



PRENTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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PRE-SCHOOL

What a wonderful first half term we have had in Pre-School. It has been so lovely to get to know the new children and their families during these first weeks and continue to get to know the children and families who were already with us. All of the children have settled into Pre-School beautifully and now all know the rules and routines. Some excellent friendships are forming and the group as a whole are getting on very well.

This half term we have started looking at a sound each week. So far we have covered s, a, t, p, i and n. The children can say the sound of each letter, sing the song, do the action and are beginning to hear and say the initial sound in different words beginning with these letters.



The children have done some excellent mathematics work too. We have been on a 2d shape hunt, become familiar with Numicon for number work and have done lots of counting too!



A particular highlight of this half term was our morning out to Eastham Country Park. We went on our Autumn Walk and looked at what had happened to the leaves on the trees. They were lots of different colours! The leaves were orange, brown, yellow, red and gold. We even saw a Bear Pit and could hear a loud roaring noise.... but it was only Miss Heaney! 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.

Pre-School finished off this half term with an excellent performance of our Harvest Festival assembly with KG. They performed this to the rest of the children and staff in the school. They sang Cauliflowers Fluffy, Big Red Combine Harvester and Dingle Dangle Scarecrow beautifully and could remember all of the actions.



Well done to all of the children in Pre-School for making a tremendous start and I am sure that the next half term will be just as special!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

It has been a 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. The children are making good progress, as a result of the partnership between school and home and the excellent level of support given by parents and grandparents.

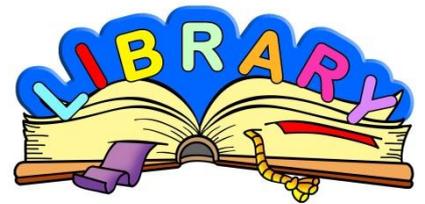


All About Me

Our theme in Kindergarten this half term, has been "All About Me". It has been a good topic to start with, as it has enabled us to learn more about each other, our families, what we like, what we don't like and how we are similar in some ways, but different in others.

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, especially going on the minibus. We sang Harvest songs and read some Harvest stories, before it was time to come back to school.



Trip to Underwater Street

We had a fantastic day exploring and investigating at Imagine That, in Liverpool. You might know it better as Underwater Street. 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, making giant bubbles and looking for dinosaur bones in the large sand pit. There was also time for creative activities making Mickey Mouse bags, painting fridge magnets and painting a real life car. The children enjoyed the day so much they asked if we could visit again.

Harvest Festival

The children in the Foundation Stage performed Harvest Festival to the Infant and Junior children and teachers. They sang songs about a big red combine harvester, fruit and vegetables and it wouldn't be Harvest Festival without singing Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. A big thank you to all parents who contributed to the Harvest Festival, the food has now been distributed to Wirral Foodbank.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

A very big THANK YOU to everyone who attended the MacMillan coffee afternoon. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children enjoyed sharing an afternoon with you in school. Thanks to your generosity we raised £130.00 for a very good cause.

Next Term

Next term our themes will be Toys and Games, Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas. The children will be learning about toys past and present and how they have changed over the years. There will be lots of opportunities to continue developing the cursive writing style, in the role-play Toy Shop, writing letters to Santa and Christmas lists. We will be organising a trip to see Santa, which we hope will take place in the last week of term. Further details will follow nearer the time. Rehearsals begin for this year's Christmas presentation, which the children will perform on Tuesday 5th December for Pre-school parents and Wednesday 6th 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

Jack Garraway, 5th September
Ella Sanders, 20th September
Elsa Bennett, 27th September
Ellis Foulkes-Elkerton, 12th November
Gracie McCloud, 8th December

Kindergarten

Oliver Stanhope, 18th September
Evangeline Adair, 20th September
Illiam Pugh, 15th October
Sophia Gilbert, 13th December



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

- Mon 30/10/17 Children Return to School with Carved Pumpkins
Tue 31/10/17 Halloween Fancy Dress Competition
Mon 06/11/17 P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Wed 08/11/17 Individual Pupil and Family Photographs in the School Hall
P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Thur 30/11/17 MUFTI Day - children wear their own choice of clothes in
exchange for a bottle for the Christmas Fair
Fri 01/12/17 6.00 - 8.00 pm Christmas Fair
Tue 05/12/17 9.15am EYFS Christmas Concert for PS Parents
Wed 06/12/17 9.15am EYFS Christmas Concert for KG Parents
7.00pm Junior Christmas Concert at St. Saviour's Church, all
families welcome
Fri 15/12/17 PS and KG Christmas Parties
School Finishes for Christmas Holiday

TBC: Pre-School and Kindergarten trip to visit Santa

**WE HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY AND WE LOOK
FORWARD TO SEEING THE CHILDREN AGAIN
ON MONDAY, 30th OCTOBER 2017**

