

Important Dates *A word from the Headteacher*

School Closes:

Tuesday 22nd July 2015 for Summer Holiday.

School Reopens For Autumn (first Half Term):

Tuesday 1st September: *Teachers Only (NSET)*

Wednesday 2nd September: *School open to pupils.*

Half Term Holiday:

Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October.

School Reopens For Autumn (second Half Term):

Monday 2 November - Friday 18 December

School Closes for Christmas Holidays:

Monday 22nd December 2015—Friday 1st January 2016.

**Happy Summer
Holiday!!**

For more information about our school, and for further dates, visit our school website at:
<http://www.cathcartstreet.wirral.sch.uk/website>

Or scan this link:



In my last contribution to the school newsletter as headteacher, I want to wish children, parents, carers and all who have been part of our wonderful school community the very best for the future. Our aim at Cathcart Street has always been to provide the very best learning opportunities for all our children, not only in academic subjects but in skills for life. Relationships have always been at the heart of our school and I am sure that will continue to be so. We want families to feel supported and children to make very good progress and achieve well. We want school to be a place where our children can develop resilience and essential life skills, to become confident and successful citizens of the future. Children who are independent learners who enjoy challenge.

It is a huge privilege to be a teacher and one that I have enjoyed immensely over the years. To all our parents I want to thank you for bringing your children to our school and trusting them with us every day. The triangle of support between pupil, school and yourselves is so important and one which we value very much indeed. I hope you will make the most of every day with your children for the years pass quickly. Parents being involved in their children's lives gives them greater opportunities for success.

To all of our staff I want to thank you for your great work and your commitment to our school, our pupils and our vision. Together we are all moving our school forward. I would particularly like to mention Mrs Steventon who is joining me in taking retirement after a long and successful career. Thank you for your valuable contribution to our school. To other staff who are leaving this summer I would like to express my sincere thanks for their hard work and dedication. They all leave with our best wishes for the future.

To all of the children at Cathcart Street past and present thank you for making our school the special place it is. Thank you for your enthusiasm, your laughter and your hard work. Reading your end of year reports allowed me to see just how much you have achieved this year. Finally to all our Y6 pupils leaving this year I hope the skills you have learned at Cathcart Street will equip you for life. Remember never give up. Look for the positive in everything and embrace the challenges in life because that's how we learn. You don't have to follow the crowd do the right thing even if no-ones looking. My very best wishes to you always. Please stay in touch and share your successes.

I will always think fondly of Cathcart Street and follow your progress with immense interest. Stay safe and good luck to all for the future.

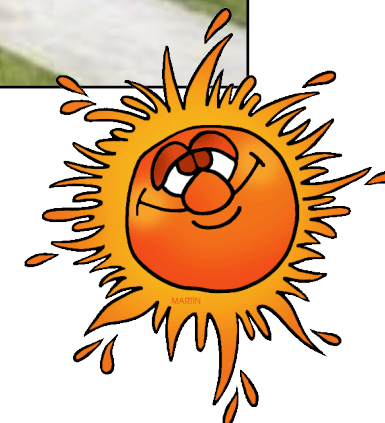
Rosemarie Bishop
Headteacher

NEWSLETTER

CATHCART STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER 2015

'A good place to be.'



SATs Breakfast

In Year 6, we are coming to the end of our time in Cathcart Street Primary School.

We recently sat our end of KS2 SATs tests, and to make sure that we were up, ready and full of energy, we all attended Miss Sheridan's Year 6 SATs breakfast.

It started at 8:00a.m, and we came in, starting our breakfast with cereal (co-co pops), then we had bacon, egg and beans, with toast. Finally Miss Sheridan gave us a chocolate bar, to release endorphins and help us feel positive.

After our breakfast, Miss Sheridan, Mr Ashton, Mrs O'Toole and Mr Ford were around to help us with last minute nerves, revising areas we were worried about and to support us.



Big Science Event

On Tuesday 9th June, Lacey Taylor-Wall, Lexi Taggart, Dylan Ruddock and Serenity Martin-Deering from Year 3, represented the school at the Big Science Event at the CLC in Ridgeway High School. They were the winners of the Big Science Fair that we held in our school. Their investigation was called "Do girls write faster than boys?"

