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April 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome!

Welcome back after the Spring Break and the Easter Bank Holiday weekend. I hope you enjoyed your time together as a family and had the chance to make new memories whilst enjoying the warm weather. Fingers crossed the sun reappears soon!

Mile Track

During the Spring Break, we had a mile track of footprints added to our playground around the playground. This will be used by all the children (and possibly even teachers!) will be encouraged to take their class out to run or walk the footprint line in order to keep all the children as fit and active as possible.



Chester Zoo – Year 1 & 2

On our first Tuesday back this term, Year 1 & 2 enjoyed a fun-filled, although a little rainy, day out at Chester Zoo. There, the children had the opportunity to see many different animals to support their science curriculum and learning about animals and other living things. They also enjoyed a social picnic lunch. After their return to school Year 1 have written some wonderful recounts of their visit and shared their highlights, whilst Year 2 have been using their knowledge gained as well as additional research they've completed in class to begin writing information texts.

Easter Experience

On Thursday 18th April, every child had the opportunity to visit St Peter's Church to participate in the 'Easter Experience'. During this time, each class was led in an activity ran by a member of the church team and gave the children an opportunity to learn more about the Easter story. We would like to send our thanks to St Peter's church and to all of the adults who supported this opportunity for our children.

E-Safety Ambassadors

This afternoon (Friday 26th), two of our Year 5 & 6 children were invited to attend a panel meeting at Barnston Primary School to discuss matters surrounding E-Safety. We are looking forward to them feeding back all they have learned and sharing their knowledge on the very important topic of how we can keep safer online.

Parking

As you are aware, parking around school is difficult. Thank you to everyone who has supported the safety of all of our children by either walking or cycling to school, or for those who travel further, for parking a short distance away and walking the rest. I take this opportunity to respectfully remind our families that the car park on site is for staff and visitor use.

Sporting Successes!

Well done to Sam from Year 6 who will be representing Wirral School Boys in the National Football Finals next weekend. Good luck!

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Staffing Update

I am sad to say that Mrs Morley, one of our Year 4 teachers, will be leaving us on Tuesday 30th April after nineteen years of service at Gayton Primary. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her every luck and happiness for the future for her retirement.

Coast to Country Project

This summer term we are participating in an exciting project called 'Coast to Country'. At the launch day earlier this year, Mrs Hulley and I joined other Headteachers and senior leaders from other schools in Deeside. All 19 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.
- 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.

All 19 schools agreed to take up the following pledges;

- To take part in the Coast to Country project in whatever way they can during the second half of the summer term;
- To have a plastic reduction strategy for their school;
- To select an endangered Wirral plant or animal that is threatened and create a large 3D sculpture for a project exhibition, using plastic found in waste;
- After the project to ask pupils to state what activities and experiences in their local area that every Wirral child should experience e.g. walk on Thursaston Beach and submit these for the development of a children's Peninsula Passport;
- To link up with the community and come together on 28th June to clean up!

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



During our assembly this week, the juniors discussed the term 'Plastic Pollution' and what that means for our world. We paid particular attention to how plastics impact our oceans and the life within it. This supports Global Goal number 14 – Life below water. These Global Goals were set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015. It is a call to action for all to focus on people, the planet, peace, prosperity and partnership for a brighter future.

We began thinking about how we at Gayton Primary can reduce our use of plastics. It would be wonderful if you could speak to your children about this at home so they can share these thoughts and ideas with their class School Council or Eco Committee representative.

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This project has attracted a number of private companies that would like to show support, have expertise or would like to be involved. So far, this has included waste management companies, IT, car companies and many more. Please speak to me or send me a message if you are interested in joining in – we would love your ideas and support. At the moment, all of the staff and I are busy planning and preparing before we begin our project in full after half term. Exciting times indeed!

Clubs:

Monday Judo @ 8am (Y1 – Y6)
Gardening Club @ 12:30pm – 1:30pm (F2 – Y6)
Hip-Hop @ 3:30pm – 4:20pm (F2 – Y3)

Tuesday Fencing @ 8:00am (Y3 – Y6)
Dodgeball @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Y1 – Y3)
Gardening Club @ 3:30pm – 4:15pm (F2 – Y6)

Wednesday Zumba @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (Y3 – Y6)

Thursday Multi-sports @ 3:30pm – 4:30pm (F2 – Y6)

Friday Boxercise @ 8am (Y3 – Y6)

Updates and Reminders:

Thursday 2nd May – Local elections are taking place in school. They will be using the resource room, therefore SY4C will be using the ICT suite that day. If your child attends, please be aware of this change of drop off or pick up arrangements for this day.

Residential Parent Information Meetings:

Year 4 – Burwardsley meeting	Tuesday 21 st May at 9am
Year 5 – Oaklands meeting	Tuesday 30 th April at 9am
Year 6 – Llanberis meeting	Friday 17 th May at 9am

Residential Trips:

Year 4 – Burwardsley Outdoor Education Centre	Wednesday 19 th – Friday 21 st June 2019
Year 5 – Oaklands Outdoor Education Centre	Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th May 2019
Year 6 – Llanberis YHA	Tuesday 4 th – Friday 7 th June 2019

Important Dates:

Bank Holiday Monday Monday 6th May
Year 6 SATs week Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May

Inset Day – Staff Only Day

Monday 3rd June 2019. Pupils return on Tuesday 4th June.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received from the staff, parents and children. You have made me feel at home. I look forward to working with you all this term ahead.

Yours Sincerely,



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