8 National Champion in points and continuous fighting. She is amazing and everyone was shocked by her courage and determination to win. Mark L also retained his title in Under 12 continuous fighting with a Gold again.



All Year 5 students enjoyed an incredible history day last week when the wonderful people from History Alive came into the school to deliver Tudor workshops. Starting the day with an interactive show called 'A Tudor Tale' the students were transported back in time to meet Edward the crazy Jester and Henry V111. The students then embarked on a day of hands on Tudor workshops including Health and Hygiene, Tudor sports and Edwards Crime and punishment. All students also participated in a Grand Tudor dance - all in authentic Tudor clothes. Our thanks to the Wilton Trust and Mrs Doran for organising the event. The children all learnt an incredible amount about life as a Terrific Tudor.

To celebrate World
Book Day next
Thursday, 5th March,
Prep children can dress
up as their favourite
character from a book
(if they wish to)



All pupils will receive a £1 book token,
which they can spend in a local book shop

**Please note if your child dresses up we
request is a £1 donation towards buying
some new books for our NEW outdoor
library!**



As part of their history project, Year 6 pupils were transported to Victorian Britain on Wednesday to experience life what life was really like as a Victorian child.

The students were introduced to Miss Daisy, a Victorian teacher, as she took over the school for a whole morning. The children learnt the 3 R's and the strict punishments given for unruly behaviour. They examined real Victorian artefacts and compared them to our modern equivalents. They even played some classic Victorian children's games.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a huge amount of empathy for life as a Victorian which will now be used the enthuse and inform their writing.



Astronaut Talk was out of this world.

Liverpool College was thrilled to welcome Jaclyn Bell to Liverpool College this week to talk about STEM and careers in Space travel and Space Tourism. Jaclyn's life-long ambition to be the first scouser in Space. Jaclyn was chosen to train as an astronaut on the BBC programme: 'Astronauts: Do you have what it takes?' Jaclyn spoke to students about her journey from an ordinary school in Walton, to studying Mathematical sciences at University, to achieving her PhD as a particle physicist -to being hand selected for an astronaut training programme by the former Commander of the International Space Station, Chris Hadfield.

Jaclyn showed the students videos of her astronaut training, including flying a helicopter, underwater survival skills, battling claustrophobia tasks, self-medicating, multitasking memory challenges, centrifuge acclimatization experiences and working under pressure. The students were even given the opportunity to test their own problem-solving skills.

Jaclyn explained to the students that they are never too young to start preparing for their ambitions and to recognise the core skills they need to be able to achieve their dreams.

Her underlining message was that they have one life - so why not aim for the stars.



Futsal Tournament @ Liverpool Tennis Centre

On Monday eight of our Futsal players competed in a hectic tournament at Liverpool Tennis Centre. There were many schools who entered, so we knew it would be competitive. The games came thick and fast, and in each one we played some fantastic football and scored some wonderful goals. Shrey H in particular scored a delightful first-time lob! Our results were a mixed bag; we drew some, we lost some and we won some, but all of the games were close. Sadly, in our league of 8 teams, only the top team went through, which wasn't us. But it was a great experience and our team represented us very well.

Football v Childwall CE



Our friends from Childwall visited us again on Tuesday after school for another football match. Both teams fielded players who didn't play the last time we met, so it was good to see fresh faces and debutants on the pitch. We put in a very strong performance, and I was impressed with all of our players. Our work rate was good, our passing accurate, our defence strong and, in the second half particularly, our finishing very impressive. There were goals for Jude

F, Junior S, Alex T and Ben C among others, but my MOTM for leading by example with his work rate and desire was Zak H. These boys have given me lots of things to think about before our next cup game, a real selection dilemma, but a good problem to have!

Hope University Spanish Event

A group of Year 6 pupils attended an excellent event at Hope University last week. The children worked with Spanish specialist trainee teachers on developing their spoken Spanish in many purposeful ways. The pupils also experienced life at university for the morning, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children were praised for their competence in Spanish and Hope University would now like to develop our partnership further. Well done to all pupils.





As part of our on-going support for Dogs Helping Kids (DHK), the Prep School are holding a sponsored walk on our first Friday back after half term. Please encourage your

children to get some sponsors over half term, so that we can support the charity. They continue to support us as we train Elsie. To learn more about the charity have a look at their website, they even have a page about her! <https://www.dogshelpingkids.co.uk/>



Call to parents...

We're looking for 3 parents from each class to come in and talk to the pupils about their day to day job and how writing comes in handy. It's an opportunity for classes to see the importance of writing and its wider context. You don't have to be an author! We're hoping to get a big range of careers and lifestyles which show all the ways writing is used- some examples we've thought of are: prescriptions, reports, minutes, emails, shopping lists, cards. If you are interested or have any questions, please email hbrooke@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

We have launched a new writing competition which is all about family writing. Each pupil has been given a form with all the information and a prompt pictures to inspire stories. The challenge is to write a story with someone at home, it can be mum, dad, auntie, uncle, grandma, grandad, babysitter etc. we don't mind as long as it's a team effort. Entries are to be no longer than 500 words and they're in for 28th February.



Selwyn's are now half way through their Eco Recycling Challenge and the college have so far collected 99 Eco Bottles and over 5000 plastic bottle tops. Please continue to collect plastic bottle tops and fill 2 litre bottles to their maximum with plastic over the half term holiday as the project will carry on until Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support.



Forest School:
Postponed!!



