

## Prep School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### PPC House Points of the Week



**Winning Class: 3R with 115 points**

**Winning House: Howsons with 71 points**

**Winning Pupil: Anya S with 31 points**



## Headteacher's Award

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

**Riley M-W, Kevin M-L, Maisey K,  
Jack R, Mason T, Maro O, Olivia T,  
James C, Elsa Mc, Shanzay J, Molly  
M, Summer B, Orla C, Sienna K,  
Charlie L, Akshay S, Nick D &  
Thomas B-Mc.**

Form champions were:



3P Isaac, 3Q Alexa, 3R  
Evelyn, 4P Bailie, 4Q Ava,  
5P Aimee & Finn, 5Q

Rose, 6P Alexander Young and Luke, 6Q  
Mary. My sincere thanks to every single  
person who brought in donations. Every  
penny raised will make a difference. You are  
all my heroes.

All donations were greatly appreciated and it was incredibly inspirational to see students work together in form teams to make sure they raised as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK, a charity dedicated to saving lives. Your generosity has been overwhelming. It was clear talking to the students that this is a charity very close to their hearts. The form Charity Champions prize went to 5P, narrowly winning thanks to a last minute envelope, aptly labelled 'To help the ones who need it most.' As a thank you, they were rewarded with a CRUK collection bucket - literally filled to the top with sweets!

A massive thank you to everyone at Liverpool College brought in sponsorship for Race for Life. Together, we raised an unbelievable, staggering amount of £6109.22



and he is now considered to be one of the top 10 children's writer in the UK. The students gained a great deal from listening to and talking with such an accomplished author. Our thanks to Mrs Doran did organising the day and to the Wilton Trust for financing it.



IN THE SUN, the RAIN, the SUN and then the RAIN!!!

Liverpool College was delighted to welcome the highly accomplished, award winning author GP Taylor to Liverpool College on Wednesday. Graham Taylor is the author of the best-selling novels Shadowmancer, Wormwood and Tersias. His books have been translated into 51 languages and he has sold over 14 million copies of his books. His work has also been made into Hollywood Movies: The Adventurer: The Curse of the Midas Box and Shadowmancer. His film The Hybrid is now available on Netflix and he currently in negotiations to create a new Netflix original series.

Graham started the day giving an extremely inspirational and highly energetic talk to all Key Stage 2 students about how learning to appreciate classic literature changed his life. Following this, GP Taylor then delivered an all-day writers' workshop and he even spent some time talking to students interested in writing throughout his lunchtime.

His inspirational story showed how being courageous and flexible in life is essential. Graham has been a vicar, police officer, motorcyclist, exorcist, police interrogator, rock band roadie working with bands such as Sex Pistols, Elvis Costello and Adam and the Ants. His first book was self-published

Sunshine dappling through the trees brings out the best in everyone, followed swiftly by the downpour of rain through the canopy!! Mrs Shackell was well prepared in her umbrella hat (funnily enough...and it was funny...none of the children batted an eye at her ridiculous headwear!!)



Group 1 headed down to the Dell this week, armed with some gardening tools which were put to fantastic use by the 2 Jason's, working as a team to fill in a large hole in our gathering area, well done boys!!



Under the guidance of our Health and Safety officer, Mr Newton, we were able to make the fire circle slightly smaller, which involved moving the tree stump seats. On doing so we unearthed some fabulous bug habitats....take a look at this worm.....how juicy is this???????



Our challenge today was to find a shape within the lines of your hand, note it, then find that piece of you in the natural woodland. The children were so inventive, we shared our findings around the fire circle with our hot chocolate and biscuits. It is amazing how much the children are willing to share. There are no limits to their imagination and it is truly a pleasure to get to know them in an environment which lends itself to leniency and relaxation.



We enjoyed the sight and sound of a beautiful Buzzard overhead while we chatted.



Our lovely Freya, Anya and India worked hard on ensuring our path into

forest school was clear enough. They cut back the weeds (of which there are many) and tidied up the path.



Nick had the great pleasure of receiving a sloppy present from a bird...right into the palm of his hand!! We used leaves to clean him up, plus water and of course the ever environmentally friendly antibac gel!!

Poor Nick...but he saw the funny side. Brave Tom took a tumble into a bush of nettles... all in the line helping his friend, Drew, up onto to the tree!! What a trooper though!! We applied some cold water to his stings and a cold wipe, he was so brave and loved that before his tumble he had helped



someone else...that's a considered risk that Tom took and that is what Forest School is all about.

For activities we were supported by the very able Miss Watson and Miss Tompkins. They serve a mean hot chocolate!! The children played "You're only safe if..." before we headed down to the Dell for the second time. We had our usual safety talk then headed off to explore. The introduction of the gardening tools is superb to watch, the children love to dig!!

We also spent some time practising using the flint and steel for fire lighting. Although as yet, we cannot light a fire, we are practising how to set one up and eventually, when we have clearance, we can get fire lighting!! Athena proved to be at whizz at the flint and steel, she even coached a few of the younger children in how to do it!! But the crown, such as it is, goes to Esme. She not only mastered the art of sparking, but she taught

Mrs Shackell....dare I say...how to do it properly!!!

Antonio also mastered the spark art after much



perseverance....so well done to all.

PARENTS: We are still looking for equipment.....does anyone have any unwanted gardening tools they may consider donating? We're looking for spades, rakes, hoes and any other small handled tools. Your children get so much joy out of these simple tools, they really would be well used.

We hope that by next week we can have the tarpaulin shelter up over the fire circle and once the insurance clear us, we can start to light the fire and use the tools. The children are so excited for these things, we can't wait to share with them.

A final reminder that the clothing aspect of Forest School is still an issue, albeit now, a small one. The children must have long trousers and a waterproof coat. If they do not have a kit with them, they won't be allowed to join in the activity. A few were sent back to class today for this reason and they were so disappointed.



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



Year 6 had a fantastic start to the week as they travelled to the MIR space station with Helen Sharman and travelled around the world several times before re-entering back down to earth.

Well, in reality they travelled into town and went to Liverpool Cathedral where they were introduced to the first ever British Astronaut, Helen Sharman. Here, she told them all about how she ended up turning on the radio one day and hearing an advertisement that changed her life forever. How she went through rigorous training to learn a new language, learn how to fly a rocket, how to survive in space, how to live in 'zero gravity' and more.

For just over an hour they were captivated by her story and felt the challenge within when she told them that they truly could become whatever they longed to be. Who knows, maybe one of our very own year 6 pupils will be the first British astronaut to step onto the face of the Red planet.

Our Year 5 and 6 athletes headed to Wavertree on Thursday to compete in the District 2 finals. It was Year 5 on the field, and Year 6 on the track. There were some very good performances all round. In particular, Lena A came a brilliant second, the boys relay came third, Archie M also came third in long jump, and our two high jumpers, Adam K and Lucas F, both beat their personal bests to get into the top 5. Well done to all who took part! The original 'Day 1', which was cancelled, is now due to take place on the 1st July.



Our Year 4s have had the most brilliant time in the beautiful city of York. After a good old sing song (singing was a big part of our trip!!) on the journey, and a pit stop at as services, we arrived at the YHA York, and were instantly impressed by our surroundings. After a lunch in the sunshine, it was time for a walk (walking was another big part of our trip!) along the beautiful river Ouse to the Railway museum. As we walked through a tunnel, it felt like were going to an away game, as loud chants of 'Allez Allez Allez' heralded the arrival in York of 48 proud Scousers from the home of the European champions! In the museum, we saw some impressive engines, took a

leisurely ride on a mini locomotive, experienced a simulator, and also enjoyed a fantastic workshop that involved bazookas, magnets and Mr Stamper in a ridiculous costume! After this we had a private open top bus tour of York, which was fascinating. The kids were challenged to find lots of cats and geese, which we did! We walked back for our tea, then took part in some really fun team games. There was just enough time for another sing-song (with more Liverpool chants, and our own York theme song) before it was off to bed! Tuesday saw us enjoying a delicious cooked breakfast before we made our way back to town to take in the spectacular Minster and the eccentric Shambles, which reminded us of Diagon Alley. There were even some really cool Harry Potter shops, complete with various wands. However, the wands didn't choose the wizards in our case, either meaning we're all Muggles, or more likely, they were way too expensive! Some children did manage to indulge in a Butterbeer though (non-alcoholic, don't worry!) We then visited the Chocolate Story, which is every bit as good as it sounds. We learnt about York's tasty confectionary history, how chocolate is made (and how it tastes along the process) and what the first ever form of chocolate would have tasted like! Then it was time to create our very own white chocolate lollipops, complete with decorations, before we watched a master chocolatier at work make some fresh samples that we were able to taste! Needless to say this was many people's favourite part of the trip! After this, we had lunch in the gardens of the

