

WEST KIRBY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Summer Newsletter 2019



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of the school year, may we thank you for your support and understanding as we have all worked around a building site for much of it. We are delighted with the shiny new and more secure entrance foyer and office space— and the huge new Skylight Room at the back of the main building. We would like to thank the Local Authority for funding this project and the contractors, Wilson Developments, who completed the work. Over the summer, we will be completing some finishing touches and setting up the Skylight Room ready for use from the start of the new school year. During the day time, this room will be used to provide spaces for different groups of children to work together as well as to bring classes together at times.

Wraparound Care—our new WAVES Clubs



WAVES: We All Value, Encourage, Support (each other to have fun!)

From the beginning of the new school year in September, we are delighted to be able to offer before and after school care on site for pupils from F2–Y6 in the new Skylight Room which will be organised and run by our own school staff. This will be open from 7.45am and close at 5.45pm. Bookings must be made via the School Office and paid for within 7 days of receipt of invoice

Access will be provided via the doorbell on the side gate (along the alleyway leading to and from the bridge over the railway) .

May we take this opportunity to thank Children's Activities Out Of School (CHAOS) for providing a daily Breakfast and an After School club here for the past 9 years.

Parent Pay

The introduction of ParentPay has been very successful and we are extending this to cover all of our new out-of-hours provision from September, as well as the lunches, trips, music lessons and clubs. We would ask all families to sign up for it even if you are not yet paying for items. It is a way for the school to communicate with you . Please ask at the school office if you require your login details to be sent again.





Coast to Country

During the second half of the summer term, we have been taking part in a fantastic project with a group of local Deeside schools designed to raise our pupils awareness of the beauty and unique features of our local area. What has been really special about this, is knowing that what our children have been loving learning about is so local—and is also part of something shared with so many children in other local schools

Two of our Year 3 pupils joined representatives of Year 2 and 3 pupils from 15 Deeside schools to visit a Car Manufacturer to ask questions about the impact of this industry on the environment and learn what is being done to address this. All of our Year 4 pupils went to visit a local Recycling Centre (B&M) - as did pupils from across Deeside Schools—to find out how a local business has been set up to avoid the use of landfill and find more responsible ways to dispose of waste.

All of our pupils have been out exploring our local area and learning about the wildlife and we have had expert visitors including Mr Williams who works at the Bird Observatory on Hilbre Island and Mrs Usher (Jenny Bache) a Botanical artist and expert in local species of wild flowers as well as from The RSPB and from Chester Zoo. All have talked to the children about local species of wildlife under threat and how children can help and make a difference for the future. Each Key Stage across our school studied one particular species of bird under threat and also created sculptures from recycled materials. Examples of this work are now on display in The Williamson Art Gallery.

Mrs Robinson continues to come to school every week to take groups of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils into our school grounds to care for and learn about the wildlife we have right here .

Deeside Schools Exhibition

Last week the Mayor attended the opening of The Deeside Schools Coast to Country Exhibition at The Williamson Art Gallery in Birkenhead. This is a gorgeous collection of amazing and varied artwork all made from recycled materials by schools across the Deeside area . It will be on display throughout the summer so a great place to go for a free fun day out to inspire creativity in everyone! There is a quiz to go with it too. The gallery is open 10am-5pm from **Wednesday–Sunday** (closed on Mondays and Tuesdays).

The Big Butterfly Count

The numbers of butterflies across the UK are in decline. To find out how to get involved In spotting and recording which species can be found in Wirral click here:

<https://www.bigbutterflycount.org/>



Our school Eco Council, which has elected representatives from Classes 1-6 , organised an Eco– week earlier this term during which every child in the school made a pledge which was written on a leaf on a tree – all made from recycled paper . At the end of the week, the whole school gathered for an assembly to share their learning. This included a performance of the Reduce, Re-use, Recycle song by Foundation Stage pupils accompanied by their own percussion instruments – of course all made from recycled materials and a rap written and performed by year 5 and 6 pupils.

They have led the school in developing an Eco–pledge, as have all of the Deeside schools involved in the Coast to Country project.

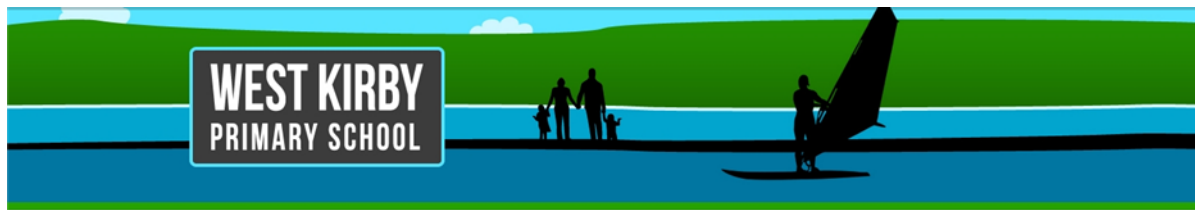




The 19 primary schools in Wirral's Deeside Cluster Group have a vision: To inspire our whole school community to be 'A PART' of our world.

Our values are:

- **APPRECIATE** the world around us, our role as guardians of this planet, the beauty of our local area.
- **PROTECT** the local environment, the animals around the world who need our help, future generations
- **AWARENESS** raised across our local communities to enact real and lasting change
- **RESPONSIBILITY** to help meet our global goals, to care for our world, to help the environment
- **TOGETHER** as a school, as a community, as global citizens.



