

Ursuline's April Newsletter

Following in Jesus' footsteps we love, learn and grow together.

Reception

We are loving all of our learning based around the key text, Superkid. Focusing on the qualities of a superhero, we have been thinking and writing about our resilience, kindness and healthy lifestyles while having lots of fun making superhero accessories.

Before Easter, through our key text, The Woolly Bear Caterpillar, we were looking at life cycles in Understanding the World and watched our tiny caterpillars grow into bigger ones and then spin into a chrysalis (cocoon for moths), before hatching into beautiful butterflies. We were able to release them into their natural habitat when we returned after Easter.



Year 1

Year 1 had a busy start to the term and have enjoyed some great hands on experiences. Our friends from Merseyside Police paid a special visit to school and showed us their motorbikes, horses and a very special Alpine pursuit car. The children enjoyed asking lots of questions and finding out more about the work the police do.

We then enjoyed a visit from Merseyside fire service and had great fun getting hands on with the fire hose! The firefighters showed us the equipment they use to rescue people and answered lots of questions.



Our new text, 'I want my hat back', has been great fun and has inspired lots of storytelling and predictions. In geography we are beginning to learn about what makes a place hot or cold and have been hands on with globes finding out about the position of the equator. We are looking forward to finding out more about cold place such as Antarctica.

Year 2



We have so much to look forward to this term. We started off the term by having a wonderful time when we visited the Knitted Bible Journey. We travelled by train and enjoyed the short walk. The children enjoyed seeing creations from the Bible and recognised stories from the Old and New Testament. We had the opportunity to ask questions and retell the different stories. Thank you for inviting us to the Emmaus Centre.

In Science, we have been identifying different types of trees by using a key to study the shape of their leaves. The children enjoyed searching around the eco garden for the different types of trees. We are looking forward to planting some seeds and bulbs in the coming weeks.

Year 3

All the staff in year 3 want to say a massive well done to all the children for their wonderful djembe drum performance. You all did amazing and we are all so very proud of you. We know the parents that were able to attend were all very impressed with the children too. Fantastic job year 3.



Year 3 have also been working hard in maths, developing new strategies to allow them to multiply larger numbers. The children used the base ten equipment to help unpick their knowledge to then apply the skills to solve more challenging problems.

Year 4

Year 4 have been working very hard during the beginning of our new term and we still have a lot to look forward to! We enjoyed using our learning from our recent work on musical motifs to create a celebratory piece of music to celebrate He is Risen Day. In science, we have begun to learn about the digestive system. The children had great fun modelling the process of digestion from mouth to toilet. We have finished our swimming block of lessons and are now feeling much more confident in the water. We are excited to be taking part in Military School this term and can't wait to develop our teamwork and communication skills whilst solving a range of STEM themed problems.



Year 5

We have so much to look forward to in Year 5 this half term. We have leapt into our new text 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce and are excited to see where it takes us... To link to this, in Science we are exploring earth and space! In PE we are thoroughly enjoying Tag Rugby and Netball. In art, we have been inspired by the sculptures of Moto Waganari and how he uses these to create shadows - the alter egos of his sculptures! We cannot wait to have a go ourselves later in the term.



Year 6



Year 6 have enjoyed such an incredible beginning to our summer term, going up to the Lake District for our school residential with Military School! We had so much fun completing all of our activities with our teachers and instructors, including canoeing, completing the zip wire, archery and building a raft as a team! We also loved our



(very)



early morning runs with the Military School staff. We have created memories that will last for a lifetime and developed very important life skills at the same time!



Reading Ambassadors launch our Outdoor Reading Sheds



Our pupils never stop reading so massive thanks to our PTFA for funding our Reading Sheds so we can all spend time reading with our friends outdoors too. Well done to our Reading



Ambassadors for managing these areas and continuing to spread the reading buzz by recommending books that have whole worlds inside them waiting for us to discover. If you have any quality preloved books at home that you are able to donate to school for our sheds, we would welcome them. Thank you!





