



PRENTON PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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PRE-SCHOOL



What a wonderful first half term we have had in Pre-School. It has been lovely getting to know the new children and their families during these first weeks and to continue developing our bonds with the children and families who were already with us. All of the children have settled into Pre-School beautifully and now know the rules and routines. Some delightful 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! We have also been ordering objects according to size, especially big and small.



A particular highlight of this half term was our morning out to Ashton 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 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.

On the computer we have been learning to use the paint programme, using the mouse to design a rainbow.



This links in with the work we have been doing about the Rainbow Fish, teaching the children about sharing and caring.

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 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

Our theme in Kindergarten this half term, has been "All About Me".

This is always a good topic to start the new term, as it enables us to get to know each other better. At the start of term the children shared their likes, dislikes and what they look forward to learning in KG. We have also talked about our families and how we are similar in some ways, but different in others and about how important it is to be a good friend and what makes a good friend.



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 7th November 2018.

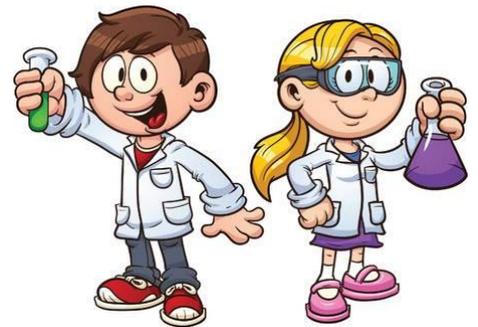
Harvest Festival

The children in the Foundation Stage performed Harvest Festival for the Infants and Junior children and teachers. It was a little daunting at first, standing up in front of all the children and teachers, but they grew in confidence and performed all the songs they had learnt. They also talked about things they were thankful for, such as their families, friends and food to eat and told the story of Farmer Hill and his family who worked hard at Harvest time to collect the food from the land, so that we have food to eat. A big thank you to all parents who contributed to the Harvest Festival, the food has now been distributed to Wirral Foodbank.



Trip to Imagine That

We had a fantastic day, exploring and investigating at Imagine That, 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 painting fridge magnets and role-play in the Imagination Village. The children enjoyed the day so much they asked if we could visit again.



Next Term



Next term our theme will be Celebrations and Festivals. The children will be learning about Birthdays, Bonfire Night, Halloween, Diwali, Christmas and Hannukah. To link in with our theme of Christmas we will be arranging a trip to visit Santa in his Grotto, further details of this will follow nearer the time.

Rehearsals begin for this year's Christmas presentation, which the children will perform on Tuesday 4th December for Pre-school parents and Wednesday 5th 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".



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



Pre-School

Poppy McMahon
Elsa Bennett
Harley Rae-Wells
Rafaele Smith
Ellis Foulkes-Elkerton
Charlotte Stanhope
Emily Roberts
Gracie McCloud

Kindergarten

Sienna Blundell-Stott



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

Mon 29/10/18 Children Return to School
Wed 31/10/18 Halloween Fancy Dress
Mon 05/11/18 P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Wed 07/11/18 K.G. Trip to Woodchurch Library
P.S. - Year 6 Parents' Evening
Wed 28/11/18 MUFTI Day - children wear their own choice of clothes in exchange for a bottle for the Christmas Fair
Fri 30/11/18 6.00 - 8.00 pm Christmas Fair
Tue 04/12/18 9.15am FS Christmas Concert for PS Parents
Wed 05/12/18 9.15am FS Christmas Concert for KG Parents
7.00pm Junior Christmas Concert at St. Saviour's Church, all families welcome
Thur 13/12/18 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
29th OCTOBER 2018

