



INSPIRING OUR CHILDREN TO READ!

This week, our UKS2 pupils were thrilled to be treated to a reading and writing workshop from published author, Phil Earle. Phil discussed his incredible journey from a reluctant child reader to a published writer. Phil shared that it was when taking on a temporary position in the children's section of a bookshop and beginning to immerse himself in children's fiction that he realised he wanted to write for young people and the rest, as they say, is history. Working as a bookseller led to a job in publishing and today, Phil's time is split between selling books for a publisher and writing his own. The children wholeheartedly engaged in Q & A and creative writing sessions during the visit. Phil left us with these inspirational words, 'we are surrounded by stories, every day of our lives. All we have to do is keep our eyes and ears open, because even the simplest or most mundane events can spark off a new adventure. An adventure we are compelled to re-tell.' It is exciting to think that we may have future published authors within our UKS2 classes!

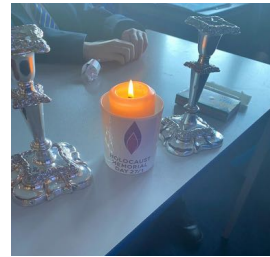


Mental Health Boosting Session with the LFC Foundation!

What a fabulous time our Year 5 pupils had when they visited Anfield stadium as part of a mental health awareness session with the LFC Foundation. The children explored strategies to help look after their mental health and they came away with some useful tools to help them in the future - these included: writing your problems down and throwing them away or connecting with friends by playing games! The children did our school, and Mr Doyle, our Mental Health Lead, proud!

Holocaust Memorial Day with Eric Cohen

Our pupils were treated to an expert workshop with Eric Cohen this week, as we explored Holocaust Memorial Day. Eric, from the Princess Road Synagogue, told the children of his (and his family's) experience of the Holocaust. Despite the tragic context, Eric enthused the children and talked openly and passionately. The children and staff were gripped! What a great way to explore dictatorship, atrocity and the fighting spirit of those who were oppressed!



Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

This week's book recommendation is [When the Sky Falls by Phil Earle](#) who visited our school this week. Set in the Second World War, while everyone else seems to be evacuated to the countryside, 12-year-old Joseph is sent from rural Yorkshire to stay with his gran's friend in the city. She's a gruff, unfriendly woman and he's an angry boy who kicks out at everything and feels totally abandoned. Now Joseph also finds himself in the centre of the Blitz, where bombs rain down every night. The only thing Mrs F cares about is the rundown zoo that she owns, and particularly a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Adonis and Joseph at first seem to take an immediate dislike to each other but over the course of the story, their bonds deepen to a remarkable relationship. Joseph has other battles with school, in particular bullying and his serious troubles with reading. Like so many children of his generation, his dyslexia is not recognised or understood. This is a beautifully written historical adventure story that will take readers on an emotional journey.



Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

02/02/24
Parent/carer
Mental Health
Support Team
Coffee Morning

02/02/24
NSPCC Number
Day. Dress up
for Digits!

05/02/24
Mental health
Drop Down Day
- CONNECT!

For more important
dates, please visit the
'parent zone' of our
school website!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Nursery (96.9%)

Year 2 (96.5%)

Year 1 (94.2%)

Year 4 (93.3%)

Reception (92.3%)

Year 5 (91.1%)

Year 3 (90.3%)

Year 6 (89.7%)

92.6%
Whole-school
attendance this week!



End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 26th January 2024



SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM

Year 5 - Writing - Extended third person narrative (adventure stories)

This week's spotlight on curriculum takes us to Year 5 and a writing sequence exploring third person narrative set in another culture. The children enjoyed writing expanded noun phrases linked to describing a setting. The setting was Ancient Egypt, a great way to revisit a previously taught History topic! The children immersed themselves in rich vocabulary and created wonderfully descriptive pieces! We cannot wait to see the finished articles when they pull all of their learning together for a longer writing task in the near future!



The Winter Edition of Liverpool's Parenting Newsletter

Please find below a link to access the Winter Edition of Liverpool's Parenting Newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/4Jd41QtBB28CSJ9Z?ref=Link>. In this newsletter, parents/carers will find information on a number of events, activities, courses and support services, which they can access, running from January to March 2024.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC, by taking part in Number Day on Friday 2nd February 2024.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. On 02/02/24, we are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in 'Dress up for Digits'. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

We've set up a Just Giving link www.justgiving.com/campaign/numberday2024, if you would like to donate directly to NSPCC. We will also set up a payment via Parent Pay or you can bring your donation into school on the day. It all adds up!

Our Updated Curriculum Plans

In recent months, leaders in school have been working with a Parent Focus Group to discuss how we can continue to improve our school and the offer for our children and families. Recently, parents/carers from this group requested that we make clearer what their children are learning in school. As a result, we have developed significantly improved [Year Group Curriculum Maps](#) for parents/carers to enjoy!

Please do let us know what you think!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher

Year 5 Curriculum Map - Spring Term 2024 (First Half-Term)					
5 Week Half Term (Monday 8th January - Friday 9th February 2024)					
Year 5	08/01/24	15/01/24	22/01/24	29/01/24	05/02/24
Cultural Capital Contributions	Our Core Values: Themes for the Half Term	Whole-School Themes of the Fortnight	Alternative Focus	Whole-School Mental Health Focus: Themes for the Half Term	
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Shared and Individual Contributions	History: Study in how European society that provides continuity with British history - Place	Art and Design (Design Technology): Art and Design: 'Creative Hero' - Working: 'Anthem with High Stripes'	Religious Education: Exploring Christian beliefs and how they are expressed in different ways (writing and drawing) that is meaningful, and go to a place of meaning	Physical Education: Soccer - Collaborative, Challenging and Fun	Computing: Coding using Micro:Bit - Pupils program Micro:Bit to make a variety of practical and usable devices.
	Music: Composing and Chords - How Does Rock Inspire Our World?	Spanish: Comprehending and understanding the main ideas and details of a text (written and spoken) related to the school and the community.			