"We chose the book Bill's Beetle by Mick Inkpen for the children to copy because it was nice and simple", said Serenity. "We were really excited because we were finalists" she added. They gave a boy and a girl a piece of paper and a pencil each, then said "Go!". The children were then given 1 minute on a timer and then told to "Stop!" They then counted how many words each child had written and recorded it in a table. Four boys and four girls were chosen to take part. "We didn't want too many people in case it took too long," explained Lacey. "But we needed more than one." "We counted the number of words and not the number of pages," said Lexi "because some people's writing is bigger than others and it wouldn't be fair." "When we had counted all of the words we found that boys had won!" said Dylan. However the children decided that there was not enough difference between the final numbers so they said it was a draw.

"We really enjoyed our day at the CLC," said Lexi. "We had a fun day," said Serenity. "But we were very nervous when we had to give our presentation to the judges."

"I liked the workshop where we made Squishy Circuits," said Dylan. "Then in the afternoon we tried to make toothpaste!"

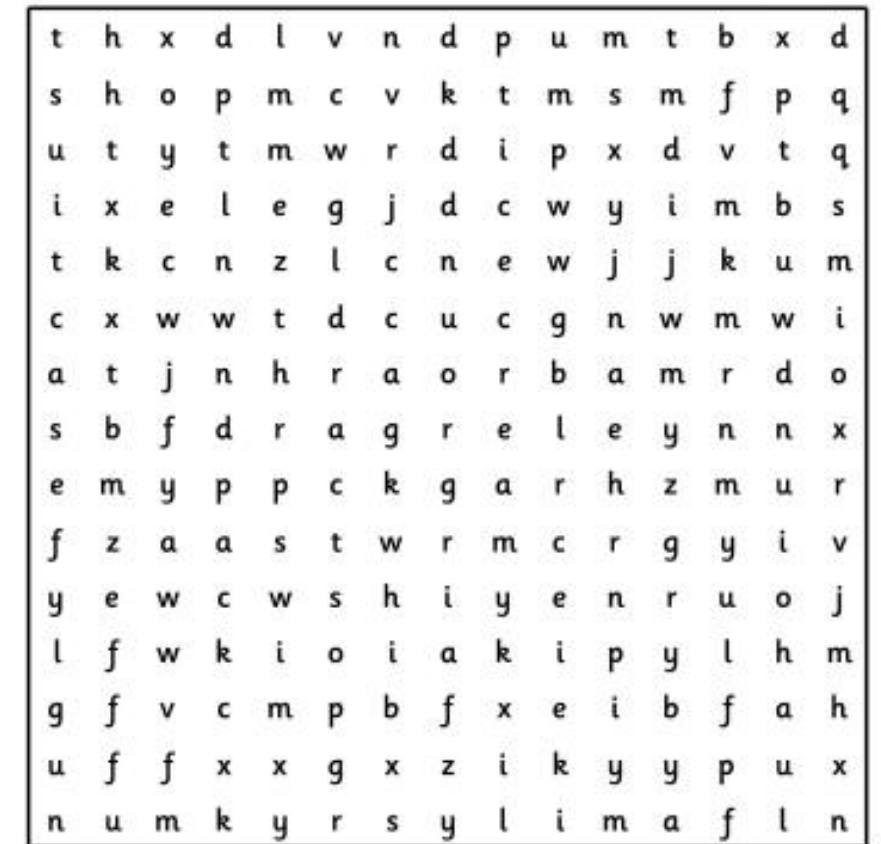
"At the end of the day when the winners were going to be announce I felt really nervous, I hoped we might win, we didn't but we were still finalists and had a great day."



Primary Puzzlers

Can you find the following Summer Holiday words in the word search?

1. fairground
2. family
3. fun
4. hotel
5. Ice cream
6. journey
7. pack
8. postcard
9. suitcase
10. summer
11. swim
12. tent



Word Merge

Words in each line are merged together. Find the original words.



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Trampolining

Year 2 started trampolining in the summer term. They learnt how to perform a tuck, seat drop, pike, straddle and full twist. The children performed sequences using the different jumps.



