



MARTYRS NEWS

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Year 6 Summer Production - 'A Hint of Snow White'

BY MR DINSDALE



Welcome to our final newsletter of the academic year 2023-24!

This week, our Year 6 pupils and staff have showcased their talents in bringing the traditional fairy tale to life in 'A Hint of Snow White.' We are proud of each and every one of them for what they have achieved and wish them every success for their future studies at high school in September!

We are also massively proud of everything we have achieved beyond the classroom this year. In sporting terms, we have had our best year ever! See our achievements from our 'Sports News' special report on Pages 5 & 6.

The PTA have also been crucial in helping us fundraise all year long and you can see the highlights of their efforts on page 4.

I would encourage you to read about the changes we are making to the way in which we communicate from September onwards - please see the video guide for using the school website to keep up with what's happening.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer break together, whatever you do and wherever you go.

Be safe, be happy, have fun!

Attendance Matters!

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME:

Our whole school attendance stands at **94.0%** and has dropped due to the sheer amount of holidays being taken in term time. There were **242** holiday requests from families last year and over **214** have been requested so far this year. The vast majority of these are **unauthorised** and have been passed for a fine. Every week that your child misses from school, there is lost learning, whether this is phonics, maths concepts or writing strategies. **We cannot teach an empty chair.**

Please be aware that penalty charge notices for holidays are increasing from 1st September.

Read more Inside:



Upcoming Events:

Date:	Time:	Event:
Tue 16 July	10.00am	Y6 Leavers Mass
Wed 17 July	1.30pm	Y6 Leavers party
Thu 18 July	All Day	Mufti Day
Thu 18 July	2.00pm	School finishes
Wed 4th Sept	8.45 am	School Re-opens

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Nursery **BY MRS HALSALL & MRS GARVEY**

Nursery have been very busy on the 'I Wonder' table this week. They looked closely at the gingerbread man to see if he would float or sink. They have also been in the garden digging up the potatoes and having them for snack.



Reception

BY MRS MORRIS & MRS MCMEAKIN

We have been exploring map work in Reception. Through this topic, we have become pirates! We have been building pirate ships, following maps to find buried treasure and even walking the plank!



Year 1

BY MRS SOUTHERN & MRS BLACKLEDGE

As part of our 3D Art work Year One used a variety of clays to make their own pebbles. They used pinching and rolling techniques to create patterns.

Isabella said "I like the feel of the clay on my fingers."

Noah said "I wanted my pebble to be rough."



Year 3

BY MISS TIERNEY & MR ROACH

This half term Year 3 have been learning all about mechanisms in Design and Technology. They have made an onagre catapult, a reciprocating linkage and a moving toy owl. We'll done everyone!



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Self Care - Well Being

MRS BOWDEN

As we are approaching the summer holidays whilst many children are excited, some children may be feeling a little anxious. Just as we look after our physical health, it's important to look after our mental health. Self-care is all about what you can do to help yourself feel better or to keep yourself feeling good. It's a way that we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing. It can help your body and mind to relax, drift away, or be more energised. Please find the link below to a copy of a self-care plan resource that was co-written by Anna Freud experts and young people, who shared ideas on self-care strategies that work for them. This self-care plan walks primary-aged children through a series of steps, helping them create a simple self-care plan that works for them. It helps children identify activities that they can use to support their mental health. If you are struggling over the summer, please take a look at the links on the school website for services available. If you are in crisis the **Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)** team have a dedicated telephone number. The CAMHS Crisis Care service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be contacted on either of the numbers below:

CAMHS Crisis Line: 0808 196 3550 or 0151 293 3577

[My Self Care Plan](#)

STRAND Social Signature Celebration Event:

MR DINSDALE



"I enjoyed sitting in the Mayor's chair!" - Archie, School Councillor



"It was very good because we got to share our ideas!" - Jacob, School Councillor

Our Year 5 School Council representatives joined Mr Dinsdale on Friday 5th July at a special celebration event at Bootle Town Hall to showcase what all the STRAND Partnership schools had undertaken through the Social Signature project this year. Dr Pete Hawkin was on hand to thank and congratulate each school for taking part and being committed to continuing the project next academic year.

We were fortunate to be able to use Sefton Council chambers the day after the general elections had taken place and the children appreciated the significance and importance of the venue to our local democracy and being able to present there themselves! We look forward to continuing to develop our work with Social Signatures in the autumn term with Dr Pete Hawkin.

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PTA News & Highlights

ANDREA PANKIW, CHAIR OF PTA

As we reach the end of the school year, it's time to reflect on another busy and successful year filled with various events and activities.

Fundraising Success:

Year 1 Chromebooks: £5100 donated to purchase Chromebooks for Year 1 children.

Netball Kit: A new netball kit is on the way—pictures will be dropping soon!

Year 5 Residential Trip: £1500 donated to offset costs.

Year 6 Residential Trip: £3000 donated to keep costs down for parents.

Christmas Activities:

Tree Decoration: The season started with decorating the tree in the dinner hall.

Christmas Discos: Hosted two after-school discos.

Santa Visit: Organised a special visit from Santa for KS1 children, complete with photos and gifts.

Community Events:

Bingo Nights: Held two successful bingo nights.

Family Fun Night: A massive success and will be repeated next year.

Summer Fair: The biggest event of the year, enjoyed by all.

Supporting School Events:

Nativity Refreshments: Sold refreshments at all school nativities.

Sports Day: Provided refreshments, which were well-received.

Special Projects:

Rainbow Raffle: A great success and will be held again next year.

2025 Challenge: Will be reintroduced for all children.

Future Plans

Abseil Event: Five brave volunteers, including three teachers, will abseil down Liverpool Cathedral in September. Details coming soon.

Join Us:

We are always looking for new members. No matter how big or small your commitment could be, please think about joining us for another exciting year starting in September.

Thank You!

We couldn't achieve any of this without your support. We are very thankful and grateful. Wishing you all a wonderful summer break. Stay safe and see you next year!

Contact Information: Email: pta@englishmartyrs.co.uk for further information.

**Total Raised:
Over £12,000**





SPORTS NEWS

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OUR SPORTING YEAR IN REVIEW

It is fair to say that this year, we have really taken our competitive football to another level! This has been the most successful sporting year in as many years as I can remember! Thanks to **South Sefton Sports Partnership** in conjunction with our dedicated staff team of **Mr Roach & Mr Buckton**, we have been able to participate in competitions from **Year 1** through to **Year 6** this year for the first time.

Not only this, but we have placed a far greater emphasis on allowing our girls to have the same opportunities as our boys. Our participation in the **Football Association's Biggest Ever Football Session** for girls showed how much the girls want to play football back on **Friday 8th March** with **175 girls taking part from Y1 to Y6!** They have shown us just how good they can be by not only winning local and regional competitions, but going on to represent **Liverpool Football Club** at **Brentford FC** ground this summer!

We hope to build on this next year, with more competitions and after school clubs for other sports as well as football.

Year Group:	Competition:	Result:
Y1 mixed	EFC tournament	3rd place
Y2 mixed	EFC tournament	3rd place
Y3 boys	EFC tournament	 WINNERS at local - semi finalists regional
Y3/Y4 girls	Euros tournament	 WINNERS
Y4 boys	EFC tournament	2nd place
Y5 boys	EFC tournament	 WINNERS at local and winners at regional
Y5 boys	Faye Cup	 WINNERS
Y6 boys	Division 2	 WINNERS
Y6 boys	Griffith Cup	Semi finalists
Y6 boys	Champions Cup	4th place
Y6 boys	Peter Dowd Cup	 WINNERS
Y5/6 Girls	Division 2	 WINNERS
Y5/6 Girls	LFC Primary League	 WINNERS
Y5/6 Girls	LFC Primary Stars	 WINNERS local & regional; finalists at Brentford FC in London.
Y5/6 Girls	Champions Cup	 WINNERS
Y5/6 Girls	Euros tournament	Finalists runners up

Turn over to see photos of our Sporting teams this year!



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Y5/6 Girls Team: Division 2 Winners, Champions Cup Winners, LFC Primary League Winners, finalists at National league held at Brentford FC.



Y6 Boys team: Division 2 Champions, Peter Dowd Cup winners, Griffiths Cup semi-finalists.



Y5 Boys team: Faye Cup Winners, EFC tournament Winners.



Y4 Boys team: EFC tournament 2nd place.



Y3/4 Girls Team: Euros tournament Winners.



Y3 Boys Team: EFC tournament WINNERS at local - semi finalists regional.

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EARLY HELP

BY MRS BOWDEN

What is Early Help ?

Early Help is aimed at improving outcomes for children or preventing escalating need or risk. They are also sometimes referred to as prevention or preventative services. Please see the attached leaflet for further information regarding the Early Help offer.

If you require any further information, please contact Michelle Bowden, Learning Mentor.

