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PASSIONATE, ASPIRATIONAL, RESPECTFUL, KNOWLEDGABLE LEARNERS!

October 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers & Friends,

We blinked and suddenly it's October!

I'm so pleased that all the children have been busy in their new classes, impressing their teachers already! Year 3, Diamond class and Nursery children have particularly impressed me this year, with how quickly they have settled into their new environments – da iawn pawb!

Our new sand pit areas have become a firm favourite with children in the infants (and some of our juniors have enjoyed having a play in them too!) Why spend so much money on sandpits? I hear you ask – we've included a special feature in this month's newsletter which will hopefully answer your questions!

Our new Prefect group along with Head Boy and Head Girl have started in their new roles and they are eager to help continue the work of their predecessors, to further improve our school. I look forward to hearing their ideas over the coming weeks.

And finally, at the end of September we bid farewell to Mrs T Prytherch who has left us to start a new career. Mrs Prytherch was a valued member of the Park team and will be missed, but we wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.

Kind Regards,

RL Billington

Mrs R Billington
Headteacher/Pennaeth



Snack

Please remember that Snack payments must be paid in advance, for those who have opted for school snack.

We have noticed that children who bring their own snack, are choosing very healthy fruit and vegetables options – THANK YOU to parents for supporting us.



As the Autumn has well and truly arrived, please ensure that your child has an appropriate water-proof jacket in school.

We do venture out in all weathers and as the saying goes:

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothing!"



Applications are now open for places in our Reception Class for September 2024, please visit

www.wrexham.gov.uk and choose School Admissions.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023:

Monday 1st September to Friday 27th October 2023
 Monday 6th November to Friday 22nd December 2023

Training days: 1st September; 4th September; 22nd December

Spring Term 2024:

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024
 Monday 19th February to Friday 22nd March 2024

Training day: 8th January

Summer Term 2024:

Monday 8th April to Friday 24th May 2024
 Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024

Training days: 8th April; 14th June



Sponsored Walk

Children from Reception to Year 6 all completed their Sponsored Walks earlier this term, with those in Years 5 & 6 doing especially well, walking just over 4miles around Alyn Waters Country Park.

So far, your donations have raised over £575 which is fantastic! THANK YOU all so much for your generosity, it really is appreciated and every penny will be spent on enhancing school experiences for all the children.

Attendance

Whole School Attendance for September was 93.8%

Let's aim for at least 94.8% in October – we can do it!!!

In fact.... **Let's have a class challenge!**

The class with the highest attendance next week will get a special treat! All you need to do to help out your class is come to school!!

The winner(s) will be announced on Monday 16th October and shared on the website 😊





Music Taster Sessions

Year 3/4 enjoying their introductory lesson of First Experiences in Music with the North Wales Music co-operative.

For further information on accessing music lessons in school please visit:

<https://wrexhammusic.com/en/schools/>

Please note that there may be a charge for additional lessons.

Play Makers

Our Year 6 Prefects, along with Head Boy and Head Girl have been trained in Playground Games this month, by Eve from Active Wrexham.

They will now be using their new skills to support play times and lunch times with children in the infants and juniors.

Eve was very impressed with the enthusiasm and maturity shown by the group – da iawn pawb!



Secondary School Admissions

Applications for secondary school places are now open.

Please visit: www.wrexham.gov.uk and follow the links to school admissions.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our after-school clubs will begin next week. This term we have:

Monday – Dance with Amanda (payable)

Tuesday – Football & Fitness (Years 5 & 6) with Mrs Billington (no need to book)

Paper Craft (Juniors) with Miss Ivison (ivisonm@hwbcymru.net)

Wednesday - Choir with Mrs Glimour (Years 2 to 6) (parents@park-pri.wrexham.sch.uk)

Games Club (Juniors) with Mrs Rogers (rogerse88@hwbcymru.net)

Thursday - Netball (Juniors) with Mrs Poole (okeefej16@hwbcymru.net)

Keep Fit Club (Years 1 & 2) with Mrs Sear (pricec205@hwbcymru.net)

- ✓ To book a place please email the teacher
- ✓ If your child is going to Treasure Chest after their club please ensure that they know this and are booked in (contact Elaine Owen)
- ✓ Years 5 & 6 children will be able to walk home independently after clubs have finished
- ✓ With the exception of Dance, all other clubs are provided FREE OF CHARGE and are run voluntarily by our brilliant teachers and teaching assistants
- ✓ All clubs finish at 4pm – please collect children from the Main Entrance
- ✓ Some clubs may have limited numbers and places will be issued on a first come, first served basis. Waiting lists may be held.

Your Views Count!

We are constantly striving to improve our school and to do this we need your views!

Please spare a few minutes to complete our online survey:

To share your views on British Sign Language please visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/sWuk4KGRax>

To share with us how and when we should share information, please visit:

<https://forms.gle/PmNPixXzCQBQYnLHA>

Alternatively, visit the Surveys section of our website (under the News tab).

Upcoming Events: further details will be shared on the website and in the school calendar (new dates added are shown in green)

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| Monday 16 th October | - Assembly with PC Stu: Staying Safe |
| Friday 20 th October | - Wear Red to Show Racism the Red Card |
| Thursday 26 th October | - Harvest Service at School |
| Friday 27 th October | - Non-Uniform Day & Non-Verbal Communications! |
| Monday 6 th November | - Festival of Fireworks Day |
| Monday 13 th November | - Anti-Bullying Week |
| Tuesday 12 th December | - Early Years Christmas Concerts |
| Thursday 14 th December | - Nasal Flu Sprays Reception to Year 6 |
| Friday 15 th December | - Infants Christmas Concerts |
| Tuesday 19 th December | - Christmas Stalls |
| Wednesday 20 th December | - Christmas Party day |
| Thursday 1 st February | - Years 5 & 6 Concerts |
| Wednesday 7 th February | - Year 5 residential trip to Glan Llyn |
| Wednesday 21 st February | - Year 6 residential trip to Nant BH |
| Wednesday 10 th April | - Year 4 residential trip to Pentrellyncymer |
| Thursday 2 nd May | - Years 3 & 4 Concerts |
| Monday 20 th May | - Early Years Sports Day |
| Tuesday 21 st May | - Infants Sports Day |
| Wednesday 22 nd May | - Years 3 & 4 Sports Day |
| Thursday 23 rd May | - Years 5 & 6 Sports Day |
| Tuesday 16 th July | - Year 2 Graduation Ceremony |
| Wednesday 17 th July | - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony |



Two of our Year 6 children, Cindy and Luisa, recently participated in the Wrexham Space Extravaganza, by creating a wonderful window display!

Da iawn y ddau – bendigedig!



Treasure Chest – New Closing Time

Please be aware that from Monday 6th November 2023, Treasure Chest will be closing at 5.30pm. This decision has not been taken lightly, however, the Board of Trustees have determined that it is no longer financially viable to remain open until 6pm given increased costs. Treasure Chest apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and ask parents ensure that arrangements are in place for their children to be collected at 5.30pm each day.





School Meals

Lots of children have taken up the free school meals offered by the Welsh Government which is great!

Our new serving counters are up and running and the new salad bar is really popular with the children!

Please remember that the Canteen Staff will work closely with parents to cater for children who have allergies, food preferences and even those who are 'fussy eaters'.

The canteen offers a daily choice of two meals or children can select a sandwich or jacket potato. There's lots to choose from, so if you haven't yet taken advantage of the free meals on offer, why not give it go?!

We'd love to hear from parents who are not taking up the offer – if you'd be happy to share your reasons, thoughts and views please complete our survey below.

Want to find out more about the meals on offer? Please let us know if you'd like us to arrange a tasting and information session here at school by also clicking on the survey link below:

<https://forms.gle/oq734ZMmhMLJG9Mn6>



Children's University

This year we are proud to be part of the Children's University pilot. Children in Year 6 will be participating in 'out of the classroom' learning experiences over the next few months and earning points.

As we all know – Points Make Prizes! and those who achieve enough points will be attending a special graduation service next spring!

Thanks to Natalie from Children's University, who visited us to launch the project. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk>

If successful, we hope to roll out the programme to other year groups next year.

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The Reasons we LOVE our Sandpits!



Our Sand Pits provide so much more than just a place to play! In the sandpits the children will be:

Digging, lifting, squashing, squeezing, pushing and pulling the sand and tools. – vital to develop hand/eye co-ordination and improve fine and gross motor skills, developing the muscles needed to write...

Filling and emptying buckets – vital to develop early Maths concepts such as Volume & Capacity...

Counting – the equipment, the number of children playing, the number of handfuls of sand it takes to fill the bucket, the number of shoes compared to the number of children, the opportunities are endless...

Socialising – working out how many can safely play, talking about their adventures and creations, helping each other to build, dig and bury...

Sharing – the equipment, the space (and hopefully not socks and shoes!!)...

Learning how to take off/put on their socks and shoes (and how to make sure they have the right ones to go home with!

Exploring the properties of sand – developing a love of science and the world around them.

Problem solving things that arise naturally like how can I build a sandcastle without a bucket and those created by teachers!

Being creative – not only with the sand models they build but also by thinking logically and outside of the box...

And you thought they were just having a beach holiday every day!!! SHHHH don't tell them they're actually learning 😊