Storm Ciara took its toll this weekend and we arrived at school on Tuesday morning to find that the roof had again broken free from its tethers. But more importantly, from our children's safety point, a number of branches had broken from the tree trunks and were precariously cradled within the forest canopy.

Mr Newton, our health and safety officer, took a stroll around the woods to assess the damage and decided that, for the safety of our children, we would cancel FS for this week. Elsie, our school dog, also came for a walk and loved the number of sticks she found on her adventure!!

So, we have no forest school news except for this.... parents, I cannot tell you how disappointed our children were that FS was not happening this week. This has become a major part of our curriculum. I appreciate that it is not a core subject but it is a time in the children's week when they are able to be whatever they need to be to achieve a social or emotional outcome. So much so, that I was near our forest school equipment, by chance, and 50% of our Thursday group turned up "just to check" it wasn't on!! I spent time with those children talking and chatting about "stuff" that matters to them....it was breaktime!!!

This afternoon I took a further trip to the woods to engage with the landscapers on site. We have identified the loose branches and removed them. We have a dead tree to remove which means we have new seats for the outdoor classroom and lots and lots of firewood!!!

Thank you again for your support, we couldn't do it without you!!



Our thanks to Mrs Diamond who came to talk to Y4, 5 and 6 on Friday about Engineering.

Mrs Diamond, although currently a teacher in Upper School, was previously trained as a chemical engineer. Her engaging talk included battling the misconceptions surrounding Engineering - including gender stereotyping. Mrs Diamond brought with her two students who has participated in an Engineering project in the Upper school in a programme

called for Go4Set and what they felt they had accomplished by taking part. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Diamond for taking the time to come and talk to the students about Engineering and what an incredibly interesting and rewarding career it could be.



Mary Colson is a talented writer specialising in non-fiction. She has written

over 50 non-fiction books for children on topics ranging from Einstein, secret codes and the ozone layer to Toni Morrison, sports poetry and Beyoncé. Mary has also written reviews for various publications and literary websites including the TMS theatre awards and The Times. Mary spoke to all the Prep school about how to write non-fiction texts and then delivered a More Able journalism and non-fiction writing day for Year 6. More Able students from 6 other schools across Liverpool were also invited to attend the workshop. The workshop was absolutely superb - building upon current and breaking stories from events happening in Liverpool. The students were incredibly engaged. Our thanks to Mrs Doran for arranging the day and to all the students for their outstanding enthusiasm and superb, sustained writing skills.



Reminder to pay the remaining balance. All payments are to be made via Parent Pay.



Play rehearsals
on Thursday
27th February

are for MAIN PARTS ONLY!!! Pick
up from the Prep School entrance.

Band rehearsals for Popstars on
Monday 2ND March until 4:30pm.

REMINDER REHEARSAL WEEKEND

SATURDAY 14th MARCH -
MAIN PARTS, BAND & CREW,
10am - 4pm.

SUNDAY 15th MARCH -
EVERYONE, 10am - 4pm.

Costumes are to be handed to Mrs
Herron on a hanger clearly named
from Tuesday 25th February.

Please return costume and make up
allergy reply slips ASAP. Costume
letters are available from Mrs
Herron.

Advanced Notice - Dig in the
wardrobe! Brush off the moth balls
for this years' production of
Popstars the audience is invited to
dress all things 90's.

Get into the spirit and come in your
best clobber!!!

Any donations for a raffle hamper
will be gratefully received.



Congratulations to Archie M who won the
National STEAM Schools challenge prize
this week. Archie achieved a £10 gift
voucher from Amazon for his superb
project work. Archie designed a fantastic
virtual reality headset designed specifically
for young people wearing it which playing
sports. Well done Archie.

The Liverpool College SEND team wish to
invite any interested parents to a coffee
afternoon on Tuesday 25th February at 2
p.m. Margaret Kelly from the Local
Authority ASD Training Team will be in
attendance and happy to answer any
questions. This will be an informal, relaxed
but informative event. Please meet in Main
School Reception. If you would like any
further information please do contact
kcrook@liverpoolcollege.org.uk



The next payment for
the Prep Ski trip is now
overdue. Please log
into parent pay to
check your balance.

A full Spring 2020 term calendar has been emailed to parents and is available on the website

Mon 24 Feb INSET Day

Tue 25 Feb School returns 8:35am
ASD information afternoon 2pm

Wed 26 Feb Echo Shield Football v Bishop Eton (H)

Thurs 27 Feb Cross Country League Race @Sefton Park

Fri 28 Feb U11, U10 & U9 Football; U11 & U10 Hockey v Birkenhead (H)

PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL KIT/UNIFORM IS NAMED THIS WEEKEND

We have rather a lot of unnamed lost property in the lost property box.



Best wishes to you all for a good half term!
Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep

Weekly Class Attendance and Punctuality Awards

Class	Attendance %		Punctuality %	
3R	99.1	😊	99.1	😊
3Q	96.0	😞	96.4	😞
3P	96.0	😞	96.4	😞
4R	100	😊	100	😊
4P	94.2	😞	95.5	😞
4Q	96.9	😞	97.3	😊
5P	99.5	😊	99.1	😊
5Q	95.5	😞	95.5	😞
6Q	94.6	😞	93.8	😞
6P	100	😊	100	😊

Well done to **6P & 4R Form** for the best attendance this week with **100%**! Keep up the good work, as we want all of our 'Mr and Mrs Potato Heads' to be clothed!