

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2021

Again, I have been amazed at our Prep children. A staggering 98% have been attending online lessons. We are so proud of the children.

All pupils are expected to attend all lessons, please log on promptly to avoid any delay to the start of the lesson.

Lesson 1 - 9:30am to 10:30am

Lesson 2 - 11am - 12noon

Lesson 3 - 1pm to 2pm

Lesson 4 - 2:15pm - 3:15pm

Note : Lesson 3 & 4 will be a combination of teams and Seesaw

Try to get the children to be ready on time for start of the lesson (log in early and wait in the virtual lobby) If your child is unable to attend for any reason please let Mrs Herron or myself know.

A few reminders:

- Cameras must be on and you must arrive to your lesson on time
- Whilst children can work independently with their teacher, please remind them to only put appropriate comments in the chat (the teacher can see it!)

- They should try to go to the toilet before the start of the session so they don't miss any information.

All work should be uploaded onto Seesaw (please don't forget if you are on site learning at school). If it is not uploaded, the class teacher can't mark it.

Headteacher's Award

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

Alice M, Aleena Q, Ethan H,
Maro O, Lilith R, Zariah J, Neha
J, Kevin M-L, Joseph S,
Sarfaraz A, James T, Isaac
O'H, Shrey H, Jamie B, Annabel
B, Beau R, Julia H-G, Joel B,
Jessica F, Luke A

& Seb D.



Year 5 pupils have created some brilliant presentations this week. Chet told us about his pet tortoise, Mikey and Sarfaraz talked about their cats and dog. Grace brought her gymnastics medals to show us which we all enjoyed. They have been busy making a Spanish film and doing some fantastic art - we can see Daniyal's cityscape in the picture.



**Forest School from
Liverpool Onsite
learning**

Our forest school time has been quite reflective this week, in line with children's' mental health week and our school council encouraging us to take an "Earth Hour". Earth hour is taking just an hour a week to switch off our gadgets, screens, lights, heat

etc and just enjoy the peacefulness of the natural world...what better place to do it than Forest School?!

By the same token, the forest is the perfect place to settle our minds, release our worries and anxieties and drink the fresh air of nature to refuel our body and mind. The children took time out of their usual activities to consider these things, we shared our thoughts around the fire circle, but we chose not to light the fire this week to give the air around us purity without smoke fumes.

Year 3 continued the feel-good factor by hugging our trees, Rowan (our resident Mycologist) continues to discover different fungi each week, he really is a wonderful forager! They also sorted out the rain collection in one of our tarps, they really do love to get wet!





Year 5 were resourceful with our equipment, Harry was digging a hole to help us descend the muddy slope, Alexa spent a mindful hour creating an Elephant Lantern with a view to making a bird feeder with leftover milk cartons next week. Mr Stamper, Mr Harvey and me, worked together to replace and stabilise our tarps. Grace was chilling and reconnecting with her natural environment.

Then we get to year 6.....so, parents, I actually challenged them to keep "less muddy" this week, the reward was 2 biscuits, plus a marshmallow. Honestly, I tried!! They even took on the challenge believing they could do it, but they tried, they withheld from the mud for at least 15 minutes. But like a thirsty man in need of water, they could not resist, once 1 had taken a tumble, face first into a mud bath, the others followed!!

However, there were 2 clean stars in our midst, Rania and Ava took themselves off up the hill to build a den...you can see them here enjoying all of the biscuits!!!!

Year 4 attempted some mindfulness time, but the muddy slope beckoned them into its web of fun!! Sam and Eddy went into space hanging on to the outside of a space rocket. From there, they could see the Earth and reported that all seemed well.

Our mud angels Olivia (the worst), Lulu and Elodie (the cleanest), this week joined by Amaya, had mud facials and a bath. Elodie tried so hard to be less muddy, she was doing so well until she actually fell over in it at the end....how we laughed!!

To everyone who heeded our message of "a change of clothes", thank you. We have a

had a great week and our Forest School continues to a place of good mental health.

For our children at home, thank you for sending me your FS at Home activities. I hope you're enjoying doing them and managing to get outside to enjoy nature, not just walk in it, but jump in it, roll in it and smear it on your face...go on...I dare you!!!







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Best wishes to you all for the weekend!

Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep