

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 12th March 2021

What a fantastic return to school it has been, it was lovely to see all the smiling faces coming through the doors on Monday morning.

Just a few reminders - If you come onto the grounds to collect your child, please wear a mask and remember to socially distance.

We are still following Covid safe measures including the 10-day isolation period for close contacts of a positive case.

When dropping off & picking up children from school:



• Space out & maintain 2 metres

• If it is not possible please wear a face covering



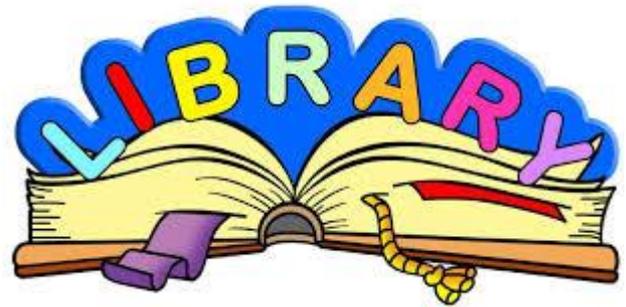
**card
factory**

Year 3 had a very exciting Teams meeting with two designers from the Card Factory. It was fantastic to see lots of examples of pop up cards and find out about the behind the scenes magic! Did you know, all their cards are made a whole year before they go in store? We can't wait to show them our finished cards in two weeks and who knows, we might even see cards inspired by our designs in their stores!

Headteacher's Award

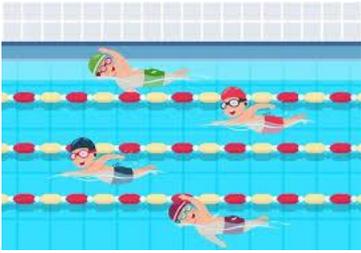
Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

Freya W, Abdul O, Hugo W, Pearl J, Leon W, Rania W-P, Henry A, Nouf K, Bella H, Sajeer A, James T, Jacob T, Tia M, Millie C, Aman J, Isaac F, Seb D, Lyla Mc, Joseph O, Robby S & Lulu F.



If you have any school library books at home can these be returned to school on Monday please? A box has been placed outside Prep school for a Covid safe return.

If you are having a clear out over the weekend we would happily accept any good quality reading books!



Year 5 Swimming will return next week for the 2 weeks prior to the Easter holidays.

5P: Tuesday leave at 1.45pm and return to school for 3.15pm

5Q: Wednesday leave at 1.45pm and return to school for 3.15pm

5R: Friday leave at 1.45pm and return to school for 3.15pm

Prep Ski trip Feb 2022



Payment update letters have been sent out, please check your child's bag.



This year's Summertime Soireé will take place online at a slightly later date than usual - Thursday 10th June at 6.30pm. The

evening promises to be a celebration of brighter things to come as we begin to see life slowly return to normal. The evening will take the form of a concert of two short halves, premiered on YouTube, with a 'Wine & Wisdom' style quiz in the interval to replace the lost occasions during lockdown 1 & 2. This part of the evening will take place on TEAMS - please email Mr Bishop from the email address that you would like the invite to be sent to.

dbishop@liverpoolcollege.org.uk

Unfortunately, due to the online nature of this event, we will be unable to feature everyone as we would usually do in the form of solo & duet spots, so we have allocated these slots to pupils leaving the College at the end of this year on a first refusal basis. However, we will feature all of our willing musicians in the form of group items. Thank you, as ever, for your continued support of the music department, we look forward to seeing you online on 10th June and we wish you very best wishes over the coming months.

I am getting increasingly concerned over the number of pupils coming into school having accessed inappropriate material on the internet. I thought it may be useful for some reminders around the apps out there. Please can I ask that you are vigilant with your son/daughter's use of social media and look closely at the age these apps are suitable for?



Instant messaging in one-to-one and group chats, and calls. Allows you to send messages, images, videos and your location.

Age 16+ Children can be at risk of:

Bullying, e.g. directly in a group chat, or by being excluded from a group

Sexting, as they can send and receive explicit photos

Grooming, if they share their location

Using it below the minimum age



Instagram

Picture and video-sharing. You can post content publicly or to 'followers', see content posted by others, 'follow' each other, 'like' posts, comment, and send messages. Age **13+** Children can be at risk of:

Inappropriate **contact from strangers**, who can see and comment on their photos and videos if their account is set to 'public'

Exposure to **upsetting or harmful material**, such as images relating to eating disorders, self-harm and suicide

Bullying, through fake accounts and unkind comments on posts

Pressure to 'look' a certain way - it's an image-centred app



Snapchat

Picture, video and message-sharing with contacts. The 'snap' is on screen for up to 10 seconds, then disappears; or you can opt for no time limit. You can share snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours

Age **13+**

Children can be at risk of:

Grooming, as the app will share their location unless they use 'ghost mode' and strangers can send them messages/requests

Image-sharing without their consent, as people can save screenshots of images they post before they 'disappear'

Sexting, via requests for sexual images from people they don't know

Bullying, through photos being posted with unkind comments



TikTok

Video-sharing. You can record and upload short video clips, watch other people's videos, 'follow' people, gain 'fans', 'like' and comment Age **13+**

Children can be at risk of:

Exposure to **explicit or inappropriate videos**, such as pornography and upsetting/harmful content, and **age-inappropriate lyrics**

Strangers seeing videos they have shared, if their account is set to 'public'; and anyone can see their profile information

Contact from **strangers asking to 'trade' explicit images/videos**

Feeling pressured to record inappropriate or explicit videos to gain more followers



Forest School from Liverpool Onsite learning

Forest school was limited to our activity sessions this week, while we settle back in to a full school life, but it was no less adventurous or enjoyable!

5R engineered a mud raft to use on the mud slide; this came about as some of the girls shrieked at the thought of mud on their clothes!!

They used a tarpaulin to carry the long logs to their work station and began to tie them together.

Sadly, we ran out of time but they have hidden their project from the hands of other classes, to continue next week.

Of course, with the rain this week, we had the tarp roof to empty....fun as always. We were very mindful of the high winds, but our anemometer advised us that the wind speed was 20mph, in FS terms that translates as a moderate breeze. For safety reasons, we didn't light the fire but enjoyed "raw" marshmallows!!

3P made a beeline for the mud kitchen, there were a few children enjoying playing house, their role play is wonderful to watch.

Our resident Mycologist, Rowan, was concerned to find some of our fungi had disappeared. We have a mission to review this weekly to observe what happens. Is it being eaten?? If so, by what??

Some of the girls were keen to show me their friendship bracelets. Although not FS related, it is a beautiful thing to see forged friendships in primary school which could, potentially, last their lifetime!

I'm looking forward to sorting our timetable for all years to get back to forest school, but this week, my privilege was to hear the joyous voices of 2 classes. I have missed them!!

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

