



**PRENTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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# PRE-SCHOOL SUMMER NEWS

We have had a busy half term in Pre-school, which the children really seem to have enjoyed! We have welcomed our new friends Sebastian, Reuben, Emily and Isaac into Pre-school and they have settled into the daily routine well. The other children have been very kind and caring towards the new children, and new friendships are being formed!

## Topics

We started our topic 'Under the Sea' after the Spring holiday, which has been brilliant fun, and has given us plenty of opportunities to extend our learning. We have learnt about different animals that live in the sea, created our own rock pools and made our own jellyfish, some of which are displayed in Pre-school

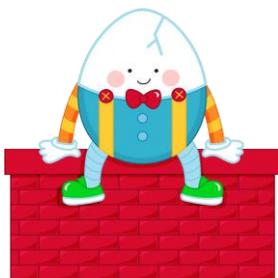


We have read lots of stories, including 'The Rainbow Fish', which encouraged us to think about sharing and being good friends to each other. The children have all been very enthusiastic!

Cursive letter formation was introduced to the children this half term, and we have been working hard to recognise and form the letters correctly. We will continue this after half term, as well as recapping all the letters of the alphabet.

## Next half term

After the half term holiday, our topic will be Animals. It will be a great opportunity for the children to learn about how we can care for animals as well as the different roles animals can play in our lives.



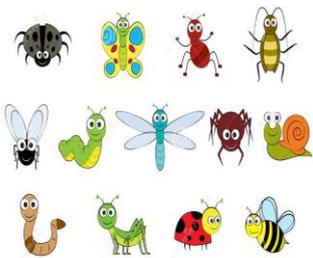
We have enjoyed practising races and look forward to seeing you at our Foundation Stage Sports Day.

Preparations are already underway for our Summer Concert, 'Helping Humpty Dumpty', and look forward to our performance at the end of the summer term. What a busy time we have ahead!

# KINDERGARTEN SUMMER NEWS

This half-term seems to have flown by and I cannot believe that there is only one half-term left until the Summer holidays. The children in KG have continued to work hard, growing in confidence with their reading and writing skills and continuing to progress with addition, learning to subtract, double, half and share in numeracy.

## Minibeasts

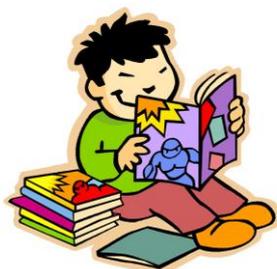


Our topic this term has been Minibeasts. We have had lots of fun learning to identify different minibeasts, looking up information about them in books and on the internet. Labelling minibeasts and looking for minibeasts in the garden, at school and on our minibeast hunt in Birkenhead Park. It has also been very exciting watching the caterpillars transform into their cocoons and emerge as beautiful painted lady butterflies, with black, orange and white wings. We kept the butterflies in the butterfly farm for a few days to let them build up the strength in their wings and then let them go and watched as they flew away.



## Minibeast Hunt at Birkenhead Park

It was a warm but wet day for our minibeast hunt in Birkenhead Park. We met the Rangers who talked to us about what we would be doing, how to keep safe and how to care for the creatures we caught and put them back safely when we had looked at them. The Rangers took us to the minibeast area, which had lots of logs and a hide. They gave us small brushes and plastic containers with magnifying glasses to put the minibeasts in, so that we could look at them more closely. We found spiders, woodlice, beetles, centipedes, millipedes, worms, slugs and snails. Once we had finished we had to return the minibeasts to their natural habitat. The Rangers taught us a millipede dance. We had to work as a team, holding on to each other and dance around the park, like a millipede. It was lots of fun but quite hard to stay together and not let go.



## Visit to Woodchurch Library

Once again the children in KG very much enjoyed their visit to Woodchurch Library. We are always made to feel welcome and the children are familiar with the staff and the routine. We listened to stories, sang songs and chose books to bring back to school. Our last trip to the Library for this school year will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

## Next Term

Our topic next term will be Journeys and Transport. Barnaby Bear will be packing his suitcase for a trip around the World. We look forward to receiving postcards from him and learning about the different countries he visits. The children will be sharing stories about their own holiday plans, where they will be going and how they will be travelling. We will continue to focus upon reading, cursive writing, addition, subtraction, doubling, halving and sharing, in preparation for the children moving on to Year One.



Moving On day will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> July, when the children will visit their new classroom and spend some time getting to know Mrs. Dutton.

We are looking forward to our summer trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July, further details will follow nearer the time.

We hope to see you at the Summer Concert on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, for KG parents and the 29<sup>th</sup> June for Pre-School parents.



# 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 Summer term :

### **Pre-School**

James Green 18<sup>th</sup> April  
Reuben McCartney 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Jennifer Hawcutt 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Robin Hawcutt 4<sup>th</sup> May  
Grace Hollowell 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Harley Neermul, 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Lara Sibal 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Emily Smith 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Isaac Gardner 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Savannah Byrne 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Max Steele 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Sebastian Fuller 27<sup>th</sup> August

### **Kindergarten**

Olivia Smith 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Bella McLoughlin 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Jacob Dillon-Hercules, 31<sup>st</sup> July  
Emily McDonald, 26<sup>th</sup> August  
Fabio Hassan, 30<sup>th</sup> August

**There are lots of exciting events  
taking place next half-term so please  
make a note in your diaries.**



Thur	09 06 16	Garden Party for Queen Elizabeth II's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Fri	10 06 16	1.00pm P.S. & K.G. Sports day, families welcome
Wed	15 06 16	1.30pm Class Photo
Sun	19 06 16	10.00am Secret Gardens of Oxton
Wed	22 06 16	MUFTI Day - children may come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fair 10.45am KG trip to Woodchurch Library
Sat	25 06 16	2.00pm - 4.00pm The Summer Fair
Tue	28 06 16	9.15 am F.S. Summer Concert for Pre-School Parents, School Hall
Wed	29 06 16	9.15 am F.S. Summer Concert for Kindergarten Parents, School Hall
Fri	01 07 16	7.00pm Junior Concert, The Gladstone Theatre
Wed	06 07 16	11.00am Moving On Session - children spend the session with their next teacher in their new classroom 7.00pm At Home Evening for September 2016 P.S. & K.G. Parents
Thur	07 07 16	Music Afternoon for pupils studying instruments in school
Sat	09 07 16	4.00pm - 6.00pm PPSPA BBQ
Mon	11 07 16	9.00am P.S. & K.G. trip to Cheshire Ice Cream Farm
Tue	14 07 16	School Finishes for Summer Holiday