



PRENTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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PRE-SCHOOL

This first half term of the new school year has been very busy. The time really has flown by! The children are making some lovely friendships and working well together. It has been lovely welcoming the new children and getting to know Jenson, Imogen C, Imogen S, Thomas, Veera and Ella.

Autumn

Most recently, we have looked at autumn and went on a walk around Ashton Park in West Kirby to find signs of autumn. We were able to find lots of different coloured leaves, acorns and pine cones. The children have used magnifying glasses in the classroom to look at the leaves closely and have created some lovely drawings and collages. We have used lots of different media to create some lovely pictures. The children have thought about different rhyming words we could use to make poems about autumn leaves.



All About Me

We have spent a lot of time thinking about ourselves and our bodies. We also thought about our friends and family and people special to us. The children were so excited to share their photographs of special people and playing 'Guess the Baby'. Weren't they cute?! We enjoyed painting self-portraits and paintings, which have all been displayed in the classroom.

Colour of the Week

Pre-school have focused on one colour a week, so far; pink, yellow, blue, green, red, orange and brown and have looked for items of each colour around the classroom and created pictures and paintings using that colour. Reading Elmer the patchwork elephant has helped reinforce the colours we have learnt. After half term we will look at black, purple, white, grey, silver and gold.



Our Sound Table

We have been busy learning the letter sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'i', 'p' and 'n' using the Jolly Phonics songs and actions to help us. Thank you for the items for our sound table. After half-term we will continue to recap the letters we have learnt and will begin learning 'c', 'k', 'e', 'h', 'r', 'm', and 'd'.

WOW board

We think it is important that all parents contribute to their child's education, and so we continue to have a **WOW board** displayed in the corridor for you to record any WOW moments that your child achieves at home. Any information you provide will then be transferred to their learning journeys. Speech bubbles and pens are provided by the display.

This Half-Term

This half-term our theme will be festivals, looking at Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will also focus on Kipper the dog; reading stories and completing various activities to help us think about friendships. We will begin rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity which we perform with Kindergarten in December.



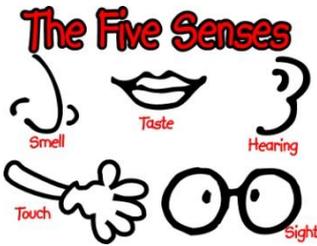
KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It has been a long and busy term in the Kindergarten classroom, although the time since September seems to have flown. I am very impressed at how well the children have settled into their new routine and their mature attitude to wanting to learn and experience new ideas.

All the children are working well together and playing happily. They have adapted well to having homework and are very excited about learning to read. Thank you to all parents for your continued support and your part in helping to make the transition to Kindergarten as smooth as it has been. The children are making good progress, as a result of the partnership between parents and school.

All About Me and Our Senses

Our themes in Kindergarten this half term, have been "All About Me" and "Our Senses". At the start of term we made "All About Me" bunting to decorate the classroom. The children shared their likes, dislikes and what they look forward to learning in KG. We also explored the 5 senses through tasting food, listening to different sounds, touching different textures, smelling different fragrances and using the sense of sight to combine all these things. Most of the children brought photographs of themselves as babies and their families into school. We made a display of the baby photographs. Did you guess who they were? During a show and tell session, we learnt about each other's families using the photographs the children had brought into school.



Woodchurch Library Visit

It was our first trip of the year to Woodchurch Library. All the children were very excited and had a lovely time. We sang some new songs and listened to stories, before it was time to go back to school. Our next trip to Woodchurch Library will be on Wednesday 9th November 2016.

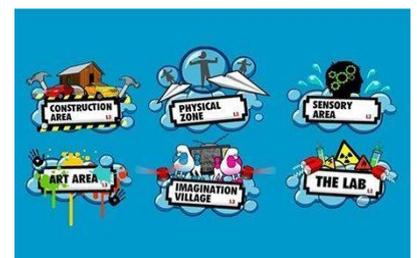


Harvest Festival

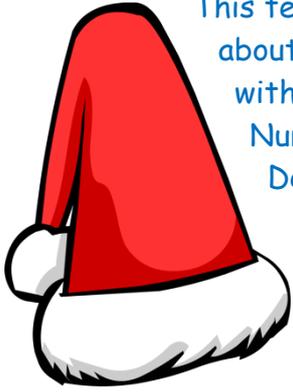
The children in the Foundation Stage performed Harvest Festival for the Infants and Junior children and teachers. They recreated the story of the Little Red Hen and sang songs about planting seeds and the dingle dangle scarecrow. A big thank you to all parents who contributed to the Harvest Festival, the food has now been distributed to Forum Housing.

Trip to Underwater Street

We had a fantastic day, exploring and investigating at Underwater Street, in Liverpool. We were kept very busy, moving from one activity to the next. The children became scientists for the day, making bath bombs and slime, exploring erupting volcanoes and making giant bubbles. There was also time for creative activities making Halloween lanterns, painting fridge magnets and owl paper bags. The children enjoyed the day so much they asked if we could visit again.



This Half-Term



This term our theme will be Celebrations and Festivals. The children will be learning about Birthdays, Bonfire Night, Halloween, Diwali, Christmas and Hanukah. To link in with our theme of Christmas we will be visiting Santa in his Grotto at Gordale Nursery on Wednesday 14th December for Pre-School children and Thursday 15th December for KG children. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Rehearsals begin for this year's Christmas presentation, which the children will perform on Tuesday 6th December for Pre-School parents and Wednesday 7th December for KG parents. We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Birthday



"Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday dear children,
Happy birthday to you".



Hip, Hip, Hooray!!

The following children have had or will have lots of fun whilst celebrating their birthdays over the Autumn term:

Pre-School

Oliver Stanhope, 18th September
Ella Sanders, 20th September
Sophia Gilbert, 13th December

Kindergarten

Lexi Gates, 1st September
Libby-Lee Godfrey, 26th September
Edward Jones, 22nd December



There are lots of exciting events taking place so please make a note for your diaries.

Mon	31/10/16	Children Return to School in Halloween Costumes, if they wish Pumpkin Competition
Mon	07/11/16	10.45am KG visit Woodchurch Library P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Wed	09/11/16	P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thur	10/11/16	9.00am Bag2School Clothing collection in aid of PPSPA
Wed	23/11/16	MUFTI Day - children wear their own choice of clothes in exchange for a bottle for the Christmas Fair
Fri	25/11/16	6.00 - 8.00 pm Christmas Fair
Tue	06/12/16	9.15am EYFS Christmas Concert for PS Parents
Wed	07/12/16	9.15am EYFS Christmas Concert for KG Parents
Wed	14/12/16	Pre-School trip to Santa's Grotto at Gordale 7.00pm Junior Christmas Concert at St. Saviour's Church, all families welcome
Thur	15/12/16	Kindergarten trip to Santa's Grotto at Gordale
Fri	16/12/16	PS and KG Christmas Parties School Finishes for Christmas Holiday

WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A LOVELY
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY AND WE ENJOYED
SEEING THE CHILDREN AGAIN IN THEIR
HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ON
MONDAY, 31st OCTOBER 2016

