

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue: Autumn 1 2023

The children made such a great start to the year, they have settled extremely well and are working very hard. The Autumn Term has been very busy and a lot of activities and events have taken place. The children have been enjoying many positive and fun activities, as well as quality learning. As always, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued co operation and support. May I also say a huge thank you to all of our parents who donated food for the Harvest Festival. Your generosity is incredible and is greatly appreciated. Please remember to check back regularly for news of events in our school twitter account and website which are constantly being updated. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and co-operation and we look forward to seeing you after half term.

Miss Maudsley

Winmarleigh Hall



Year 6 Residential Trip to Winmarleigh Hall

Our Year 6 children visited 'Winmarleigh Hall' for 2 nights this half term. The children had many wonderful experiences. Please see inside for more pictures!

What's happening in Early Years

We invited our parents and carers into Nursery to 'Stay and Play' with their children on Thursday the 19th of October. This gave our parents and carers the opportunity to talk about their child's progress with their teacher and also spend time with their children in their nursery environment.



There is **no automatic transfer** from nursery to reception and you **MUST** complete a local authority application form online. This form will be available on the Liverpool.gov.uk site:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

Please look at the oversubscription criteria available in the school's office/ schools website.

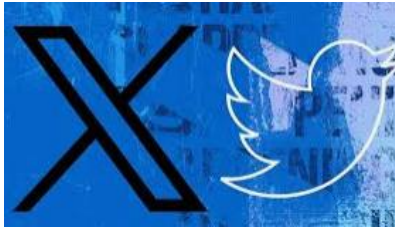
You must provide either a supplementary faith form signed by your Minister of Faith or a Baptism Certificate to the schools office. **THIS EVIDENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE LA CLOSING DATE of the 15th January 2024.**



The school Maths Ambassadors introduced our Times Table Rock Star Day by preparing and performing an assembly for the whole school.

Throughout the day the children across the school completed numerous fun times table games and competed in Times Table Rock Star Battles. The children had a wonderful time and practised their maths skills.





Please follow our twitter accounts.
 whole school@stjohnskirkdale
 or choose
 class name@stjohnskirkdale
example: 1B@stjohnskirkdale



Our **year 6** children went on a residential visit to **Winmarleigh Hall** in September. Parents and Carers were updated with photographs that were posted daily on 'X', formerly known as Twitter. If you do not follow St John's on 'X' already please do begin to follow us.



Map Reading



Survival Training



The Giant Swing





First Aid for Children

Children from Reception to Year 6 became mini first aiders when they completed their age appropriate first aid training this term. The children loved the session and fed back lots of valuable information that they had learnt.



Fire Safety



A huge thank you to Kirkdale Fire Station who visited school to give the children a fire safety/ firework safety and bonfire safety assembly talk to all of our children from Reception to Year 6.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023



All of our children celebrated Black History month in October, It gave all of our children the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.



Some of our Year 5/6 boys took part in a Football World Cup competition yesterday. St John's came second out of 34 schools! Wow!! What an excellent performance! We are so very proud of you all!

Western Approaches



Year 6 visited Western Approaches - a secret World War 2 Bunker hidden under the streets of Liverpool. They loved dressing up, exploring the bunker learning all about Liverpool's role in World War 2.



Congratulations



A huge well done to Sofia a Maths Keyword Challenge at an open event at Notre Dame. She was awarded a Casio scientific calculator for all of her hard work!

Reminder

Closing date for Year 7 Applications is 31st October 2023. Please visit the Liverpool City Council website to complete your application.



Poppies will be on sale in school after the half-term. Prices range from 20p-£2.

Please also be reminded that Year 2 Remembrance Assembly will be held in the school hall on Friday the 10th of November



Cafod hosted an assembly in school to launch the fundraising event 'Brighten Up'. We look forward to raising money for this next term when we do our Santa

Year 1 'Messy in School'

'Faith Friends' led a Messy-in-school for Year 1 children and their parents working alongside them to share Harvest themed craft activities including making Autumn wreaths, Play-doh loaves and fishes and decorating donation boxes for each classroom.



1B went on an **Autumn walk** to identify seasonal changes. They wrapped up warm, observed changes in the weather and collected some beautiful leaves.

Harvest Festival



Year 5 led a beautiful harvest festival in church which was well attended by our school community and we thanked our families for their continued support. The food that was donated has been shared amongst local foodbanks and will be used to support families in need at this time.

Winter Woolies



As part of their Faith in Action award Faith Friends planned and delivered an assembly about their 'Winter Woolies' charity collection and after half term they will be gathering up donations and sending them to the homeless and most in need in our city.

**School Ends Friday
the 27th of October at
normal time.**

***Children return to
school on***

**Monday the 6th of
November.**