

Forthcoming Events

Monday 4th November:

- School reopens after half term

Monday 11th November:

- School autumn term internal tests and assessments start (carry on throughout week)

Monday 18th November:

- 'Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge' projects to be brought in to school

Wednesday 20th November:

- Whole school visit to Chester Zoo

Friday 22nd November:

- PTFA 'Own Clothes' day (donations of prizes for Christmas Market)

Monday 25th November:

- 'Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge' projects sharing day (Parents welcome to look around hall display 3.15 - 4pm)

Friday 29th November:

- Y4 Advent Service (2pm) St Joseph's Church

For further dates/school information please see our website

www.ursulineprimary.co.uk



Newsletter

Current rate of attendance for the school year: **96%** (Target: 98%)

24th October 2019

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Well done to the children and staff for their Harvest Festival celebration on 16th October. It was an outstanding performance which carried a very important message about caring for our world and all of its inhabitants. We were able to pass on foodstuffs generously donated by you to South Sefton Foodbank. Thanks to Mr Jim Sullivan for accepting these on their behalf. We were also able to donate the £207 we collected from you on the day to CAFOD – thank you once again for your generosity. Thanks to Jacqueline Williams and Denise Cottrell Boyce who accepted it on CAFOD's behalf. Jim, Jacqueline and Denise also spoke powerfully at the end of the celebration. Thanks to everyone who attended this memorable school event. It was an important one in the children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who attended our recent parents' afternoons and to those who attended parents' nights appointments. We hope you found them as helpful as we did.

Thank you to the Eco Warriors in Years 1 and 2 who planted bulbs in Alexandra Park today. They planted over a hundred Spring bulbs with support from Angela Griffiths from "Green Sefton". Sefton Council aims to plant a bulb for each child in the local area. Thank you to Mrs. McIver and Mrs. Rummens for supervising the children. They all had a wonderful time and their behaviour was exceptional.

The nasal Flu vaccinations were administered yesterday to pupils for whom we had consent. We hope this helps to keep them well in the winter months.

Our school Football team lost 2-0 to Great Crosby last Thursday. The team played very well, but just lost out to the better team on the day. Well played to the team and thanks to Mr Lowry for his coaching. Thanks also to all the family members who turned up to support the team.

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
- Reinaldaweg in the Netherlands
- Szklary Dolne in south west Poland
- Jedlno Pierwsze, in central Poland

By today we had run 1302 miles and arrived in Zhytomyrs'ka oblast, in Ukraine. The children are being kept up to date with our progress on Google Earth.

'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.

The 'Hold a Pyjama Party at School Day' organised by the PTFA on 18th October was very successful. A total of £328 was raised for Alder Hey Hospital. Thanks and well done to one and all.

I attended the Y7 starters' Mass at Sacred Heart on Tuesday. It was a great occasion and very heart-warming to see how well our former pupils were settling into their new school.

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

Y2 (18.10.19) – Dodgeball

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

Y3 (22.10.19) – Rounders

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

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| 1 st | Overdale | (58) |
| 2 nd | Seathwaite | (56) |
| 3 rd | St Olave's | (46) |
| 4 th | Inveralt | (36) |

The School House Points running total is:

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| 1 st | Seathwaite | (53) |
| 2 nd | St Olaves | (43) |
| Joint 3 rd | Inveralt | (41) |
| Joint 3 rd | Overdale | (41) |

There is much to play for in both competitions.

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 HAS SLIPPED BACK TO 96%. LET'S WORK TOGETHER AFTER HALF TERM TO REACH OUR TARGET OF 98%.

Thank you for your ongoing support. On behalf of the staff and governors may I wish you and your families a happy and safe half term break.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher