

# July 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I cannot believe that the term has come to an end already. It has been filled with excitement and adventure and looking back through our last few newsletters, as well as our Twitter feed, reminds me of all of the wonderful things our children, staff and families have achieved in such a short period of time. Here are some of our most recent highlights.

## **Sporting Successes**

This term has seen many sporting opportunities for our pupils, but most recently we have been very fortunate to have two of our parents, Miss Weir and Mr Blackie, who have given up their own time during the school day to train our Year 4 football team. This has been a wonderful success and we ended the term with a football friendly with Dawpool CE Primary. All of the children who took part showed such spirit and positivity – they did everyone proud!





We were also fortunate to host another football friendly, this time between Dawpool CE Primary & Raeburn Primary. This was an all girls Year 5 friendly. It was wonderful to see so many really engaged in the sport and giving everything they had on the pitch. Thank you lain for refereeing the matc and thank you to Mr Greenop from Dawpool CE Primary for bringing your teams to Gayton. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as we did.

Our fencing team did wonderfully well at the inter-school competition. Narrowly missing out on first place. Many of the parents who watched had said they were not expecting it to be quite as nail biting as it was! Well done team. Throughout the competition you should yourself to be courageous, but kind; supporting and encouraging each other throughout!



## A spot of music anyone?

We have been spoiled with musicality this term. Recently some of our Year 5 pupils went to perform at the Church of the Good Shepherd alongside with pupils from Heswall Primary. We were invited as Abby from the charity 'Voice' invited us to participate in the wonderful concert. Thank you Abby for all of your hard work, effort and musical inspiration!



Primary to participate in a wonderful open air musical festival to sing our merry hearts out. Unfortunately, the weather did not get the message and we were RAINED off! Thankfully we did get to perform in school and have it recorded by Hi-Impact.

Year 6 delighted us with their end of year performance. This year was 'Summer Holiday'. It was filled with song and dance, twists and turns, gorgeous grandmas and even a marriage proposal! The children performed brilliantly and all shone on the day. There were not many dry eyes after their final song – from the pupils or the audience!



# Chirk Castle (F2)

F2 ended their learning about castles with a trip to Chirk. The children all loved their time, dressing up in medieval costumes, making cookies and exploring the dank dungeons. It was a fabulous way to celebrate all they had learned during the weeks leading up to it. We now have many knights ready to rescue any fair maiden (or gentlemen) in distress!



### **Coast to Country Project**

Our Coast to Country Project for 2019 came to a close last week with our living museum and art gallery. It was great to see so many families able to come and join us and celebrate the values of the project as well as explore all of the children's learning over this past term.

#### Values:

- APPRECIATE the world around us, our role as guardians of this planet, the beauty of our local area.
- PROTECT the local environment, the animals around the world who need our help, future generations.
- AWARENESS raised across our local communities to enact real and lasting change.
- RESPONSIBILITY to help meet our global goals, to care for our world, to help the environment.
- TOGETHER as a school, as a community, as global citizens.

Our Year 3 & 4's enjoyed an adventure to Parkgate whilst Year 5 & 6 went off in search of the Marsh Harrier at the Neston reed beds. All of the children and staff enjoyed their day out!

The video of the Deeside Project is now on our website under the news tab, or click on the link below. When you have a few minutes, watch and enjoy all that the different schools have achieved.

#### Coast to Country Celebration Movie

Also, the art work created by the different schools is available to the Williamson Art Gallery all through the summer holiday. We hope you can visit during the break.

#### **INSET Days:**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020(Local Elections) Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Click on the link below to go to our website to see the term dates in full including Bank Holidays and INSETs. Term Dates Ahead

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to the pupils, staff and parents here at Gayton. I have enjoyed my time here and I am sad to say goodbye. It has been a true pleasure to work alongside such a dedicated staff; all of whom have the best interests of the pupils at the heart of all of their decision making. I have loved getting to know the children, spend time in their classrooms or join them outside. There are so many kind hearted and caring pupils; at all times showing such respect for others. It is wonderful to see the school values and ethos shine through each day.

Thank you for this term and I wish you all a very happy summer holidays!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Emma Johnson Interim Headteacher