



NEWSLETTER

"Celebrate Learning, Achieving and Friendship in God's Love"

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DATES AND EVENTS FOR WEEK COMMENCING Monday 2nd September

Monday	Inset Day
Tuesday	Inset Day
Wednesday	School Opens for Pupils No roast dinner this week No Sports Clubs
Thursday	No Sports clubs
Friday	

It has been a very busy term with lots of events, hard work and successes in the classroom. Our website has been keeping you up to date with much of what has been going on and this newsletter brings together all the latest news.

It was a lovely day out and a wonderful day to be beside the seaside! Thank you to all the staff, parents and grandparents who helped out on the day.
 Mrs Cooper

Y4 Inspire Visit to Lichfield Cathedral

On Monday 10th June our Year 4 children visited Lichfield cathedral for a series of inspirational workshops with the theme, 'Following in the footsteps of St Chad'. The visit to the cathedral is always well received by the children and they were awe-struck by the enormity of the cathedral on arrival into Lichfield and went on to enjoy activities about science and religion including a tour of our galaxy in a space dome. Remarks were passed on to the accompanying staff members (Mrs Laura Lafford and Mrs Pam Smith- local governor) regarding how knowledgeable and well-behaved our group was. The children never fail to disappoint us when we are out and about!

Penguins at Carsington Water

On Tuesday 2nd July, Penguins went on a trip to Carsington Water. We learnt about the water cycle and the process of water filtration. We worked in groups to investigate the best way to filter dirty water using the equipment provided.

In the afternoon, we explored the nearby dam and went to the interactive Severn Trent exhibition with our newly learnt knowledge helping our understanding. We also visited the RSPB wildlife centre where we saw a baby swan and plenty of different birds, which we were able to identify with help of the RSPB volunteers. Telescopes and binoculars enabled us to get close up views.

Thanks to Mrs Parker, Mr Walker and Mrs Lafford for taking the children.

Otters at Colwyn Bay

On Thursday 6th June Otters' class became beachcombers for the day when they visited Colwyn Bay as part of their seaside topic 'Beachcombers'. The sun was shining as we set off on our adventure where after a brief comfort break, the



children arrived ready for a picnic lunch by the sea.



With sated appetites, we ventured onto the beach where the children enjoyed digging and building sandcastles, collecting shells, rocks and pebbles and all sorts of other weird and wonderful stuff to be found at the seashore.

Grand Opening of Curtains

For our Father's day Celebration Worship we had a wonderful turnout and took the opportunity to officially open our curtains. We had representatives from the PTFA and Lafarge on stage with some of the children who cut the ribbon. As the curtains were then drawn back we saw the Ladybird class who had been as quiet as mice and they started off the celebrations.



KS2 Summer Production

All aboard, all aboard, we are off to Lumbago!
This year, our Key Stage 2 pupils put on a fantastic summer show of, 'The Pirates of the Currybean'. Our lovely new stage curtains added an extra dimension to the show, with our backstage crew expertly coordinating scene changes before opening the curtains to reveal a range of piratical props and confident, enthusiastic, young actors.

Pearl (Belle N) opened the show with her pirate-loving son, Jack (Cameron M) and went on to share their adventures on the high seas



with the crews of The Crunchy Frog and The Currybean. The admiral (Darcie M) and captain (Gregory P) and their band of trusty sailors aboard the Crunchy Frog, guide Jack and his cat Fiddlesticks (Kaiya M) back to their mother who has been kidnapped by a pirate crew and their captain, Captain Redbeard (Ethan H). They are held hostage on their ship, The Currybean, until they are lost in a storm and washed up ashore on the Island of Lumbago. It is here that they discover Jack's long-lost father, Chief Wonga (Jay B). Of course, when marooned on a desert island, there's only one thing to do - hunt treasure! The comical duo, Scuttle (Cadence H) and Slack (Ellie-Mae H)



are expert treasure-hunters and save the booty from being commandeered by the scourge of the seven seas, Captain Redbeard.

Every child in Key Stage 2 held a role in the production, and many contributed to the making of the stage props, scenery and programme design in their own time. The talent we have at Waterhouses has blown audience members and the staff around school away; the confidence and acting from many of our children was truly outstanding. A big well done to Belle N, Cameron M and Ethan H especially who not only had over 100 lines to learn each, but performed singing solos too! We are incredibly proud of all of our children who managed to keep us fully entertained for 4 and a half hours over the two days' worth of performances. In the words of one of our favourite songs in the show, 'We have Piratical Style'!

Thank You's go to Mrs Pam Smith for her tailoring skills, Mr Mason and Mr Walker for arranging the sound and lighting and Mrs Matthews for helping the children to produce the fabulous on-stage scenery and props.

