

West Kirby Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week the whole school acknowledged **World Poetry Day**, which has been celebrated on 21st March since 1999. To maximise our learning, we focused on poetry for the full week. On Tuesday 22nd March, Levi Tafari, a poet from Liverpool spent the day in our school. It was fantastic to see the inspirational impact that he had on many of the children. EYFS and Key Stage 1 enjoyed an assembly with Levi and Key Stage Two took part in poetry workshops. The children wrote some exceptional poetry and used Levi's work as their inspiration. This week we celebrated poetry in our assembly - whole classes, small groups and individuals performed published poems and their own poems. The children have also been reading some of our poetry books outside at lunch time. It has been lovely to see the children's interest in poetry blossom over the course of the week. Thank you for the lovely feedback that we have received from you about how much your children enjoyed the visit from Levi.

Important dates...

- Monday 4th April: Key Stage One Educational Visit to Knowsley Safari Park
- Monday 4th – Wednesday 6th April: Year 4 Residential Visit to Robinwood

PTA Easter Crafts

- Monday 4th April - EYFS
- Tuesday 5th April - UKS2
- Wednesday 6th April - KS1
- Thursday 7th April - LKS2
- Friday 8th April 3: Break up for Easter (3:20pm)
- Monday 25th April: school reopens for Summer Term
- Friday 29th April: Interim Reports will be emailed to parents
- Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May: Parents' Evening – these will be held online and a link to book slots will be sent out on Monday 25th April.

Marvellous Me...

Have you signed up to Marvellous Me?

If you haven't yet downloaded the FREE app and signed in, please do so that you can be part of the celebrations for your child/children. Class teachers have been using Marvellous Me to send postcards about the children's learning and badges to show a variety of different achievements. It is a great way to find out more about what the children have done in class as well as an opportunity to celebrate and reinforce their success and positive behaviours. We currently have 77% of parents signed up on Marvellous Me, it would be great to see more of you signing up. You all have messages waiting for you about how **MARVELLOUS** your children are and they want you to share their success with them.

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Link Governors...

At our Full Governors Meeting last week we received specific reports from our Link Governors. Link Governors are Governors who come into school to learn more about the teaching of a specific subject area or about a specific aspect of the school. They then feedback to the rest of the Governors, which supports the Governing Body to have a good understanding about our school and contribute effectively to the strategic operations of the school.

A Link Governor visit gives staff in school the opportunity to speak directly to Governors, for example about how they see the status of their subject area: the strengths, areas for development and any resources or other barriers.

Link Governors for subject areas are as follows...

- English and Phonics – Aaron Leach
- Maths and Science - Ellie Hope
- Foundation Subjects - Kim Waters & Louise Wood
- EYFS – Catherine Howell
- PSHE and Wellbeing – Bryn Williams

There are also Link Governors for...

- Attendance – Catherine Howell
- Safeguarding – Chris Gill
- Inclusion/Equality & Diversity – Aaron Leach and Chris Gill
- Data and Assessment – Ellie Hope
- Finance, Premises, Health & Safety - John Cresswell

We would like to share more detail about the role of our different Link Governors. We will do this in our forthcoming letters, starting with attendance this week.

Attendance Link Governor

One of my roles as a Parent Governor is to help review the overall attendance with Mrs Bailey. We meet each half term, and our aim is to assess the school's attendance against the legal requirements set by the government and our own targets as a nurturing supportive school. Excellent attendance is encouraged throughout the school and is regularly discussed with the children. Regular attendance and punctuality provide our children with the best possible start in life, providing the building blocks for a happy successful future. The government set legal targets for attendance and as a school we aim for 97%.

Part of the school strategy after the mid-year review point was to telephone all parents/carers of children with an attendance rate of below 90%. This was done as a supportive proactive step to ensure that if any additional support was needed, the school could look for ways to help. COVID has affected us all and this offer of support has received positive feedback from many of you. With the pandemic hopefully coming to an end, good attendance will become easier to achieve allowing our children to achieve their best in the future.

Catherine Howell (Parent Governor)

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Attendance...

Attendance last week...Well Done F2

F2	97.3%
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	87.2%
Year 4	90.6%
Year 5	89.8%
Year 6	92.8%

#EVERYDAYCOUNTS

New Parent Governors...

After Easter we will be writing to you about the recruitment of three new Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. If this is a role that you would be interested in exploring further, please look out for this. There is more information about the role of Governors and who are Governors are on our website.

[WKPS Website - Governance](#)

Polite Reminders...

- Water bottles must be plastic for safety reasons. Please do not send your child to school with a glass water bottle. We have had a few that have been dropped and this has caused a hazard for other children.
- Water bottles should be filled with water, unless you have spoken to class teachers and there is a particular reason why an alternative is in the water bottle.
- Appropriate school shoes need to be worn for school, no boots or trainers (unless it is a PE Day).
- Long hair should be tied up for safety reasons.
- Dogs (excluding guide dogs) are not allowed on the school playground, even if they are being carried.
- Bikes and scooters should be dismounted at the blue entrance gate and walked across the playground. Please do not allow your child to use their bike or scooter on the playground before or after school.
- The Trim Trail is out of bounds before and after school. The Risk Assessment that we have in place states that it should only be used under the supervision of school staff during the school day.
- Balls are not permitted to be used on the playground before and after school to avoid any injuries when the playground is crowded.

PTA...

We have an incredibly dedicated and active PTA at our school, and we are very lucky to have them. They are doing a fantastic job organising a range of exciting events for both children and parents, which take a lot of time, thought and organisation. I would like to thank all members of the PTA who are working so hard behind the scenes and to all parents and carers who support the different events.

Last week we saw the organisation of The Mother's Day table, today has been Break the Rules Day, which has been a big hit with the children, next week we have the PTA Easter Craft events and the PTA



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are busy organising the upcoming Race Night on Saturday 14th May at The Wro in West Kirby. It sounds like a fun filled evening, tickets are available now and all profits will be invested in the children at school.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 4th May – 8pm at The Wro.

The PTA welcome all Parents and Carers to join their meetings and become involved in upcoming events.

Social Media...

If you are not already following us on Twitter please do @WKPSWirral

Our PTA also have a Facebook Group, please give them a like and follow them.

We have an Instagram account – please log on and find us westkirby_primaryschool

Like many other professions we are once again seeing an increase in staff who are poorly due to Covid or other viruses that seem to be more prevalent at the moment. There is still a national shortage for supply staff (Teachers and Teaching Assistants). Therefore, we are often finding ourselves with less staff than normal. Please bear with us if it takes us a little longer to answer the phone, return a call, reply to an email or arrange a meeting as many of our staff are fulfilling a range of different roles to ensure that there is the minimum amount of negative impact on the children at West Kirby Primary School.

Please remember that we are here if you need to talk to us. No problem is too small or not important, if something is worrying you or your child, please contact us. You can either phone us (0151 625 5561), email us (schooloffice@westkirby-primary.wirral.sch.uk) or pop in and see us.

Have a lovely weekend – we have one more week left of our spring term before the two-week Easter break.

Mrs E Bailey
Headteacher

