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## Newsletter 20- 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

### Sporting Updates:

#### Cross Country- Arrowe Park

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country event at Arrowe Park. They faced some incredibly tough conditions but demonstrated amazing resilience and brilliant team spirit by cheering each other on so passionately and celebrating everyone's achievements no matter where they were placed. Our children performed brilliantly and overall our girls' team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and our boys' team was also placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. An excellent achievement!



The next cross country event will take place at Birkenhead Park on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4:15pm**. Let's hope for some warmer and more pleasurable running conditions for the children.

#### Tranmere Rovers – Premier League Primary Stars programme.



On Thursday afternoon, Tranmere Rovers first team players attended a Premier League Primary Stars Education Workshop with our Y2, Y3 & Y4 children. Our Y3 & 4 children have been taking part in the Premier League Primary Stars lessons for a number of weeks. But this week the school also took part in an education workshop and Tranmere Rovers first team players Mark Ellis, Darren Potter and Callum Woods came along and got involved



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with the lesson. The children listened and got involved as the players spoke about their careers in sport, healthy eating and what a footballer has to do off the pitch to keep fit and healthy.

Many thanks to Ms Fletcher for organising this for our children and to Tranmere Rovers for providing this excellent opportunity for our children.

#### Tri-Golf team- Year 3 & Year 4

Well done to our Y3 & Y4 tri-golf team as they took part in the Wirral Pathway event. Many thanks to Ms Fletcher for organising the event and to the parents who transported the children to and from the event.



**Year 6 SAT information sessions for parents:** Thank you to the Y6 parents who attended the Y6 SAT information session last night. We hope that you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, we are running one more session during the school day on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am**. Following this session we will send home the powerpoint and ensure

that the revision materials are on our website.



#### Y4 Barnstondale meeting for parents.

Our Y4 Barnstondale residential meeting took place on Monday morning. We will summarise the information from this meeting and send home to Y4 parents by the end of this week.

#### Mayor and Mayoress visit Gayton

Last Wednesday, we were very fortunate to receive a visit from the Mayor and Mayoress of Wirral who came to celebrate the renewal of our green flag and officially raise our new green flag with our eco-team. It was a wonderful opportunity for our eco-team to share the work they have been doing in school and they impressed the Mayor and Mayoress by speaking so passionately about all their endeavours to make a difference to the planet and to raise the profile of environmental awareness at school. A group of Year 6 children also performed an environmental rap for the Mayor and Mayoress- a wonderful way to celebrate all the wonderful work of the eco-team. Many thanks to Mrs Hulley for all her hard work in organising the team as well.



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The Mayor and Mayoress also got to meet our plastic bottle collecting giraffe. Unfortunately, he has left us now and is off on his travels to his next destination at Pensby Primary School.



#### ITV Granada Studios Filming at Gayton Primary School



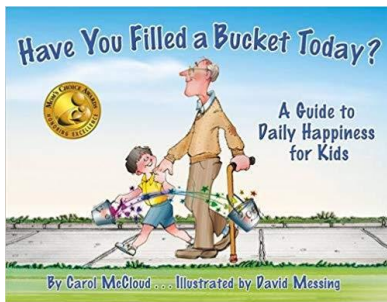
ITV Granada Reports will be filming live from Gayton at 6:00pm tomorrow. Many thanks to the Longden family for putting us in touch with Granada Reports. They are running a series based on trying to encourage children to eat more vegetables. As part of this, they have a whole host of celebrity chefs going into schools and showing some children a range of foods to cook incorporating vegetables. We are excited to announce that chef Nisha Katona will be cooking with a small group of children and this will be live broadcasted into the ITV Granada Reports studio. Please tune in at 6:00pm tomorrow as we will feature as part of the programme.

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## Year 2's class assembly



Year 2 performed a brilliant class assembly based on the book **'Have you filled a bucket today?'** This assembly was all the importance of mental health and well-being. This demonstrated to everyone how important daily acts of kindness, compassion and care are. In everyday situations, we are asking children to think about whether they are bucket filling or whether they may be bucket dipping and how they can impact on the lives of others to make a positive change. This links in perfectly with our motto **'Positive minds, positive futures'**.

We are looking forward to Year 1's class assembly which is taking place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2:40pm. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to come along and watch the assembly.

## World Book Day Celebrations:

### Dressing up- Favourite book character:

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the children coming to school dressed as their favourite book character. This could be from a fiction or non-fiction book. We appreciate that not all children like to dress up so participation is voluntary.



### Author visit- Matt Haig (Cancelled)

Unfortunately Matt Haig has cancelled his scheduled author talk tomorrow. We are in the process of contacting families who have pre-ordered his book. Many apologies for any inconvenience caused.



### World Book day activities:

On World Book Day we will be focusing on a book across the whole school and completing some activities based on this book. We hope the children will enjoy the whole school focus on one book.

**Sponsored Read-** On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Usborne books will be launching a sponsored read event as part of our World Book celebrations. Further information will be sent home on Friday regarding this, but we really hope that as many children as possible will take part in this as it will mean that we will be able to choose lots of wonderful books to enhance our guided reading and non-fiction library.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Date	Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	ITV Granada Studios filming in school with celebrity chef Nisha Katona
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	World Book Day- Children can dress up as their favourite book character.
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Spelling Bee event at Thingwall Primary School (Year 6)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Reading event introduction assembly linked to sponsored read.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	SAT information workshop for Y6 parents at 9:00am.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Federation Quiz (Year 6 x 2 teams in the afternoon)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Y1 Class assembly at 2:40pm- 3:10pm – parents welcome
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Futsal competition
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Cross Country at Birkenhead Park at 4:15pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	A parents' workshop; Dealing with stress and anxiety in primary school pupils 9:10am- 10:10am. (Please email the school office if you would like to attend, just so we know numbers.)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March- Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Residential to Robinwood Centre.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Full Governors' meeting @6:00pm.
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Quicksticks hockey event 3:45pm- 6:00pm.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Year 3 class assembly 2:40pm-3:15pm – parents welcome
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	Relay race- cross country at 4:15pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	PTA -Bunny Bingo at 6:00pm- 7:15pm- tickets via Parent Pay
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Y4 class assembly 2:40pm-3:10pm- parents welcome
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	Easter Egg Hunt- 3:20pm-4:30pm – tickets via Parent Pay
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	Break up today for Spring break at 2:30pm.
<b>SPRING BREAK</b>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020- Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	Children return to school following the Spring break.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Y4 Barstondale Residential for one night.
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Year 3 class assembly @2:40pm-3:15pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Governors' meeting at 6pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	INSET Day – School closed to pupils.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Bank Holiday- School not open today.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SAT week- Y6.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	Break up today for summer half term holiday
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Litter Clean up day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June- Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Y1 Phonics screening & Y2 Phonics Re-Screening
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	F2 class assembly @9:00am.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Non-school uniform day in return for donations for the summer fair.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Summer Fair @ 3:30pm- 6:00pm.

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