There will be a Year 2 trampolining show at the BB on Monday 13th July at 2.30pm for parents and carers to watch.



Birkenhead History

On Monday 6th July 2015, Year 5 visited Birkenhead Park School, for a History investigation.

They had to complete a range of smaller historical investigations, working in teams, and with characters from Birkenhead's past.

They then worked with Green Screen technology, to take pictures in a historical setting before coming home.

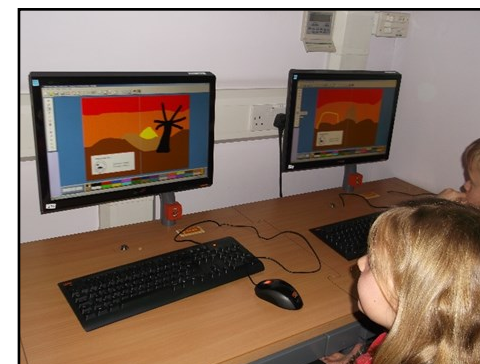


West Wirral Works

Year One visited West Wirral Works on 7th May to make their own pop up card which they designed and created using their ICT skills with the theme of Africa. This term the children's topic was Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne which is a story about a little girl set in Africa.



This is a delightful story that helps promote an understanding and awareness of life in another country, culture and in developing vocabulary. In the story the less familiar guava, mango and passion fruit are introduced alongside more familiar fruit such as oranges. The children have also explored different fruits through discussion looking at taste and textures, where the fruit are grown and the differences in climate that are necessary to grow particular kinds of fruit.



Meeting the Lighthouse Keeper

Year 2's topic for summer 1 was Danger at Sea. We wrote character descriptions about Mr Grinling from the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. Mr Grinling visited our class and we asked him questions to help our writing.



We ended our topic with a Pirate Day.



Graffiti Art

In Year 6, we have been working with the local artists, Ian Fennelly. Ian came to school for the whole day, and showed us how to mix materials so that we could create a graffiti wall.

Some of us used luminous paints and tissue paper, to create the wall and the graffiti marks.



We worked in pairs to create our own brick walls, which we then decorated in order to personalise them. We created our own Tags, which showed our names and we also created Chads to look over the side. These are on display in the Year 6 Shared area.



Cinema Trip

On 2nd June, those children in Key Stage 2, who had made excellent progress in learning times tables, were rewarded with a cinema trip to see the new release 'Minions'.

"That was one of the funniest films ever!" said Marite (Year 5).

"Bob was hilarious," remarked Stephen (Year 3).

Well done to all those children who came, keep up the hard work, and for those who aren't, aim for Gold!

We are all really proud of you and in the words of Bob...



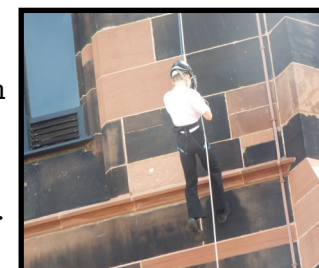
Helping Others

Priory Plunge

Summer Fair

Mrs Bishop and one of our Y6 boys, Jamie Harvey, braved the great heights of Birkenhead Priory, abseiling down to raise money for Birkenhead Priory itself and for Claire House.

The event was watched by the Year 6 children, who walked down to see it, and also by the rest of the school, who watched it on the big screen in the hall, via online streaming.



We held a Summer Fair, raising money for the school, by providing a wide range of activities such as nail painting, baked goods and cakes, milkshakes, tattoos, guess the weight of the cake, tombola and many others.

Everyone had a wonderful time, and the Year 6 Enterprise groups did very well.



Cathcart Community



During the Summer Term, we held a Bingo and invited the local community to join us.

We also had our Sports Days, which many friends and relatives attended.

It was a very hot day, and everyone was roasting!



MAD HATTER

In order to collect donations for the Summer Fair, we held a 'Mad Hatters Day'.

Classes came in on Friday 19th June, wearing hats that they had made or decorated, in the craziest ways possible.



Miss Sheridan and Mrs Maillet judged the maddest hats and gave out prizes. We collected lots of great things for our Summer Fair, for the tombola and for the many other games that take place.

Carpets

After reading a book called 'The mirror' by Jeannie Baker, where there were children selling carpets, we decided to make some ourselves. We used a variety of colours like: green, pink, red, purple, yellow and blue. We weaved the carpets, going under and over with wool, the base of the carpet was made of card board. If you wanted more than one colour you could just start a new row. We really enjoyed making them, I especially enjoyed following a pattern and using different colours. Have a look for yourself.



Wirral Sports Festival

Year One children had the opportunity to take part in a Sports Festival at West Kirby Leisure Centre on Friday 19th June.



They all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon participating in fun activities such as Tae Kwando, martial arts and games of tag.

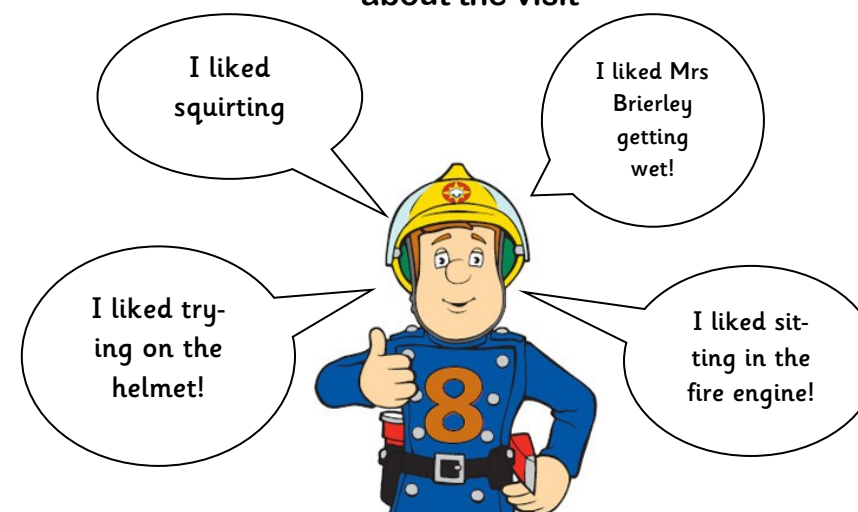


people who Help

We have recently been learning about People Who Help Us. During our talk time sessions we have discussed who helps us. We have enjoyed learning about the police, fire service, paramedics and many more. We talked about how they help us too. We have recently had a visit from the local Fire Service. We loved taking turns to sit in the fire engine and using the hose to make rainbows.



The children made a thank you card to give the fire brigade. They added some lovely comments about the visit



RESPECT

Roman Chester

In Y6, we have been working with the anti-social behaviour team to learn about the consequences of anti-social behaviour.

We worked with Damien and Officer Pip, to learn about the different kinds of anti-social behaviour and what we can do to make sure that it doesn't affect us.

We went to Tranmere Rovers Football Club, to learn about how they deal with anti-social behaviour and met some of the people that work with the team.



First we got on the bus for Chester, it took quite a long time. When we arrived at the museum we saw two men dressed as Roman soldiers. We put on our Roman armour and carried our heavy plastic shields through the city which used to be called Deva in Roman times. We walked to the remains of the amphitheatre to see where the Ancient Romans where entertained by watching fights. While we were there we learnt how the Roman soldiers would get into a Tortoise formation to defend themselves. On our way back we had to shout "Sin, Sin, Sin, Dex, Sin" which means "left, left, left, right, left". It is one of the Roman Armies marching songs. When we got back we went to the workshop to learn about the Roman way of life. Joseph got dressed up as a Roman Soldier he looked hilarious! We had a great day.

Working Wall

Here are some examples of work from children this year:

Dinosaur Shelters

In Year 6, our theme is Evolve or Die!
We are learning about Dinosaurs, and how they evolved.
We made dinosaur shelters, and wrote reports about some of our favourite dinosaurs.



In Y4, we wrote newspaper articles about the discovery of it! We have also written fictional instruction texts on this topic such as 'How to wash a saber toothed tiger' and 'How to trap a woolly mammoth'! We had great fun writing these, take a peek!



Marite and Kirsty dressed up for the Y5 Victorian Day.