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<u>2023</u>

Spotlight on

Year 3 have had an excellent start to this half term. They have begun a set of six tennis lessons, reviewing what they learnt in Year 2 by practising their serving and aiming. In our other PE lesson, the children were excited to begin Hockey lessons, something that is brand new to them. We have worked on controlling a ball using a hockey stick, dribbling in and out of targets and then doing some paired work on passing the ball between them using skills in dribbling, passing and blocking.



The children have also been introduced to the artist we will be covering this half term, Frida Kahlo. They have learnt about her life and how she became interested in art and developed her skills. To begin our Geography topic of Ormskirk, we have used Google Earth to find Ormskirk, and looked at a range of maps and atlases. They have also had great fun at the Halloween Disco and enjoyed dressing up for the occasion.





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Message from Headteacher

Dear parents, carers and grandparents,

Remembrance Day reflection

Year 6 children will lead our Remembrance Day reflection on Friday morning. The parents of children in Year 6 are invited into school on Friday morning starting at 9.15am. The reflection will take place in the KS2 hall accessed through the main entrance and last approximately 30 minutes.

A huge thanks to the PTA for organising a wonderful day on Tuesday. Children really enjoyed their discos and had a memorable time. Well done to all the children and families for making such an effort to dress up for their day. The children's costumes were fantastic!

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy visited school this week and was very impressed with the Young School Leaders. Nikki was also very impressed with the three Year 3 children she spoke to. They wish to organise an opportunity to help keep our local parks tidy and Nikki was full of praise for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to all the children who take part in many events outside of school. We are very proud of all your achievements.

All teachers will be talking to children about the need to be safe when walking home from school, especially as it is becoming darker at night. Please can all parents who use breakfast and after school clubs be extra careful when driving onto the school grounds to ensure all children and adults remain as safe as possible. 5mph should be the maximum speed on school grounds.

Primary School Admissions

You may know a family friend whose child is due to start school in September 2024. We need your help to remind them the application window for primary school admissions is open. The following link will take your family and friends to the 'Admission Page' on our school website https://www.st-annesrc.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/admissions

Secondary school admissions closed on 31st October 2023. Local authorities will issue offers to parents on 1st March 2024.

Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend,

Mr P Bates Headteacher



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Curriculum News

Nursery It's been a busy week in Nursery this week! The children had a spooky time at the Halloween Disco on Tuesday, they all looked fantastic in their costumes and were very excited about going Trick and Treating. We have been working very hard in Maths this week playing lots of counting and number recognition games. We have been reading the story 'Sparks in the Sky', the children have created their own Bonfire Night and Firework pictures. We have listened to 'Firefighter Fred's Greatest safety Show' and have discussed how to keep ourselves safe if we go to celebrate Bonfire Night at the weekend. Star of the Week: Oliver L Mission Statement: Emilia L

Reception This week in Reception we have been using adjectives (describing words) to describe the characters for the story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. We used our segmenting skills to spell words and tried hard to form the letters correctly. In PE we have started a new topic of Dance, and we really enjoyed our first dance lesson. In maths we have been learning about numbers 1, 2 and 3, we have even been learning about 1 more and 1 less!

Year 1 This week in Year 1 we introduced our new theme for this half term 'Our World'. We began the week by discussing what we already knew and have talked about what we want to find out. In English we introduced our new focus 'Stories with Repetitive patterns'. The children returned to school to discover a hole had been burnt into our classroom wall. We questioned what character may have done this using various question starters. We eventually discovered that it was Zog. The children have worked super hard this week to write Zog questions as well as make predictions of the story, describing Zog and sequencing the story. In Maths we have been working on subtraction and the different ways we can write a subtraction number sentence using part whole diagrams to help. We ended the week by writing different fact families for given numbers. It was very tricky! In the Wider Curriculum we have been looking at seasonal changes and we have learnt about tempo in music. We can't wait for the term ahead.

Year 2 It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school after their half term break! They have had a busy week packed full of fun and new learning. In Maths they have been learning how to subtract across a ten using their number bonds. In English the children had a surprise delivery from a mystery guest - the Big Bad Pig! They are going to be looking out for him and the Three Little Wolves over the next few weeks!! The children began their new unit of work in PE, creating a fabulous dance based on the story of Alice in Wonderland. They will be developing it every week over the next half term. They can't wait! In PSHE the children have been learning about how to keep safe on Bonfire Night. They have written some fantastic rules to make sure that it is a safe and fun night. Finally, a huge thank you to the school PTA for organising a super Halloween disco! The children had so much fun!

Year 3 See Spotlight

Year 4 Year 4 have made a great start to Autumn 2. We have had some very mature conversations about the apartheid movement and begun to read our class novel for this half term which is called 'Journey to Jo'burg'. For PE we started our tennis lessons, recapping the different types of serves that we can use to begin a game. We have continued to work hard during our swimming lessons.

Year 5 We have begun our fascinating study on the birth of Baghdad by looking at why it was sited near the River Tigris and why it was called the Round City. In Science we have begun looking at how states of matter can change through evaporation and condensation. In Maths we have started looking at how to make equivalent fractions and in RE we have looked at friendships and the importance of commitment in relationships.

Year 6 Year 6 have had a really good first week back in school this week. The have begun familiarising themselves with war poetry ahead of writing their own. Some of these will be read at the Remembrance Day assembly next week. They have also started to look into coding in Computing, with an interesting focus on Bletchley Park.



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Our Award Winners!

Star of the Week Mission Statement

George H Madison A Josiah O Maisie D Meila C Mia L Sienna H Katie L Freddie D Teddy A Oliver O Isla D Isla D Bella S Clara P

Jesse LT Harper H Sebastian V Sadie B Mark T Max B Ethan M Harrison S **Chantelle P** Dylan H Madeleine S **Elizabeth S** Zach Mc **Daisy F**



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School News

This is last years Sports Council members at the sports awards collecting our Gold School Games award from the rugby player Oliver Partington





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Please see Harvest Food Bank Donation Thank you Letter



Joanne Preston St Anne's RC Primary Aughton Street Ormskirk L36 3NQ Micah Liverpool Liverpool Cathedral St James Mount Liverpool L1 7AZ Charity No. 1168689

19 October 2023

Dear Joanne

I am writing to pass on my warmest thanks for your donation to Micah Liverpool Food Bank.

We were touched to receive your recent donation for the Food bank.

As an independent food bank, we are reliant on the kindness of others to provide food for local people who are most in need. All donations that are received, help us to support local residents and families. Micah Liverpool are currently giving out over 400 food parcels a week.

We know that the parcels we provide make a real difference to those who have no other way of obtaining food.

Thank you for thinking of us when making your donation. We are extremely grateful and hope that you will think of us again in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Paul O'Brien

Paul O'Brien Executive Director Micah Liverpool





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St Anne's Toddler Group

St Anne's Toddler Group meets every Thursday morning during term time. It is open to all families and it is a great opportunity to meet new people whilst your children play. Each week there is a different activity including Creation Station, a local craft activity company, offering lots of different crafts for children to do. We also offer fun with food activities, messy play, stories, singing and lots more.

There is no need to book just come along to St Anne's School on a Thursday morning, 9am - 11am. A small charge of £2.00 for the 1st child and 50p for each other child is required.

St Anne's Church Bulletin

The Bulletin is available on the Church website: <u>stannes-ormskirk.org.uk</u>

A link is available at the bottom of every page on our school website also.