Share a prayer

Praying the Our Father together, reveals the union we share with one another. Our newly painted mural shows our deep connection as we worship God together in school and in our homes.

Wednesday Word

Don't forget to access this wonderful resource to support the sharing of the Gospel at home. Follow the link below to access our prayer resources page where you will find, amongst other resources, The Wednesday Word.

[Family Prayer Resource](#)



Sporting News

Our Girls Netball team played their first league game this week winning 13-0. I know they are all very excited at the prospect of playing more league games in the coming weeks. The Boys football team has a Cup Quarter Final next week. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a positive result for them. We have also had our Girls Football Team playing their latest league Match against St Nicholas Primary where they lost 3-2. It sounded like a fantastic match and we are looking forward to the next one. We are always very proud of all our children who consistently represent the school in the true Ursuline way.

Sefton says #kNOwKnifeCrimeCampaign

Mrs Robinson, Mr Colaco, Mr Hudson and some of our Year 5 children were happy to have supported the Sefton says #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign by taking part in the bleed kit relay where we joined in with other Crosby schools to raise awareness of this important subject. We have hopefully raised enough money to equip all the schools with a bleed kit which could prove so important in the future. We have also been extremely proud to have seen all of our children take part in the Mini London Marathon as part of our support for the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign where they all completed 2.6 miles on our school field.

Fundraising

Congratulations to Vito in Year 5 who raised £108 for Gaza over the Easter holidays. Vito organised a sale of all his old toys to raise money. Well done Vito with all your effort.

Healthy Lunchboxes

We encourage all our parents/carers who provide a packed lunch for their child to provide a balanced meal. Government guidelines recommend that a packed lunch should include:

- One portion of fruit or vegetables each day.
- Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein each day (e.g. lentils, beans, pulses, falafel).
- A starchy food each day e.g. rice, potatoes, pasta, noodles, couscous, cereals.
- A dairy food each day e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais.
- An oily fish at least once every three weeks.

Children are not allowed to bring in fizzy drinks or energy drinks as part of their packed lunch. For further information on healthy lunchboxes please follow the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



Healthy Snacks

All children in the infants are provided with fruit or vegetables at breaktime. Children in KS1 and KS2 can bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime. Children should not bring in crisps, chocolate and biscuits to have as a snack.

All pupils are invited to bring a water bottle to school. We are struggling to find space to store large and/or wide water bottles. Please encourage your child to bring a small bottle that can easily be fitted into our class bottle crates. Thank you for your support in this matter.

PE Kits

On PE days, please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit:

- House team coloured T-shirt with school logo (red, yellow, green or blue)
- Navy Blue shorts/skorts
- Black jogging bottoms (If weather is cold)
- Black sweatshirt (If weather is cold)
- Velcro fastening or pull-on pumps or trainers

Football kits or multicoloured hoodies/sweatshirts should not be worn. Please let school know if you have any difficulties purchasing the correct PE Kit.

Curriculum information

Don't forget that our website contains information about the curriculum for all subjects. Visit our class pages for up-to-date information about what is happening in each of our year groups.

Holiday requests

School has recently received a number of term time holiday requests. As a reminder, we are unable to authorise term time holidays (apart from some exceptional circumstances). Holidays taken during school time may incur a fine.

Some dates for your diary:

1.5.24	Book Look for Families 3:30pm-5:30pm
10.5.24	Family Book Buzz 9am-9:30am
13.5.24-16.5.24	Year 6 SATs Week
17.5.24	Year 5 Sports Day 9am- Venue to be confirmed
17.5.24	Year 6 Sports Day 1pm- Venue to be confirmed
20.5.24	Year 3 Sports Day 9am- Venue to be confirmed
20.5.24	Year 4 Sports Day 1pm- Venue to be confirmed
21.5.24	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day 9am- School Field
22.5.24	Reception Sports Day 2pm- School Field
24.5.24	INSET Day School closed for all pupils

All school newsletters can also be found on the school website under the parent tab.