



WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of our current academic year. It has been a busy start to the half term exploring Ocean Week, which has been linked with different teaching and learning opportunities across our curriculum.

Our unique school location makes this a must for us to learn more about, a must for appreciating and a must for taking care of for years to come.



The week started with an assembly led by Eco Councillors – well done Eco Councillors!

EYFS have celebrated Ocean Week by singing ocean songs and reading stories about creatures under the sea. We have also enjoyed playing with sea creature toys in the water tray, painting under water pictures and have been fishing for numbers.

KS1 have completed a range of activities linked to Ocean Week, including making mini boats from a variety of materials and writing fact files about Sand Tiger Sharks.

LKS2 walked to Red Rocks, to share one of the lovely areas of beauty which is on our doorstep. They also carried out a science investigation to explore how filtration can be used to clean dirty water.

UKS2 have been learning about the impact that oceans have on our life and the impact that humans have on oceans. UKS2 walked to the beach to discuss the impact of rising sea levels. They carried out an investigation by melting 'icebergs' in the classroom, by measuring and discussing the increase water level in the bowl. Ocean week has certainly increased awareness of the need to protect our oceans in order to sustain life on Earth.

Thank you to the PTA who created an interactive teaching display in our school hall for the children to use and learn from.

Important Dates

- Saturday 10th June: PTA Race Night (from 7.30pm)
- Monday 12th -Friday 16th June: Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Checks
- Monday 12th June: Author Visit – Frank Cottrell Boyce
- Wednesday 14th June: Refugee Visitor (Year 5)
- Thursday 15th June: Year 4 Multiplication & Times Table Check
- Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June: PTA Father's Day Table
- Friday 16th June: PTA Coffee Morning (8:40am onwards)
- Friday 16th June: F2, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 Cake Sale – these year groups will bring the cakes, but anybody can purchase
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd June: Refugee Week

- Tuesday 20th June: KS2 LIVE Refugee Assembly (Live from Jordan)
- Wednesday 21st – Friday 23rd June: Year 6 Residential
- Wednesday 21st June: Year 2 Come Dine With Me (11:30am)
- Thursday 22nd June: Year 5 to Activity for All (all day)
- Wednesday 28th June: Year 3 Come Dine With Me (11:30am)
- Thursday 29th June: EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic (pm)
- Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July: Class 3 Swimming (2-3pm)
- Monday 3rd July: Author Visit – Ross Montgomery
- Tuesday 4th July: Open Afternoon (3:20pm – 5:30pm)
- Tuesday 4th July: New Classes for 2023-2024
- Wednesday 5th July: Transition Day – new classes/new schools
- Friday 7th July: F1 – Year 5 End of Year Reports to Parents
- Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July: Year 2 Swimming
- Tuesday 11th July: Year 6 End of Year Reports to Parents
- Tuesday 11th July: WKPS Summer Two Full Governing Body Meeting (5:30pm)
- Thursday 13th July: Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2:00pm)
- Monday 17th July: **Online Learning (Compulsory Attendance)**. School will then close for the summer holiday break until September 2023.

Open Afternoon

Our open afternoon will be taking place on Tuesday 4th July (3:20-5:30pm). You are warmly welcomed to come into school to have a look around your child's classroom, look at your child's books, look around school and join us for refreshments in the school hall. There will be no need to book, just drop in any time before 5:30pm on Tuesday 4th July.

Golf

Just a reminder about dates and arrangements for the end of the summer term due to the Wirral Golf Open Championships.

Monday 17 th July	Children to attend school via online learning. Attendance is compulsory for this day. Please be assured we will do our best to make this as accessible as possible and accommodate where multiple children need to access to a device.
Tuesday 18 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Wednesday 19 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
Thursday 20 th July	Inset Day – School closed to pupils

Sporting Success

West Kirby Primary School have had a very busy time playing sport over the course of the last couple of months.

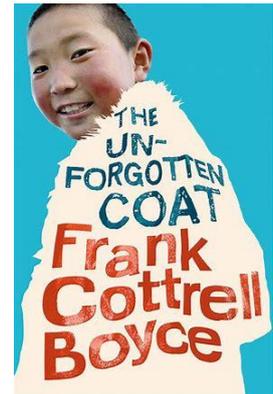
KS2 pupils have successfully represented the school in Tag Rugby, Cricket, Football and Athletics competitions. The WKPS values have shone through on every occasion. A massive thank you to Miss Gerrard for taking the children and to Mr O'Rourke for embedding the skills required and sense of sportsmanship within the children.

KS1 had a wonderful time at Activity for All in Greasby. Here they played football, multi skills games and learned Capoeira (a Brazilian martial art, performed through dance). All the children were engaged and enjoyed the activities.

Sports Day was once again blessed again with dry weather. The children were all very active and faced a number of skill tests, before the 25 m 'dash' at the end of the session. It was wonderful to welcome so many families and friends to the field.

Author Visit

Unfortunately, Frank Cottrell Boyce was unable to visit our school on Wednesday. However, we are pleased that he has been able to rearrange his visit and we look forward to him arriving at WKPS on Monday (12th). Many KS2 children have ordered his books. These have arrived in school and Library Jane has been sorting them. Hopefully, there will be time for Frank to sign the books on Monday.



Library Jane likes to set me regular reading challenges to keep me up to date with children's literature. Over half term, I read one of Frank's books – The Unforgotten Coat. This was an interesting read as we have been in a similar situation at WKPS where some of our refugee families have had to leave our school very suddenly due to families being relocated.

Transition

As we enter into summer two the children start to talk about which class they may be in next academic year. We are currently compiling the new class lists for September 2023. We spend a considerable amount of time taking into account many different factors. The children have been asked this week about friendships so that we can take preferences into consideration.

Our aim is to share which class the children will be in on Tuesday 4th July. Once they know which class they are in, they will visit for a short period of time (11:00-11:30am) that day to say hello and visualise who else is in their new class. On Wednesday 5th July the children will spend the majority of the day in their new classes. Many of our current Year 6 children will visit their new school for the day. We do our best to anticipate any class situations that children may be disappointed with and staff aim to talk to you beforehand if this may be the case.

Those of you who have children who may be starting F1 or F2 in September, we have our Welcome to West Kirby Primary School meeting on 4th July at 6pm via Teams.

Safeguarding

On Wednesday 24th May, we had an independent Safeguarding Audit. This was carried out by Imelda Spencer (Positive Resolutions Plus). The safety and wellbeing of the children at WKPS is always paramount. Despite Ofsted (March 2023) confirming that our safeguarding provision was effective the independent audit went ahead as we already had it booked prior to Ofsted. Safeguarding is such an important area, so we wanted to still continue with this. This one-day audit allowed us to focus even deeper in this area to celebrate the successes and look for how we can improve even further. I am pleased to confirm that we were praised for our safeguarding provision and there were many areas to

celebrate. The audit consisted of talking to Safeguarding leads, a range of staff, pupils of different ages and governors as well as a tour of school at different times during the day.

Healthy Week

Thank you for the great turn out on Sports Day before half term, it was great that so many of you could attend to support the children taking part. We hope you enjoyed it.

Our Bike it Breakfast was also a big success and we had a really good turnout for it. We are hoping to organise another one in July.

PTA Summer Fair

Our PTA summer Fair is **Saturday 1st July.**

We still welcome volunteers to ensure that we can successfully run it. Last year the PTA raised nearly £4,000 at the summer fair. The PTA regularly support our school with exciting events as well enabling us to purchase new equipment/resources. If you can spare any time on Saturday 1st July, please sign up using this form [Summer Fair - please sign up here](#)

Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online is really important in the digital world that we live. Please find attached to this email our monthly online safety newsletter. We hope you find it informative.

Contact Us

As always please talk to us if you feel your child may need further support or there is any information that we need to be aware of.

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Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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