Also a big thank you to all the parents and extended family that helped the children learn their lines and source their costumes.

Mrs Lafford and Miss Parker

Music in School

We have had a lot of musical activities going on this half term in school. As well as our marvellous KS2 production we have had a variety of recitals from Becky Hunt's pupils on violin, piano and keyboard. The musicality, skill and confidence to get up in front of a large audience has been inspiring.



The current members of **Water Rapids Band and Water Voices Choir** gave a performance on stage on Friday 12th July which had everyone foot tapping and clapping. There were cover

versions of "We Will Rock You" and "Riptide" - The boy band of Gregory, Raif and George singing along to the sounds of the band with Cameron chipping in with a verse solo and on Ukulele. Their final song was an original composition written by the band and choir themselves entitled



Thank you to Becky Hunt for all her hard work again this year, her musicians continue to swell. The band will restart again after the autumn half term in the new academic year for pupils in Years 1 to 6. Becky Hunt **music lessons start Friday 20th September.**

During music lessons with Mrs Harding the Year 5's have been composing pieces of music based around the topic of 'Space'. They chose the instruments to best represent their ideas and recorded their completed piece. They filled in booklets and these were sent off to Trinity College London and assessed and have been awarded with certificates which were presented to them at the Chapel on Thursday.

The **Ukulele club** was once again active although not so many sessions this last half term from the Mundy's, however thank you to Mrs Porteous who lead a few play throughs to keep fingers nimble.

Also a big thank you to Mr Tuck, QEGSMAT Creative Technologist, who led the Ukulele play through last week. Mr Tuck organises the QEGS lunchtime ukulele club and happened to be at Waterhouses. It was a lovely final session of the year and the group really enjoyed it.

SPORT

We have had a very busy term of sporting excellence and fun. The whole year has been packed with initiatives to encourage our children to be active.



We have been so successful in our endeavours that we are delighted to announce that Waterhouses Primary Academy has achieved the **School Games Gold Mark Award for the second successive academic year (2018/2019).**

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Competitions we have entered this year include:

Mixed Football	Hockey
Benchball	Quad Kids
Gymnastics	Kwik Cricket
Basketball	Rounders
Cross Country	Mini Olympics
Sportshall Athletics	Swimming

With a total of over 60 children competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport and physical education.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Mrs Bradbury and Miss Hall for their fantastic effort and dedication in planning and delivering high quality PE lessons for the children in Reception and KS1 throughout the year.

We are also extremely proud to announce that this year the school has been successful in achieving the **AFPE Quality Mark for Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity**.

The afPE Quality Mark is a unique self-review and evaluation process that involves the completion of an application form as well as a school visit by one of afPE's Validation Team of highly qualified school improvement professionals.



This is a prestigious award that evidences the strength and quality of physical education and sport in your school. It raises the profile of the subject and the school, both locally and nationally, and promotes the outstanding work that is being undertaken on a daily basis.

"The assessment panel has considered your application, together with the feedback from the validation visit, and afPE is delighted to award your school the Quality Mark for 'demonstrating excellent commitment to improvement in physical education, school sport and physical activity'.

Your award is valid for three years, commencing July 2019. It must be noted that your school was close to achieving a Distinction and this should be your aim when you re-apply.

You will receive a certificate, an engraved plaque and your school will also be listed on the afPE Quality Mark webpage. In addition the Association will submit a report to the Department for Education (DfE) which will include details of the successful applicants. There is always a possibility that a representative from the DfE or Sport England may wish to visit your school.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to offer you our congratulations. "

Yours sincerely,

Sue Wilkinson MBE afPE Chief Executive Officer

Mr Walker - Sports Co-ordinator (Well done to you too, Mr Walker!)

Activities for your children to try in the summer holidays

If you are thinking of some fun activities to keep your children active in the Summer holidays, go onto Facebook and type in "PE courses and advice" or access the YouTube channel "skills and tricks accelerate learning services" to engage with some fun summer challenges.

After School Sports Clubs

These clubs will start the week commencing Monday 9th September. The activities will be:

Y1/2 Multisport club - Basketball/Handball

KS2 (Y3 to Y6) - Benchball/Dodgeball

Taekwondo for R to Y6 will also restart that same week.

Letters will go out to sign up to the clubs when we return.

Swimming Lessons for Year 1 to Year 6 will also restart that week on Monday 9th September.

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Our annual school swimming gala took place on Monday afternoon. There was some fantastic swimming with several blanket finishes in some very competitive races.

When all the points were added up the winning house was **MANIFOLD**.

Sports Day

The weather was warm and sunny for our annual Sports Day on Tuesday. It was a great success and it was lovely to see so many family and friends come along to share the lunchtime picnic.