[early-help-information-for-parents.pdf](#)

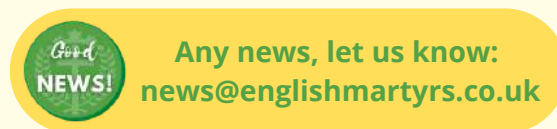
GARDENING CLUB

BY MISS TIERNEY & MRS BRUCHEZ

This week was our final week of gardening club until September. The children have achieved so much throughout the year and we feel so proud of all the members we've had each half term. This week the children created their own windowsill herb garden with chives, mint, rosemary, parsley and thyme.



EM STARS



If you have any lovely news to share, please let us know via e-mail or by bringing the certificate, medal or award in on a Friday to show me!

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Stars of the Week!



FRIDAY 5TH JULY

FRIDAY 12TH JULY

Nursery All Day Reggie
Nursery AM Darcey
RA Annabelle
RB Bobbi Ann
1A Myles
1B Lucas
2A Hope
2B Logan
3A Everly
3B Oliver
4A Lola
4B Ollie
5A Olivia
5B Imogen
6A Rosalie
6B William

Nursery All Day Sonny
Nursery AM Sophie
RA Ethan
RB Molly
1A Oscar
1B Eva
2A Lola
2B Adam
3A Max
3B Daniella
4A Holly
4B Issabelle
5A Graysen
5B Oliver
6A Taylah
6B Matthew



GOLDEN PEN AWARDS WINNERS!





YEAR DATES 2024/25

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AUTUMN TERM 2024

Mon 2nd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tue 3rd Sept	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Wed 4th Sept	Term Begins	
Mon 28th Oct	} Half Term	
Fri 1st Nov		
Mon 4th Nov	Term begins	Pupil Days - 73
Fri 20th Dec	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 75

SPRING TERM 2025

Mon 6th Jan	Term begins	
Mon 17th Feb	} Half Term	
Fri 21st Feb		
Mon 24th Feb	Term begins	Pupil Days - 60
Fri 4th Apr	Term ends - 2pm	Staff Days - 60

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tue 22th April	Term begins	
Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
Mon 26th May	} Half term	
Fri 30th May		
Mon 2nd June	INSET (School closed for staff training)	
Tues 3rd June	Term begins	
Fri 18th July	Term ends - 2pm	
Mon 21st July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Pupil Days - 57
Tue 22nd July	INSET (school closed for staff training)	Staff Days - 60

Total Pupil Days - 190

Total Staff Days - 195

WRAP AROUND CARE OFFER

Breakfast Club:

Contact number: 0151 928 5601

We run Breakfast Club for children aged 3-11 on site by our own staff from **8am-8.45am** daily Monday to Friday.

Our Infant (**Nursery to Y2**) provision is based in the main hall (*enter via the Main School Entrance*).

Our Junior (**Y3 to Y6**) provision is based in the dining hall (*enter via the separate gate on School Lane*).

To check availability and book a place, please use the [Contact Form](#) or call the number above.



Fun4Kidz - After School Club:

Contact number: 0151 932 9218

Nursery to Year 2 Provision:

Fun4Kidz operates on site from **3.15pm to 6.00pm** daily Monday to Friday.

Fun4Kidz works with our youngest pupils from **Nursery to Year 2**.

The sessions are **£11.15** first child (*and £10.15 for siblings*) daily and include snacks (*hot snacks when applicable*).

The sessions must be paid for in advance and are non-refundable if the child doesn't attend.

Children can be collected from any time before **6.00pm**.

Email: fun4kidzclubs@hotmail.com

L30 Community Centre, Stonyfield, Netherton, Merseyside, L30 0QS.



LYCC - After School Club:

Contact number: 0151 286 5331

Year 3 to Year 6 Provision:

LYCC operates off site and offers a complete collection and drop-off service via walking bus from **3.15pm to 5.45pm** daily Monday to Friday.

LYCC works with our older pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 due to the nature of their setting and staffing.

Fee payments for sessions and payment plans will be arranged on an individual basis with Parents / Guardians. However, session costs are non-refundable if the child doesn't attend.

Children can be collected from any time before **5.45pm**.

Email: office.lycc@yahoo.com

Litherland Youth & Community Centre, 41 Sefton Road, Litherland, L219HD.

Need to know about funding?

If you want to find out more about what funding is available to you in terms of tax free credits and childcare vouchers, please follow the link at the bottom of the page, which will take you to our Wrap Around Care page on the school website with more information and links to follow.

For the latest info, see the page below:

<https://www.englishmartyrs.co.uk/parents/wrap-around-care>



USEFUL INFO

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.

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

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.

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

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.