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Dear Parent/Carer

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Half term seems to have come around so quickly. As always it has been a very busy and exciting half term and I would like to thank the children for their efforts in all they do and you for your continuing support.

I would especially like to thank all the Staff for everything they do to ensure the children enjoy the super opportunities they have in school. Have a lovely half term break everyone.

School Council Results - On Wednesday four of our school councillors went to the Town Hall where they met and questioned Councillor Paul Brant about how Liverpool Council allocates and spends its budget. The children Matthew Potts, Jade Allen, Katelyn Davies and Tiegan Warwick then had the opportunity to stand for Junior Lord Mayor. They all gave outstanding speeches and were a credit to the school.

Unfortunately this year we have been unsuccessful in the election despite the tremendous effort of all the children.

Fruits in Suits - Elle Wallace and Mia Keeley Scott from 5Q have been awarded a certificate and special prize in recognition of being hardworking, trustworthy and extremely polite and also giving up their breaks every day to run the tuck shop successfully - keep up the good work girls!!!!

Buddies/Green Team - After many hours of going through applications and sort listing for interviews and then being interviewed all which was done by the school councillors we now have our new Green Team (formerly known as the Eco Warriors)/Buddies - please see below for the successful candidates:

CLASS	BUDDY
3C	Emily Alcock
3C	Jasmine Sweeting
3B	Elizabeth Durkin
3B	Sarah Kilshawe-Fall
3B	Max Dean
4C	Ellie Lynam Lockley
4C	Olivia Ferrigan
4B	Beth Jones
4JA	Mya Deane
4JA	Ciara Grady
6W	Dylan Jeffries
6W	Kyle Heyes
6H	Ryan Spearritt
6M	Matthew McCartney

Year 5 will be interviewed after the half term due to some of the children taking part in the "Bike Rite" programme.



CLASS	GREEN TEAM
3J	Mollie Lunt
3C	Charlie Tootle
3B	Millie Nelson
4B	Shay Clisham
4C	Sophie Evans
4JA	Amelia Peden
5G	Erin Barrett
5WH	Amanda Hawley
5Q	To be confirmed after half term
6M	Dylan Brown
6H	George Cubbin
6W	Rebecca Rooney

Ahoy me Hearties !!! - Year 3 - Pirate Day - Pirate Day was a FANTASTIC success! Everyone looked great in their outfits. The children took part in craft, dance and orienteering activities and luckily, no-one was made to walk the plank*on this occasion!!!* A big thank you must go to all our volunteer helpers who worked so hard and even joined in with the dressing up, and to all the Year 3 teachers and LSAs who spent a great deal of time preparing for this enjoyable day.

Walk to School Week - Congratulations to Class 6M, 5G and 3B who were awarded the Golden Shoe for having the highest percentage (a great 100% - the best every!!!!) of children who walked to school. Eleven out of twelve classes achieved a target of over 80% which is our best ever result. A further survey will be carried out in November, so come on children let's see you keep up the good work by walking to school or at least part of the journey!

Science Competition - Four of our Year 6 children were chosen to take part in a science competition at Fazakerly High School. They took part in a variety of activities designed to test their scientific abilities. They came third in the overall competition - well done children!!!!

6W Assembly - A big well done to 6W and Miss Wynne for putting on a wonderful assembly yesterday about animals and their habitats. Definitely some budding reporters, actors and artists within the class! Thanks also to the many parents who attended. We are very proud of you all!

Dragon Challenge - On Monday all the children in year 5 took part in a Dragon Challenge. The children had a great time planning then making a dragon board game. Thank you to all those parents who helped and a special thanks to the teachers from Alsop High School who also helped the children with the task.

Year 5 Alsop Visit - thanks again to Alsop High for working with 5WH on DT projects.

Help for Heroes - Last week all the children took part in an activity related to 'Help for Heroes day'. We have sent a cheque for £100 to the charity as our donation from school. Today in assembly the following children were awarded a prize for their written work or for their contribution in a Philosophy for Children lesson. Congratulations to Lucy Minto, Emily Alcock, Josh Au-Chendo, James Webster, Ella Morecroft, Vaughan Lewis, Mia Peterson, Olivia Kiernan, Emily Scorgie, Shannon Cullen, Lucie Enston and Andrew Begbie



5WH Waterstones Trip - On Wednesday Class 5WH visited Waterstones and other venues across Liverpool where they completed a dragon trail and studied historical landmarks in the city centre. This was part of their topic on 'Dragons'. The children are writing stories and hopefully some of these will be exhibited in Waterstones in Liverpool One. They had a fantastic day and even the weather held up! Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who helped on the day.

5Q Assembly - The children of class 5Q would like to invite their parents to attend their assembly on **Friday 4 November 9.15 am**. We look forward to seeing all parents and family members who are able to attend.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer - Preference Forms - May I please remind you that all Secondary School Preference Forms need to be returned to school by **Monday 31 October**, if you have not done so already - thank you.

BUDDY Rota for week after half term

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4B	4C	4JA	5G	5Q
		5H with Yinka	5Q with Yinka	5WH with Yinka

After School Clubs on week after half term

Year 6 Craft Club starts on the first Monday after half term, all children who returned forms are welcome to attend. Please note that Y5/6 Athletics club has moved from Thursday to Tuesday this week only

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 Football	Y3 Gymnastics 3.35-4.30	No Clubs		Y6 Football
	Y5/6 French Club 3.35-4.30pm			Y6 Drama
Y6 Card/Craft club	Y3/4 paid Football Club with Liam			
Y6 Basketball with Jay 3.35-4.30	Y6 Basketball with Jay			
Y5/6 Tag Rugby	Y3/4 Gardening Club			
	Guitar 3.30-4.30			
	Y5/6 Athletic *			

Early morning coaching with Yinka, continues as normal after half term, years 5/6 on Monday and 3/4 on Tuesday.

Head lice - You will have noticed over the last number of weeks a regular item in the newsletter regarding Head lice. Parents are reporting having to treat their children more than once as they are getting re-infected. The only method to reduce this problem is for all parents to check regularly and take swift action should they be found - Head lice can occur at any time, including during the school holidays. I have attached a letter from the 'Once a week, take a Peek' campaign which gives advice - check www.onceaweektakeapeek.com for further information.

Reminder - Open Evenings for Parents - Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November - Invitations with days and appointment times will be sent out after the half term holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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