

Forthcoming Events

Monday 14th October:

- Reception parents' afternoon

Wednesday 16th October:

- Y2 Harvest Festival (9.15am)

Thursday 17th October:

- Reception parents' afternoon

Tuesday 22nd October:

- Nasal Flu Vaccination (All pupils)
- Parents' night (late) Years 1 to 6

Wednesday 23rd October:

- Reception parents' afternoon
- Parents night (early) Years 1 to 6

Thursday 24th October:

Children break up for half term

Friday 25th October:

- INSET Day (school closed for the children)

For further dates/school information please see our website

www.ursulineprimary.co.uk



Newsletter

Current rate of attendance for the school year: **97%** (Target: 98%)

14th October 2019

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well done to the Y6 classes who had their Residential visit to Robinwood recently. They had a great time and represented the school superbly. Thanks to the staff who looked after them so well.

Today is the start of our Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge, in partnership with Chester Zoo. Children are invited to produce a project linked to the issue. Projects are due back on 18th November and will be displayed in the hall on Monday 25th November. Family members are welcome to come in after school to view them. More detailed information will be sent home soon.

The school was awarded its Green Flag last Wednesday for all of the environmental work we do. Thanks and well done to Mrs McIver for her leadership in this field, which is assuming more and more international importance as each day passes. Well done also to our Eco Warriors, past and present. They made a great impression on the Green Flag Ambassador who assessed us for the award.

Our Language Day last Wednesday was very successful. All children focussed on French for the day. Mr John Sayer, Head of Modern Languages at Sacred Heart, brought some students over to work in classes for the whole day. Year groups banded together to learn a song in French (Y1&2, Y3&4 and Y5 & 6) and performed them at the end of the day when we all got together in the hall. The kitchen also provided some traditional French Baguettes for lunch. All in all it was a brilliant day, involving lots of learning. Thanks to Miss Jones and Mrs Long for organising things so well.

We are making steady progress on our 'Run to Tokyo'. As you know we intend to cover the 5960 miles from Ursuline to the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo by totalling the distances run during the week by every child at the school during their 'daily mile'. So far we have stopped off at Haverhill in Suffolk and Reinaldaweg in the Netherlands. By today we had run 790 miles and arrived in Szklary Dolne, a village in south west Poland. The children are being kept up to date with our progress on Google Earth.

Our Football Team recently lost 0-2 at home to St Edmund's & St Thomas. It was a close contest and we lost to a very good team. Thanks to Mr Lowry for training the squad and to Mr Hudson for refereeing. Thanks also to all the family members who turned up to support the team.

Well done to the 16 children who took part in last week's Crosby & District Cross-Country race at St Mary's playing fields. They all ran their hearts out and the school is very proud of them. Thanks to Mr Lowry for training them and to the family members who cheered them on. We look forward to future races and to watching the children's performance develop.

Well done to the Y3 children who recently took part in the Crosby & District Multi Skills tournament at Chesterfield High School. They came 5th out of 13 schools – a very good effort, something to be proud of.

'Hot Chocolate with the Head' was very enjoyable for all concerned today, myself included. Well done to all of the children who joined me as a reward for their outstanding behaviour.

We have had two more tournament days on the last two Fridays. They went as follows (House Points in brackets):

Y4 (4.10.19) – Hockey and Handball

1 st	Seathwaite	(10)
2 nd	Overdale	(8)
3 rd	St Olaves	(6)
4 th	Inveralt	(4)

Reception (11.10.19) – Athletics Track & Field

1 st	Overdale	(10)
2 nd	Seathwaite	(8)
3 rd	St Olave's	(6)
4 th	Inveralt	(4)

Thanks to Dave Roberts from Premier Sports for training the children and organising the competitions so well.

The Sport House Points running total is:

1 st	Seathwaite	(46)
2 nd	Overdale	(42)
3 rd	St Olave's	(28)
4 th	Inveralt	(24)

The School House Points running total is:

1 st	Seathwaite	(30)
Joint 2 nd	Overdale	(26)
Joint 2 nd	St Olaves	(26)
4 th	Inveralt	(24)

There is much to play for in both competitions.

The PTFA recently held its Annual General Meeting, which was well attended and resulted in the election of new officers, as follows:

Chair	Katy Scott
Secretary	Jayne Donoghue
Treasurers:	Nicola Oxton
	Jane Wilson

We wish them every success in all they do on behalf of the school this school year.

REMINDERS

- Parents who wish to speak to their child's class teacher should contact the school office in the first instance. The office staff will pass the message on and the teacher will telephone you as soon as possible and, if necessary, arrange to meet you at the end of the day. Please avoid asking to see the teacher at the start of the day. S/he will be teaching the class at this time and the school has no capacity to ensure the class is covered for her/him to come away.
- Please do not park or stop vehicles on the yellow zig-zags on Nicholas Road. They are there to ensure the safety of the children.
- The entrance on Blundellsands Road West is for Reception pupils and their siblings only.

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED FROM THE TOP OF THE NEWSLETTER THAT OUR RATE OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR IS 97%. LET'S CONTINUE TO BUILD ON THIS VERY SOLID START AND WORK TOGETHER TO REACH OUR TARGET OF 98%.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher