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## June 2019 Newsletter

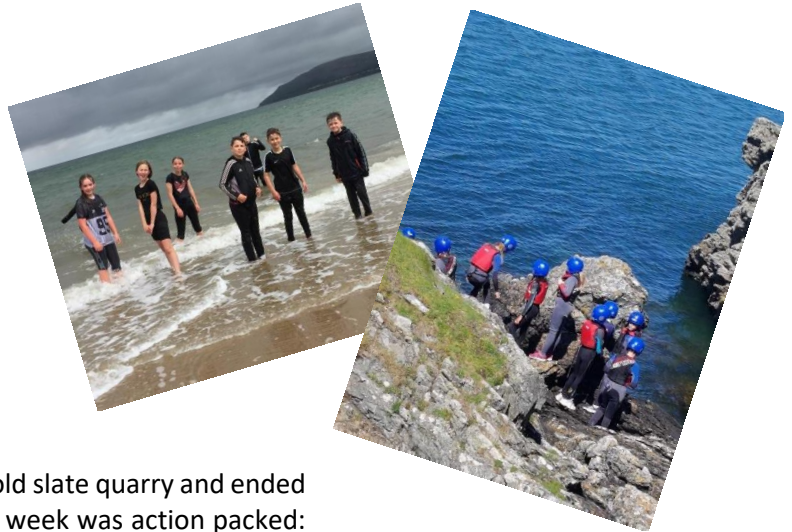
Dear Parents & Carers,

Well what a busy summer term we are having! Read on to share our excitement so far this term.

### Residential times

#### Llanberis – Year 6

In early June the class enjoyed their final residential trip with Gayton Primary School, which included a surprise visit from Mr Whitehill. The weather was not kind to them, but this did not quash their spirit of adventure or determination to succeed. They are one of the most fearless classes Mrs Roe have ever met: whatever the activity, they just give it a go.



They started the week with a very rainy walk up to an old slate quarry and ended with a sunny evening walk to a castle. The rest of the week was action packed: they played beach games; climbed rock faces; scrambled a gorge; threw themselves off cliffs and into the sea and improved their skills in paddle sports! Throughout it all, they showed each other care and consideration.

Year 6 wanted to say 'Thank you' to all of the adults who came along – Mrs Roe, Mrs Hulley, Mr Dyke and especially Mrs Longworth, who stepped in to make the trip possible and kept Mrs Roe amused during a long wait in A&E!

#### Oaklands – Year 5

Year 5 set off on their annual Oakland's adventure at the end of May and the much anticipated residential didn't disappoint. The trip was very much about the children learning to work as a team and to look out for others, not just themselves. It also enabled individuals to develop new skills and hopefully have a lot of fun along the way. From the moment we arrived, the children were required to hone their team working skills in order to overcome problems, the first of which was making their beds!



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The nightline challenge encouraged teamwork as well as trust in one another. Whilst it wasn't easy, everyone gave 100% and all three teams successfully completed the challenging course - blindfolded! Canoeing, gorge walking and rock climbing presented unique problems. Not only were the activities themselves physically strenuous, but the children also had to contend with the equipment required for each task. They all rose to the occasion by helping one another into climbing harnesses, helmets and buoyancy aids. The teamwork didn't stop there, however. Everyone was involved in setting the tables before mealtimes and clearing up afterwards.

All in all, it was a fantastic few days and the children were a credit to our school. In fact, the instructors made a point of telling the Gayton staff how impressed they were with our pupils. Thank you to Mrs Hulley, Ms Fletcher & Mrs Bradshaw for coming on the trip with us all.

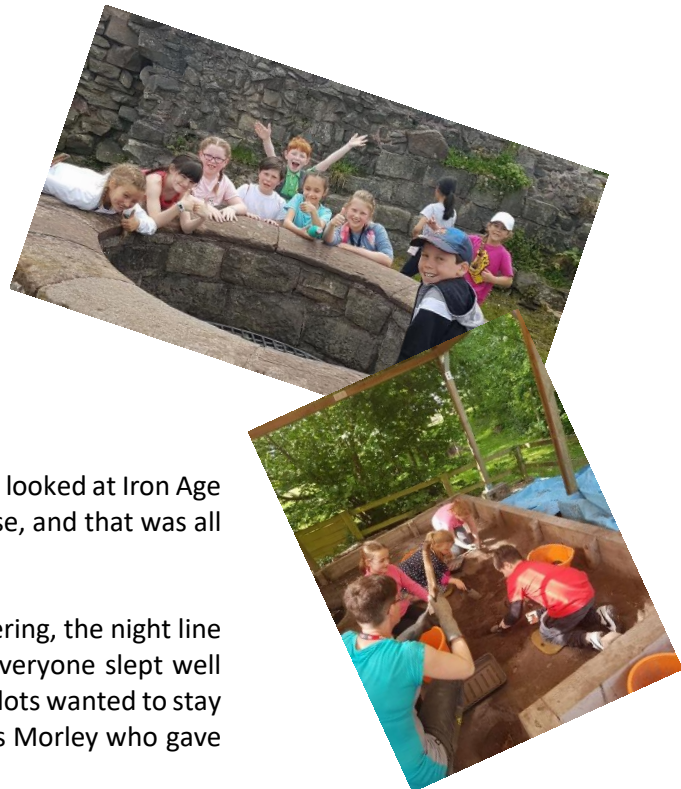
### **Burwardsley – Year 4**

Only last week, when the rain finally stopped and the sun began to shine, Year 4 went on their first residential trip with Gayton Primary School. They did lots and lots of walking, but they were amazing and kept going!

On the first day, they visited the ruins of Beeston castle where they enjoyed exploring as well as the fantastic views of Cheshire and further! Then in the evening they worked together to make wonderful dens that ranged from one with many rooms to another that had a very secure security system made from string!!

The next day, was non-stop! They climbed trees, walked to the top of Bulkely hill, visited an old sandstone quarry, made clay pots, looked at Iron Age artefacts, went on an archaeological dig, went inside a roundhouse, and that was all before tea!

In the evening they enjoyed the activities on site, such as orienteering, the night line and songs around the campfire whilst toasting marshmallows. Everyone slept well that night. The children all enjoyed their first residential away and lots wanted to stay longer! Thank you to Miss Sothern, Mr Dyke, Mrs Kurton and Mrs Morley who gave up their time to go away with Year 4



### **Wirral School's Swimming Gala**

Earlier this month, Year 5 & 6 pupils attended the Annual Wirral School's Swimming Gala at West Kirby Concourse. As you can see by all of the medals and ribbons, Gayton achieved a lot, coming 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of all of the teams! But above all, I was most proud of the support and compassion they showed one another and the respect they showed to the competitors. Well done!

I would like to say a big thank you to the Year 6's. Even though they had just had a week away at residential, (and for one of them it was even their birthday!) they still had the energy and determination to represent



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our school. Also, a thank you to Arnav, who stepped up to swim in the Year 6 races – we couldn't have done it without you. You made me very proud.

### Football Frenzy

Although our Year 5 match had to be postponed due to the terrible weather we have been having recently, the Year 6 competition was able to go ahead early last week. We attended Dawpool Primary, who very kindly hosted the event, to play in the Houlihan Cup. Even though we were disappointed by the result at the end, I was immensely proud of sportsmanship and determination shown by each of the players. A big thank to Leon from Year 5 who very kindly stepped in to play when we had a last minute cancellation! Greatly appreciated.



### A spot of music anyone? (F2 & KS1)



On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, the Infants went to see the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra perform music for the story 'Mermaid', which was written and presented by the CBeebies presenter Cerrie Burnell. Everyone enjoyed the performance and happily participated when they were encouraged to get up and dance to the music. The conductor, Alastair Malloy, introduced the children to the different sections of the orchestra, who all wore different coloured t-shirts to help distinguish each section.

### Charitable Times!

I am very proud to say how thoughtful and compassionate our pupils at Gayton are. But this month, some have gone above and beyond and have chosen to do something a little extra.

Ava, from Year 5, along with her father took part in a Bikeathon and some of our Year 3 children chose to organise and run (with help from their parents) a bake sale. Both events were used to raise money for charities close to their hearts. I'd also like to add, the cakes were delicious too!



### Medieval Day (F2)

F2 had a wonderful day just before half term with their Medieval Day on the field, using the new gazebo as the great hall! They started their day with an archery lesson, followed by a jousting tournament and then 'skills at arms', before having a Medieval Banquet with their parents, in the afternoon. The children showed off their dancing skills and then invited their parents to join them. Great fun was had by all.



### New School Website

And it's ready!!! Many thanks to all of the parents who gave their important feedback on what they were looking for in our new website. This information was instrumental in helping with the new design. We hope this new system continues to improve the communication with our families. Visit our new website by clicking the link below to access school information, updates, news and much more.

<http://www.gayton.wirral.sch.uk/website>

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### Fun in the sun!

We have been very lucky with the weather as both our Summer Fair and our Sports Day saw the sunshine – especially important considering the rainy days had leading up to both events. On each occasion the children were brilliant and represented Gayton at its best. A big well done goes to our FIRE team, who enjoyed their victory lap with the trophy held high!



The Summer Fair would not have been the success it was without the wonderful organisation and leadership of the PTA. A huge thank you needs to go to all of the parents and families that supported this event, either by donating, helping set up, run activities or even by just attending. Thank you all!

### Induction Meeting for the new F2

Next year's Foundation 2 had their Induction sessions beginning the week 10<sup>th</sup> June. The parents had an informal meeting on where they were able to meet Gayton's new Headteacher, Mrs McAleny, Mrs Such, Miss Spearing, as well as members of the Governor's, PTA, Edsentials - who provided examples of the school meals, Mrs Daly as SENCO, S4YC and a couple of uniform shops who showed examples of the school uniform. Thank you to everyone who came to talk to the new parents, your time was gratefully appreciated.

The parents and children then came to school for an hour session the following morning, where they were able to look around the classroom and explore some different activities. On Thursday afternoon the children came for another session on their own, where they also met their buddies. We look forward to them all starting in September.



### Sunny days!

We love our sunny days at Gayton, and this week has seen a return of the wonderful weather. I know we hope that the sunshine continues!

It is important to remind our families that with summer sun comes the sun care reminder. Children should be coming to school with:

- Long-lasting sun cream already applied
- A hat
- A water bottle (which can be refilled at breaks)

### Staffing Update

I am sad to say that Mr Dyke, our Year 3 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this school year. He will be moving on to pursue his passion of working with children with special educational needs at Elleray Park School. We wish him the very best of luck as he embarks on this new phase of his career.

I, along with the Governors and the rest of the Senior Leadership team, have been working hard to find our new, Year 3 teacher for September. We were inundated with applications and we are proud to say that we have appointed Miss Hudson. Miss Hudson is currently based in Overchurch Junior School where she is presently a Year 3 teacher. We look forward to welcoming Miss Hudson to Gayton as part of the transition preparations for our current Year 2 pupils.



### Coast to Country Project

As you will be aware, this summer term we are participating in an exciting project called 'Coast to Country'. All 19 Deeside schools agreed that the aims of this project are to: Inspire our whole school community to be 'A PART' of our world.

### Values:

- APPRECIATE the world around us, our role as guardians of this planet, the beauty of our local area.

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- 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.

As part of this project, the children have been considering what we all, as a community, can do to help the world around us. I have been meeting weekly with our School Council and Eco Team to discuss what we can do at Gayton to raise people's awareness as well as make small changes for a positive impact. Already they have challenged us all to consider the containers and wrappers we use for our snacks and lunch boxes. Can we reduce the use of plastics, especially single use plastics? They have begun a crisp packet recycling station in the dinner hall. We have already filled one box. Who knew we liked so many crisps with our lunches. They have also set us a challenge. We know we should have a water bottle in school, especially during the warm days, but are will all able to use a reusable bottle, such as a metal flask? They have shared these important messages and challenges in our assemblies. Thank you to all of the children who have made suggestions and who have been a voice at these meetings – you are making a difference!

The whole school have begun to learn more about the world around us as part of our C2C project. Some have been learning all about the Marsh Harrier and the vulnerable reed beds just down the road from us in Neston; others have been exploring high quality stories, such as 'Yucky Worms!', 'The Bee Who Spoke' and 'Floodland' to understand how important our environment is and how we can help to take care of it.

Many different art projects are under way too. Later in the term, parents will have an opportunity to come and visit school to see all of the wonderful work the children are producing so they can show you and tell you all they have learnt. We hope you can join us at our 'Living Museum' on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (2pm – 4pm)



This week, two of our Year 3 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Jaguar Land Rover Factory in Liverpool, where they got to see for themselves the factory line where the cars are made and learn about the important work they are doing to reduce their factory waste. I look forward to their presentations on Tuesday during assembly to share with us all they have learned. Thank you to Mrs Evans from Thingwall Primary for arranging this visit for so many of our Deeside Primary Schools.

Watch out for further developments from our council and committee!

#### Clubs:

<b>Monday</b>	Gardening Club @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm (F2 – Y6) Hip-Hop @ 3:30pm – 4:20pm (F2 – Y3)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Fencing @ 8:00am (Y3 – Y6) Dodgeball @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Y1 – Y3) Gardening Club @ 3:30pm – 4:15pm (F2 – Y6)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zumba @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Y3 – Y6)
<b>Thursday</b>	Multi-sports @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (F2 – Y6)
<b>Friday</b>	Boxercise @ 8am (Y3 – Y6) Scratch Club @ 12:30pm – 1:15pm (Y5 & 6)

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**Important Dates:**

Y6 Induction Day: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Federation Music Festival: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (7-8:30pm)

Living Museum: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (2pm-4pm)

Reports to Parents: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Chirk Castle Trip for F2: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Yours Sincerely,



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