The children were very enthusiastic and cheered on their team mates and, after much running, skipping and jumping the final scores saw **MANIFOLD**

triumphant for the 4th year in a row. Congratulations!



We also held an unscheduled event - a Parent's Race! There were plenty of willing participants cheered on by the children. Both the Dad's race and Mum's race produced very competitive and close finishes. Connor's Dad won the boy's race and Charlie's and Isabel's Mum won the girl's event. Thank you to every one for being such good sports!

Charity Sponsored Run Day

QEGSMAT are supporting the charity 'Cardiac Risk in the Young' and raising money for the 'Bethany Mycroft Memorial Fund' which will help to fund screening events, and allow the MAT to host our own local screening event for 14-35 year olds.



To do our part, on Wednesday 17th July we held a sponsored fun run with the children. Each of the classes went out and ran around our 200m track. They had to see how many laps they could do in 20 minutes, for the younger ones it

was 10 minutes. A stamp was given on the back of the hand for each lap. (Apologies for any panic that Chicken Pox had returned).

Thank you for all the hard work in raising funds an amazing total of:

£714

Congratulations also to **Mrs Salt, Mrs Bradbury, Miss Hall, Mrs Porteous**, in addition to **Mr Wood** who completed the Wirksworth Running Club's Tunnels And Trails 10K Charity Race along the High Peak Trail on Wednesday 12th June on a very wet evening raising a wonderful **£80**.



Writing Awards

The school has some marvellous writers and our budding authors celebrated this term where:

Imogen P and Brooke WA - White Tigers
Jamie C and Amber B - Penguins
Corey C and Harley H - Otters
Alfie G and Scarlett D - Ladybirds

"Under the Sea" Mental Maths

The children are still working hard on their mental maths targets. This half term has seen success for:

Charlie H and Freddie F - Sea Urchin
Alfie Bu, Luca W, Ruby F - Starfish
Corey C, Kathryn P - Angel fish
Imogen F - Starfish, Angelfish, Clownfish
Mia H, Ryan P, Raif S, Harley H, Alfie Br, Willow B - have all gained both Angelfish and Clownfish.
Serita R - Octopus

Congratulations to all of them.

Accelerated Reader Achievements

Our final word count for this year is a staggering 5,000,000 more words than last year! Well done children; we just keep getting better! We also end the year with 10 word millionaires who all enjoyed a rather civilised tea party this morning with Mrs Lafford to celebrate their successes.

As usual, all of this term's bookworms achieving their points targets were presented with a certificate during yesterday's celebration worship at chapel. Certificates and book prizes were also awarded to our 'Most Improved Readers' or 'Highest Attaining Readers' in each class. These are as follows:

Ladybirds - **Evalyn S**
Otters - **Kathryn P**
Penguins - **Katelyn C**
White Tigers - **Cameron M**

The winner of our 100% raffle this half term was **Harry S** who also took home a book prize.

On Friday The Word Millionaires attended a tea party with Mrs Lafford. There were 10 of them in total. They included **Faith G** and **Mollie C** who earlier in the term passed the magic one million figure and the latest to join their ranks **Ethan H**, well done to them all. They were all presented with certificates and a book token.

And finally, attached to the newsletter is our Accelerated Reader word count leader board for the last three weeks and an overall leader board detailing our 'top ten' readers of 2018-19. Remember, you can keep up your reading over the summer by joining in with the library's summer reading challenge. It is completely free and there are prizes up for grabs for those completing the award in the 6 week holidays. Happy reading!

House Shield



Well done to **MANIFOLD**, who for the second year in a row, won the House Shield this year for the most house points earned over the whole year. Children in the Manifold team were rewarded with a play in the park and some treats. Come on Dove and Hamps - you can do it next year!

PTFA Events

Thank you to the PTFA for the two events they organised this week. The **Aladdin film from Reels on Wheels** on Wednesday and the **school disco** on Thursday.



All the children thoroughly enjoyed the film, popcorn and crisps adding to the whole experience.



The school disco once again proved very popular with tiny boppers and older children strutting their stuff!

Thank you



To Miss Kayleigh Parker who has been teaching our Penguins class during the summer term. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in America where she will be starting her new job.

We look forward to **Mr Matthew Dodson**, our new Year 3&4 teacher and Deputy Head, being with us full time in September. He has already worked with the children and has become a familiar presence and we are sure they will all have a great first year.

Good Luck

Good luck to all our leavers as they move on to the next stage in their education. We are sure they will all do fantastically well at their new schools.

Have a fantastic holiday, and return refreshed for our Autumn term. We look forward to welcoming all pupils, including Nursery, back to school on Wednesday 4th September.