Plastic Reduction Pledge

We pledge to: -

Drink from reusable beakers-Stop the use of plastic straws and individual plastic milk bottles in school;

Serve food from larger dishes- Stop the use of single use plastics used in the serving of school meals;

Bring reusable water bottles to school- Stop the use of single use plastic water bottles in school;

Carry packed lunches in reusable back packs instead of carrier bags when we go on out of school visits;

Recycle as much of our waste as possible, including plastic crisp & biscuit packets and used pens;

Explore the use of a whole school refuse collection service that is committed to reusing and recycling as much as possible

Sporting News



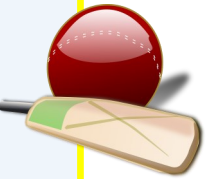
On 26th April, eight children from Year 3 and Year 4 attended an Invasion Day Festival organised by Premier Sports. This was held at St. Werburgh's Primary School, and the children took part in a range of sports during the day. They all had an enjoyable day.

A group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in two Girls Football matches against one of our local schools (Black Horse Hill Juniors) on Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 16th May. The level of Football was a high level, but on both occasions the girls worked well together to defend and strike.

On 20th May eight children from Key Stage 2 attended a Tri Golf Festival, this was a new sport to many of the children attending. They listened well and thought about their tactics, leading to an enjoyable afternoon.



On 21st May, six of our children who have previously attended our school Fencing course in the autumn term attended a Fencing tournament at Black Horse Hill Juniors. This is the second tournament that they have attended since the completion of the Fencing course in autumn, and we were very pleased to hear that they achieved the most points and enabled us to be winners of the tournament.



Ten children (two teams) attended a Cricket tournament on 22nd May at Birkenhead High School, many of the children from other schools, who played, play cricket regularly. Therefore, we were very pleased that both teams from our school won – a great achievement.

On 7th June, Year 5 and Year 6 children attended the local West Wirral Swimming Gala at The Concourse against 7 other local schools. There were many high level swimmers taking part, who swim each week for local teams. Therefore, our children did an amazing job competing against them. Several of our children were presented with ribbons and medals on the evening.



On 20th June, two groups of Year 5 and Year 6 boys attended a football match against Black Horse Hill Junior School. The level of competition was high, so it was great to hear that one of our teams did win – Well Done!

On 1st July, Edsential organised a Summer Sports Event at Fender Primary School. Ten Key Stage One children attended in the morning, and ten Key Stage Two children attended in the afternoon, the children reported that they had a great time, and participated in a range of different sports.



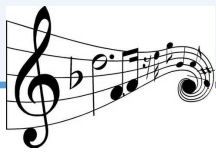
After bad weather in June, the Tag Rugby Festival at Hilbre High School was rescheduled for 2nd July. We took two Year 5 teams to the event and they had a great day competing enthusiastically again and came a commendable 2nd and 3rd.

On 8th July, eight Upper Key Stage 2 children took part in a Rounders Festival at Heygarth Primary School and showed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship and came first overall.

24th May was our KS1 and KS2 Sports Day. The children all worked well in their teams moving around the stations to collect points. At the end of their sports morning/afternoon the children then enjoyed individual races, relay races and bouncy hopper races. Thank you for your attendance, support and encouragement for the children on the day.



We are pleased to announce that for the second year running we have been awarded The Silver Level School Games Award for our participation in School Sports. This is both inter school and intra school festivals and tournaments. Please can we thank you for all of your support with our sporting events, especially the transporting of children to and from events.– and our thanks to Mrs Bailey for organising it all.



Staff

We are fortunate to have the most wonderful team of skilled and dedicated staff and governors working together for the benefit of every child at our school and would like to thank them all sincerely.

We all send our best wishes to Mrs Hill who is leaving us after almost 20 years of teaching music part time in our school, to Mrs Bailey as she begins her maternity leave and to Miss Roberts who is leaving us to take up a new job in another school.



Children and achievements

Our very best wishes to our Year 6 pupils and any others leaving us at the end of term.

As well as all of the exciting events you have read about above, across the school, our pupils have excelled in national assessments with results for age-related expectations across the board above the national averages. Well done everyone!

Provisional results: for 2019:

F2 81% at or above a Good Level of Development, and Y1 88% meeting or above the expected standard in Phonics

Y2 84% meeting or exceeding the standard in Reading, 87% in Writing and 91% in Mathematics

Y6 88% meeting or exceeding the standard in Mathematics, 90% in Writing, 93% in Reading and 95% in Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling.

PTA

Our heartfelt thanks to all members of the PTA who have worked so hard on behalf of our school community to put on events to bring us all together and raise money for the benefit of the children.

We plan to use the money raised this year to create some additional green space at the front of our school in the recently extended picnic and Quiet Area of our playground.

Autumn Term 2019 Diary Dates

Please note that term dates for 2019-2020 are available to download from our website under the School Information tab– or [Click here](#)

Tuesday 23rd July — Last day of School

Wednesday 24th July — INSET Day School Closed

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September—INSET Days

Wednesday 4th September — School opens for Autumn Term

Monday 9th—Friday 20th September—Class 3/4 and Class 4 Swimming every afternoon

Monday 23rd—Friday 4th October—Class 5/6 and Class 6 Swimming every afternoon

Monday 23rd September—Selection Tests for secondary schools 11+ Various Locations

Tuesday 22nd October and Thursday 24th October—Parents Evenings

