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# Town Lane Infant School Newsletter



We hope you are all managing with the changeable weather we are experiencing at the moment. Thank you for your understanding regarding the recent change to entering school since the Easter break. This is our only option currently and the children seem to be managing this change well and see it now as a new routine. Please can Foundation 2 parents say goodbye to their children at the gate, wherever possible, to minimise the number of adults walking through and to help us to be able to keep all children safe. We will keep you informed when there is an update about this situation.

## Places at Town Lane September 2024

The allocations for school places for 4/5 year olds for September 2024 have now been shared with parents across the Wirral. We do still have some places available to Reception 2024. If you know anyone who is still looking for a school place please let them know and they can contact our school office.



## Residential Visit

We ended last term with our Y2 residential which was hugely successful. The Y2 children were an absolute credit to the school and we received such positive feedback from all involved. Thank you to the PTA for supporting us with the staff costs and to all of the staff who volunteered to support this overnight visit.

## Charity Fundraising

Thank you for your continued generosity when we have raised money for charities.

In March, we all raised £314 for Cancer Research. Thank you all so much.

## World Book Day

What a wonderful time we all had on this day. The staff dressed up as characters from their favourite stories and then presented a summary of the story in our assembly to all of the children. The children then had to choose which 3 stories they would like to hear. They then chose which classroom to visit and spent time with different teachers listening to their stories. Thank you for joining in with the theme of the day and promoting a love of reading with us at school.



## Science Week

We started Science week with a visit from Chester Zoo where the children took part in an assembly and then workshops for Y1 and Y2 classes. We want to say thank you to all of the parents who came to school to meet with the children to promote their STEM career. Thank you for giving up your precious time to inspire the future generation.



## Mental health Support Team MHST

Our MHST have been continually supporting us with workshops for parents, visits about emotions and feelings with our nursery children and friendship workshops for Y1 classes.

## Collaborative RE Exhibition

We have been involved with a collaboration of Wirral schools working on a RE project called 'Walking in someone else's shoes'. Our display was based on

classwork about the Wars. Our children wrote letters from the perspective of being a soldier in the trenches and have produced 3D artwork of model soldiers. All work from different schools was displayed in Wallasey Central Library. The Mayor opened the event and we want to say thank you to Lacey, Jacob and Maggie from year 2 who attended the opening on 26th March. They met the Mayor that day and showed him our contribution towards the exhibition.



### Science Competition

All pupils are invited to enter our science competition, to grow a sunflower! To enter, the children should make a poster or diary about their sunflower and how it grew. The winner of the competition will be the poster or diary which uses the best scientific skills and knowledge. Our STEM partners, Ignota Labs, will also be judging the competition and providing brief feedback to each of the entrants about their scientific knowledge and process. The winner will win two annual tickets to Eureka Science & Discovery Centre.

<https://www.eurekadiscovery.org.uk/>

Children can also be sponsored to grow their sunflower. The proceeds will go towards funding a science-based school trip next academic year or a workshop (depending on the amount raised). Last year, we used the money raised from our Summer Bug Hotel competition to book a visit from Chester Zoo in Science Week. The whole school loved learning about animals in our special assembly and children in Y1/2 took part in workshops. We also bought new equipment and books about famous scientists to use across the school. Thank you again to all those who entered last year. We would love to see photo updates of how your sunflowers are growing. You can share these with your class teacher. The deadline for competition is Friday 12th July. This should give the sunflowers plenty of time to grow. Seeds and sponsor forms will follow shortly.

### Nursery

Foundation One would like to say a huge thank you for all of the money raised during the fairy tale scavenger hunt. They are looking forward to purchasing some amazing items for the outdoor provision. Thank you to Elodie's dad for giving up his time and enhancing our outdoor area during the holidays.

### Concordia Festival of Harmony

This year we will be participating in our MAT wide project called the Festival of Harmony which will culminate in a shared exhibition during National Diversity Week at Theatre Porto, Ellesmere Port. The dates for the exhibition are Monday 24th June - Friday 28th June. Each school within our Trust will showcase how they promote harmony and diversity in their schools. More information will follow shortly.



### Hedgehog Friendly Schools Award

Our school is starting on the journey towards achieving a hedgehog friendly schools award. We want our school to be a place where pupils can make real changes for vulnerable hedgehogs and other wildlife. Our whole school will be working together to make our grounds a place where hedgehogs can live happily. Jackson's Hedgehog Sanctuary have visited and delivered an assembly to promote this and they worked with nursery children to build hedgehog friendly houses.

### Parent's Evening

Thank you to all parents who have met with staff for parent's meetings. Parents of children in 2J have been asked to book an appointment for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. It is always such an enjoyable experience for staff to be able to meet with you and share your child's achievements.

### Visitors to school

We have had many visitors to school recently including Early Years Staff from other Wirral schools visiting this week. We received such positive feedback and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning in the sunshine.

### Kindness Club

There has been a huge number of requests for places in Kindness club next term but unfortunately, we won't be able to accommodate everyone. Therefore, to make it fair, we will take names out of a hat and will be in touch shortly to inform you if your child has a place.



### Numbots

All children from F2-Y2 have a Numbots log in. Please support your child to access this fun filled online number fact learning platform from home. If you have any questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.



### Reading Reminder

We would like to remind you that it is of utmost importance for children to practice their reading at home. Please can you let us know how your child is reading by writing a comment in the reading record book. We love to find out about and monitor children's reading experiences at home and would like to support, wherever possible. If you would like any help with this please contact your child's class teacher.

### PE Days

Please can we remind you that earrings should be taken out for PE sessions for health and safety reasons. Information about PE days are on Google Classroom Y1/Y2 and Tapestry F2.

### Office Staff Request

Please can children come to school with all items ready to start the day. We have a lot of parents and carers dropping off forgotten items (water, books, PE kits, letters, wellies) and this is taking time away from administration tasks. In addition, the office opens at 8.30am each morning. Please can you be mindful when children are around the door buzzer and prevent them from pressing this more than once and/or holding their finger on it for numerous seconds.



### Wellbeing Wonder

**Emotions** – play a game of looking in the mirror with your child and pulling faces to match feelings such as, “Show me happy, sad, excited, surprised, disgusted, worried....” It is important for a child to recognise and identify emotions.

UN Convention for the rights of the child  
Article 3 (best interests of the child) The best interests on the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children

Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)  
Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times

Article 28 (right to education) Every child has the right to an education.

Article 29 (goals of education) Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

### Diary Dates



**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>/ Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Learn to Scoot F2**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Foundation Two audio, vision, height and weight screening**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2J Parent's meeting**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Year One trip to Liverpool**  
**Foundation One visit Christ Church**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
**School photographs**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Foundation One visit Christ Church

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Little Acorns 'Sports Stay and Play'  
11.10am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

Foundation One Sports day  
2.40pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

Little Acorns 'Sports Stay and Play'  
2.45pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Foundation One Sports day 2.40pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Sports Day  
Foundation One/Year One/ Year Two  
School closes end of day to pupils

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

School opens to pupils

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

World Music Day

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**

Concordia's Festival of Harmony begins

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Induction Evening new F1 4.30pm  
Induction Evening new F2 5pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Pupil Transition Day  
Y2 visit HBJS

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

School closes to pupils end of day

**Remaining INSET Days**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**INSET Days 2024-2025**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

May local elections TBC

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025