



Upper Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2017

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It has been lovely to see the children return after a short Easter break for the start of the summer term. This term will be extremely busy, with SATs tests for Year 6, as well as completing our final topics for the school year.

We are delighted to announce the return of Miss Logan to the Year 5 team after her maternity leave, working with Miss Gilchrist's class. We would also like to wish Miss Brown, our Year 6 student teacher, who finishes her placement on Friday 5th May, the best of luck in the future. She has worked effortlessly during her time with us, as well as giving up her time to take SATs booster groups. We are sure that her new school will have gained a very good teacher for September.

There will be a summer report sent out to parents towards the end of the year, giving teachers the chance to share with you about how your child/children have progressed in all subjects this year.

Year 5 parents will be invited to a meeting, before the May/June half term, regarding the Year 6 Colomendy trip in September, where final details will be confirmed.

Attendance

We had a staggering 111 pupils in school achieve 100% attendance across four weeks of the spring term and we hope to see many more of our Year 5 and 6 pupils reach that standard in the summer term. A summer term incentive has been launched, where all children who achieve 100% attendance from 2nd May – 26th May will be invited to an afternoon party.

The Local Authority target for all schools is 97%. As you can see, all of our Year 5 and 6 classes fall below that level.

Miss Topping = 93%

Miss Gilchrist = 95%

Mr Garth = 95%

Mr Cotton = 94%

For your child to reach their potential in school, they need to be in every day and on time. The more time a child misses in school, the more gaps they will have in their learning, which can be hard to catch up with. Also, children find it difficult to settle back into a routine after a period of absence and this can impact upon their friendships and well-being.



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Home activities

- ☺ SATS Preparation
- ☺ Revise on IPod & IPad
- ☺ Visit the BBC Bite size website
- ☺ Practice Reading and times tables

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Colomendy - September 2017

Mr Cotton will be organising a meeting to confirm arrangements for the Year 6 Colomendy trip in September for some of our current Year 5 children. This meeting will take place before the summer half term. Further information will follow.

Wildflower Sowing

Some children have been busy helping the community by sowing wildflower seeds in Everton Park. This is following the success of the previous two years' wildlife project with Richard from the EDEN project.



Year 6 Booster Sessions and Preparations for SATs

We would like to thank all of the pupils who turned up regularly to the SATs booster sessions during the spring term. The children who attended benefitted from small group sessions, looking at gaps in learning to give them a boost before the SATs began on 8th May.

Date	Activity
Monday 8 May 2017	English reading
Tuesday 9 May 2017	English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: questions English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: spelling
Wednesday 10 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning
Thursday 11 May 2017	Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Mrs Sergeant has once again organised a free breakfast club for Year 6 pupils during SATs week. Year 6 pupils may attend breakfast club each day, from 8am, and receive a free breakfast. This will ensure that your child is settled and focused into the school well before taking their tests. Last year, we had a fantastic uptake on this offer and would love to see all of our Year 6 pupils there. If not attending the extra breakfast club provision, it is vital that all children be prompt in school at 8:55am as this is an extremely important week in their education.

History Week

During history week, Year 6 learned all about World War Two through a number of interesting activities. They read 'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serraillier, a tale of a Polish family's break up and mission to reunite across Poland, Germany and Switzerland. The children thoroughly enjoyed the book and took part in thought provoking discussions around the text. The children also read and watched some extracts from 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and 'Goodnight Mister Tom'. From these stimuli, the pupils had lots of fun applying their knowledge when writing diary entries and newspaper reports.

Year 5 pupils learned about Anglo-Saxons by making shields and learning about crime and punishment. They were able to compare the latter to the modern day, but also looking at how it shaped and influenced what we do today. Children wrote some excellent diary entries to apply their knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon way of life. This week proved hugely popular and we will be having more subject specific weeks during the summer term.

Year 5 Trip to HARmony at North Liverpool Academy

Year 5 took part in an exciting trip to North Liverpool Academy for a harmony project. They worked closely with Year 9 pupils to do understand the concepts of HARmony by experiencing what it means to be socially Honest, Aware and Responsible.

Summer Subjects and Topics

Come and See

- ◇ Pentecost – Serving
- ◇ Reconciliation – Inter Relating
- ◇ Other Faiths



Literacy

Year 6:

- ◇ Post-SATs writing projects

Year 5:

- ◇ Narrative Poetry

Maths

Year 6:

- ◇ Geometry: Properties of Shapes
- ◇ Geometry: Position and Direction
- ◇ Post-SATs project work

Year 5:

- ◇ Decimals
- ◇ Shape, Space and Measure

Science

- ◇ Year 6 - Light
- ◇ Year 5 - Properties and Materials

Geography and History

Geography

- ◇ Year 6 - Water Cycle: Will you ever see the water you drink again?
- ◇ Year 5 - USA: What makes the USA so special?

History

- ◇ Year 6 - Vikings
- ◇ Year 5 - Life in 14th Century England

PE

Year 5 - Tennis and Athletic

Year 6 - Cricket and Athletics

Music

Year 5 will be having music with Miss Hardwick, from Resonate this term. They will be focusing on learning a play script musical called 'The Bully'.

Red Cross Workshops - Year 6

After successful sessions last year, we have once again booked for the Red Cross to deliver two workshops to our Year 6 children. One workshop will focus on 'Refugee Awareness' where the children will learn the situations some people find themselves in around the world, as well as more locally. The second workshop will focus on First Aid training, where the children will learn to how to react to different situations where someone may be hurt or injured.

First Aid – 15th May 2017

Refugee Awareness – 26th June 2017

Walk to School Week

15th – 19th May is National Walk to School Week and we would love to see more and more of our families commit to walking to school.

We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution outside school gates, yet less than half of primary school children currently walk to school.

Ankoma Lenten Charity

As you are aware the children have been raising funds for the Ankoma School in Ghana, Africa. During Lent, each class chose an activity which contributed to the grand total of £1,823.77.

Some children did sponsored events, others held a raffle, others washed cars, whatever activity they did it was lovely to see all the children working together to support another school who, as I am sure you are aware, operate in very difficult circumstances.



Over the next few weeks the school council will be meeting with classes to decide how this money will be spent and how it can support the education and healthcare of the children of Ankoma School. I would like to thank all our families for helping us raise this money and for supporting us in raising the children's awareness of the lives of our friends in Ghana. We will keep you informed of the decisions of the children and will use our APP and our Website to post pictures and articles about this venture.

Dates for your Diary

SATs week – Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May 2017

Year 6 First Aid – 15th May 2017

Walk to School Week – 15th – 19th May 2017

Break up for summer half term – Friday 26th May 2017, 3.20pm
(Return to school Monday 12th June 2017)

Year 6 Top-Up Swimming - 12th-16th June 2017
(more information to follow)

Year 6 Refugee Awareness – 26th June 2017

Break up for summer – Thursday 20th July 2017, 3.20pm.



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