Minster, where we enjoyed seeing a family of wild Peregrine Falcons up close! Next up was Jorvik and the Dig, which were both really interesting. Jorvik served up fascinating Viking sights and smells, including the world's biggest fossilized pool!



The Dig saw our young archaeologists uncovering exciting finds from different historical eras, before having a go at interpreting them! We have some budding historians in our midst! We then raced to the cinema to watch Aladdin, which was fun, albeit slightly sound tracked by some pretty incessant munching and rustling from these seemingly insatiable (for sweets at least!) children. The catchy tunes in the film added more to our increasing repertoire of songs. After tea we were due to have a ghost tour of York, but the heavy rain prevented this. However, very kindly, our ghost guide came to the hostel to give us our very own private spooky storytelling session! Following this, Musa and Aadil told us all about Eid, as they were due to be celebrating, and then we had an impromptu quiz, with each teacher delivering a round (Howsons were the victors!) before bed time again. On our last day, packed and cleaned our rooms (surprisingly quickly by most) before

heading to the Castle Museum, where we saw old fashioned toys, performed our own catwalk, travelled back in time, got put in some stocks, climbed aboard a spaceship, explored some dungeons and, of course, enjoyed the gift shop. After lunch by the river, we relaxed at the hostel, sang some more songs, before getting on the coach for our journey home and, yes...more singing!



They may have come home smelly and tired, but the children had a blast, and really were a credit to our school and to you as parents/carers. I received lots of compliments from staff and members of the public about just how good they were! I'd like to thank the staff who came for making it such a fun trip, but mostly the kids for being their brilliant, energetic, enthusiastic and hilarious selves! There will be a video made of our trip, and if you'd like a copy please send a USB stick into school and we can sort it out for you!





Choir and Orchestra on as normal next week for all!

Any props left in school from Alice are to be collected from Prep music.



On Wednesday 19th June, Hispanic Day will take place in the Prep School. Pupils will have the opportunity to learn more about the Spanish language and



culture through many fun Spanish activities. On the day, pupils may come to school in a Hispanic costume e.g. Spanish colours, Spanish dance, Spanish footballer. Pupils will also need trainers on the day. I look forward to lots of Spanish fun.

## Environment Day

It's that time of year again Environment Day is Friday 21st June!!! Please hand a £2 donation on the to your class teacher. Some children will be doing a fashion up-cycling activity any donations of t-shirts and leggings would be much appreciated. The day involves a range of activities including a bird watching walk, slack lining and an inflatable assault course. If you foresee any issues please inform Mrs Herron in advance.

### PLEASE CHECK THAT ALL KIT/UNIFORM IS NAMED THIS WEEKEND

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

Thomas H has lost his sports bag with all of his kit.

Holly W has lost her summer dress and blazer.

**A full Summer 2019 term calendar has been emailed to parents and is available on the website**

Tue 11 June	District 4 Athletics Competition
Wed 12 June	U11 & U10 Cricket & Rounders' v Birkenhead (H)
Thurs 13 June	Bikeability 6P 5Q Class assembly District 4 Athletics Competition
Fri 14 June	Bikeability 6Q Sports Day

### 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 due to Health & Safety of your child.

## Weekly Class Attendance and Punctuality Awards

Class	Attendance %		Punctuality %	
3R	92.6		92.6	
3Q	90.7		90.7	
3P	80.4		80.4	
4P	95.4		95.4	
4Q	95.8		95.4	
5P	97.7		97.2	
5Q	97.3		97.3	
6Q	98.1		98.1	
6P	96.3		96.3	

Well done to 6Q Form for the best attendance this week with 98.1%! Keep up the good work, as we want all of our 'Mr and Mrs Potato Heads' to be clothed!

Best wishes to you all for the weekend!  
**Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep**