



MARTYRS NEWS

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Year 3 Beach Trip



BY MR DINSDALE

Another busy couple of weeks here in school!

The children continue to impress me with how well they have settled into their classes, routines and made such a positive start to the year! I have loved being in classes with the children this week and seeing the learning first hand from Nursery to Year 6!

We have been continuing to make plans for exciting events this year - **ScootFit** will return and Year 5 & Year 6 will be completing **Bikeability** level 1 & 2 - separate information about all of this will be sent out to you all.

This year, we will be entering more sports competitions with our children than ever before - our girls football team were tournament champions last Friday and I cannot tell you proud I am of them all! This is the first time in our school's history that I know of that our girls have competed and won - **AMAZING EFFORT!**

Our boys are making us equally proud and were runaway winners against Ursuline Primary (10-0) and Great Crosby (2-1) this week too. **AMAZING EFFORT** to you all too!



School Photographer

BY MRS DELANEY

Kittle Photography will be in school on Monday 2nd October to take individual and sibling photographs.

End of Day Collections

BY MRS DELANEY

To limit the interruptions to class please can you ensure you inform staff at morning drop off of any change to your child's collection arrangements. Pupils in Year 6 should be made aware of end of day arrangements before they come to school. If there is a last minute change to these arrangements then please contact the school office who will hold messages until 2.45 when one call will be made to each class.

Diary Dates

Wed 4th Oct - 9:00 am	End of Topic Assembly Yr2
Thur 5th Oct - 9:00 am	End of Topic Assembly Yr3
Mon 9th Oct - 9:00 am	End of Topic Assembly Yr5
Wed 18th Oct - 3.00-5.00pm	Open Evening for Parents
Thurs 19th Oct - 3.00-7.30pm	

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Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS DOOLEY

We have been exploring using felt tips in Reception this week. The children have loved exploring the different ways we use them to make marks. They then used what they had discovered in the outdoor area creating their own designs.



Year 2 Lego Club

BY MRS MCINTYRE

We have been having an amazingly creative time in lego club this half term. Check out some of our designs using lego and knex. The children are encouraged to be as self-sufficient as possible and take their own photos of their in-progress or completed models. I think we all agree that the worst part is having to finish and tidy away!



Year 1 Sewing Club

BY MRS BLACKLEDGE & MRS SOTHERN

The children in Year One sewing club making rainbows and learning lots of new skills, including how to sew on a button and how to sew a running stitch.



Year 3

BY MISS TIERNEY & MR ROACH

Year 3 had their first trip visiting Crosby beach. They had a wonderful time beachcombing, exploring the coastline features and identifying the effects of erosion on the land.



Amazing concentration!

Yoga **BY MRS NAISBETT**

In our yoga and mindfulness sessions this half term, the children in year 3, 4 and 5 have been learning about the ACC (Anterior cingulate cortex) which is the part of the brain that helps us to focus and control our attention. The children have been playing lots of games to help them practice their focusing skills. They have also been learning different breathing practices to help them self-regulate and relax. Some of their favourite practices have been feather breathing and making their own breathing wands.



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Blue Peter Book Club and Badge

BY MISS GRAY

Blue Peter has recently unveiled a new Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best-known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake. The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! Each month they will talk about a different book from the list and find out your thoughts on it too! They'll also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool challenges to try. The Blue Peter Book badge will be awarded to children aged 5-15 who send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love. For more information about how to join and the books in the book club, check out

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/blue-peter-book-club>

Wednesday Word

BY MRS MCINTYRE

Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families, in a unique way. Please see the link for this week's Wednesday Word below.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/change?pid=MTA101634&v=104.8>

Month of Holy Rosary

BY MRS MCINTYRE

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary with the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. As an important feast in the Church calendar, it's a great opportunity for schools to pray the Rosary. We'd like to support and encourage families to pray the Rosary together too, and therefore, we have made available a simple Rosary resource which can be accessed through the Collective Worship Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Details of the themes for our prayer and liturgy in October can be accessed via the following link. If you would like a paper copy of these details, please contact the school office.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Stay Connected with School

BY MRS DELANEY

Make sure you stay connected with school by downloading the Arbor app today for **FREE!** The app is our main point of contact with parents. You can request detail changes via the app, update medical and other areas and also give consent/permission for various things. Class teachers may also send out messages via dojo however we encourage you not to communicate via this app but via Arbor or calling the main office. Nursery and Reception parents can also download the Tapestry app to see what work their child has been undertaking in class. If you need help setting up any of these apps please contact Mrs Delaney in them main school office.



EM STARS

Superstars!

Toby from 5B is an Academy Player at Wigan Athletic Football Club and for the last 3 weekends has been playing a year up in matches great achievement. Amazing achievement Toby - Well Done!



If your child has any good news that they would like to share with school please get in touch. Pictures and a little bit of text can be sent to our dedicated newsletter email address.

Any news, let us know:
news@englishmartyrs.co.uk

Star of the Week

FRIDAY 22ND SEPT

Nursery All Day	Joshua
Nursery AM	Thilksha
RA	Penny
RB	Taylor
1A	Blake
1B	Nathan
2A	Sean
2B	Francis
3A	Sophia
3B	Isabella
4A	Holly
4B	Jacob
5A	Graysen
5B	Grace
6A	Jack
6B	Lily Ella

Star of the Week

FRIDAY 29TH SEPT

Nursery All Day	Sophia
Nursery AM	Rory
RA	Theo
RB	Rocco
1A	Myles
1B	Hattie
2A	Zachary
2B	Pippa
3A	Connie
3B	Penny
4A	Nancy
4B	Grace
5A	Ella
5B	Mia-Rose
6A	Lacy Mae
6B	Scarlett

★★★★
Well done everyone!



YEAR DATES 2023/24

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Mon 4th Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 5th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 23rd Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 27th Oct		
Mon 30th Oct	Term begins	Pupil Days - 72
Wed 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 73

SPRING TERM 2024

Thurs 4th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 12th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 16th Feb		
Mon 19th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 56
Thurs 28th Mar	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 56

SUMMER TERM 2024

Mon 15th April	Term begins	
Mon 6th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 27th May	} Half term	
Fri 31st May		
Mon 3rd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 4th June	Term begins	
Thurs 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Fri 19th July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	
Mon 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 62
Tues 23rd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 66

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

USEFUL INFO

 swaca

Sefton Women's & Childrens Aid

Contact number: 0151 922 8606

SWACA provide holistic services to women, young people and children affected by Domestic Abuse offering both effective crisis intervention and early intervention and preventative services.

 The Venus Centre

Venus Centre Charity

Contact number: 0151 474 4744

VENUS provide service to empower, promote and support women, and their children in developing their potential, recognising their choices and achieving their goals and challenging injustice.

 the trussell trust

The Trussell Trust

Contact number: 01722 580180

The trust supports a nationwide network of food banks and together they provide emergency food and support to people locked in poverty, and campaign for change to end the need for food banks in the UK.



In Your Shoes

Contact number: 0151 345 9611

Located at 100 Moss Lane the charity supports our local community.

 Sefton Council

Litherland Wellbeing Centre

Contact number: 0151 288 6661

Family Well-being Centres provide joined up support for children and young people aged 0-19 years to make family life that little bit easier.

 Sefton Council

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One Stop Shop: 0345 140 0845

Affordable Warmth Service: 0151 934 2222

Free School Meals: 0151 934 3263

Emergency Limited Assistance: 0151 934 3377

Sefton at Work: 0151 934 2610

For further details visit Sefton Council's website:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/cost-of-living/>

If you are struggling and would like support please do not hesitate to contact one of the above or the school office who will assist in any way they can.