



Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2024

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

As usual, it's hard to believe we've only been back in school for 3 weeks! There's so much going on and it's lovely to see the children enjoying their learning and the variety of activities in school. This week, we've had National Coding Day, when children have learnt more about creating computer instructions, and year 2 even met a real-life robot! There have also been lots of creative learning opportunities!



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Forest School

Thank you to everyone for sending in appropriate clothing and footwear for your child's fortnightly Forest School session. They sometimes have some very wet and muddy conditions —but that's all part of the fun!



Reception Applications

If you are looking for a Reception place for your child to start in September 2025, then we are offering an open evening for prospective parents on Wednesday 9th October at 4:30pm

Y5&Y6 to Lockerbie

There will be a parents' information session about this forthcoming residential trip. Please join us in the school hall on Monday 23rd September at 3:30pm

Y5 Swimming

We're really sorry that Year 5 haven't had their first swimming lesson of the year yet. The pool is still undergoing repairs and we haven't been told an expected re-opening date. Liverpool Council had hoped to have it ready for last Thursday but it didn't happen. We'll keep you informed as we hear.

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Curriculum

This half-term, the curriculum focuses on the theme of Social Justice & Equity.

| Year 1 & 2 | Year 3 & 4 | Year 5 & 6 |
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| <p>A unit about gender equality; kings and queens through history, comparison of Elizabeth I and Elizabeth II; study of castles.</p>  | <p>Children learn that knowledge is discovered and built upon through generations; study of the Ancient Greeks and influence on today's world, in particular magnetism and democracy.</p>  | <p>A study of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet and exploration of the issues within the play, which still resonate today. Focus on communicative and collaborative skills.</p>  |

This half-term's topic of Social Justice and Equity encourages the children to start thinking about fairness and how different groups in our global society may be treated better or worse than others. Our younger children read 'The Paper Bag Princess' where the princess saves the prince, and they learn about kings and queens, comparing gender equality and stereotypes in the past and now. Older children learn about the Ancient Greeks, focusing on how knowledge is discovered and passed down through history. They also enjoy the Greek myths, learning about famous gods and heroes. Our oldest children study Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. They'll learn about the playwright and find out why his plays are still so popular today. Using the play as a starting point, they'll think about street crime, gangs and peer pressure, and most importantly, how to be safe from bad influences.

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What have we been learning? Nursery



This week it has been lovely and sunny so we have been able to go outside and have lots of fun . We had our first PE lesson on the all weather pitch where we practised our bean bag and hoop skills. Then we had our first visit to the adventure playground which we thoroughly enjoyed .

Our topic this half term is Identity and Diversity so we have been thinking about how we are all different . We made face collages and we started doing our family trees.

We had fun doing dough disco this week to our 70s disco tunes . We learned to squeeze and roll the dough.

We are loving out new outdoor toys and have been building lots of different towers, castles and dens with our new wooden blocks.

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What have we been learning? Reception



Reception have had another wonderful week! They children have been getting used to their new routine. They have been enjoying lots of phonics games and their PE sessions!!

In phonics the children have been listening to all of the sounds they hear in words and blending them together! They have really enjoyed the book "You Choose" and have completed some lovely work and created their own stories.

In Maths sessions the children have been looking at amounts and numbers that match and also sorting different objects in to groups!!! To finish the week, the children enjoyed a lovely relaxing massage session with Mrs Wood!

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What have we been learning? Year 1

Materials



Year 1 have had a brilliant week. We've continued reading the story of the Paper Bag Princess using our drama skills to re-enact part of the story and looked at how questions are used within the story. The children are in suspense to find out whether Princess Elizabeth will be able to save Prince Ronald. In Maths, we've continued looking at numbers within 10 focusing on numbers written as words, representing numbers to 10 in different ways and counting on from any number within 10. In Science, we discussed the difference between an object and its material. In Art, we have started a new unit about Andy Warhol. The children enjoyed learning about who Andy Warhol was in preparation for creating some artwork inspired by him. The children were able to spend an afternoon in Forest School this week which they thoroughly enjoyed.

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What have we been learning? Year 2



Wow what a week we've had! We had a robot visit for National Coding Day on Friday and the children had him try to make a jam sandwich. The results were not particularly successful at first! In the end though, we got the instructions just right.

Also, the children finished their first extended write and I was hugely impressed with everyone's efforts. I think parents will be very impressed when they see the finished pieces on parent's evening. In the burrow, the children had a great week too and all of our staff are so pleased with how well the children are settling in to their schooling.

Have a great weekend everyone.

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What have we been learning?

Year 3



Year 3 have had a busy week learning about the Greek Gods. They have made and used their masks to make freeze frames of the Pandora's box story and looked at the Olympic events and patterns for their Greek pots in Art. In Maths they have been counting in hundreds up to a thousand; adding and taking 100 away. In Science they investigated magnets and sorted materials by if they were magnetic or not. They also enjoyed their first Forest School session on Monday and liked showing their parents around our class at the Meet the Teacher event on Tuesday.

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What have we been learning?

Year 4



This week year 4 have been expressing their artistic talents through some music and drama! In music we have been studying the pop genre, in particular ABBA and their hits Mamma Mia and Dancing Queen! We had a fabulous sing along and even played the glockenspiel to Mamma Mia.

This week in history we learnt all about Ancient Greek theatre and made our own Greek masks based on the characters from Pandora's box. We re-told the story using our masks and acting skills to produce some fantastic freeze frames.

In maths we have continued to work on our topic of Place Value, practicing flexible partitioning of numbers up to 10,000. In English we finished off the week by creating our very own Greek God Top Trump cards, highlighting their powers and strength.

This week's science lesson involved a very exciting experiment to test the strength of magnets, we had a blast!

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What have we been learning?

Year 5



It's been a busy, old week in Year 5 - just the way we like it! We have been really impressed by Year 5's determination and hard work! We began looking at a person called William Shakespeare who, as it turned out, was a very famous playwright! We researched him and even explored his life timeline! In Maths, we enjoyed partitioning and playing with numbers up to one million! We also did some excellent research when we explored, in more detail, how to write biographically! Furthermore, as swimming was cancelled, we were able to explore Gaelic Football! We began by seeing how to pick up a football and also how to pass a football! We even had a bit of nice weather when we did it! In Science, we learned about the components of blood and what they do in the human body. We made models of blood vessels to help our understanding! To round up the week, we had a great session of chess and then did a religion lesson where we recapped on the tenets of Islam! It was really interesting!

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What have we been learning?

Year 6



Year 6 have had another busy week!

In maths they've been working really hard finishing of our place value topic looking at the number lines, rounding and negative numbers. We got active creating our own number line as a class and completed a negative number loop game. We have conducted some amazing research on Shakespeare and loved going on a retrieval hunt for information around the classroom. We were particularly amazed by the about of words and phrases Shakespeare invented that we still use today! In science they created blood bags, combining the different 'components' of the blood, which made the classroom smell very interesting. In art we finished our self portraits which look amazing and finished the week with another great chess lesson.

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What have we been learning?

DRB 2



This week, in Junior DRB, the children had lots of fun learning about coding as part of National Coding Week. They started off by learning the meaning of vocabulary such as 'algorithm' (instructions in a specific order), 'code' (inputting the instructions into the computer) and 'debug' (finding and fixing an error). The children used their newly acquired vocab when figuring out the algorithm to a dance sequence and then coding and debugging it on the playground. The children worked so well in teams and after lots of determination and perseverance they cracked the code!

Also, this week, some children have enjoyed Ann's BSL sessions where the focus has been on Greek Mythology. A particular favourite was The Minotaur: monster of Crete that had the body of a man and the head of a bull! While other children enjoyed sharing Autumn stories with Ann followed by producing some lovely sentences.

In maths, the children have been exploring different ways of accurately counting large amounts of objects: they concluded that counting in multiples was the most effective way.

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Who's Who?

Leadership Team

Miss Clements Headteacher

Mr England Deputy Headteacher & SENDCo

Ms Sweeney Head of Deaf Resource Base

Mrs O'Hanlon Forest School and Mental Health Lead

Mrs Carson School Business Manager

Teachers

Mrs Davies Nursery

Mrs England Reception

Mrs Nugent Year 1

Mr Houghton Year 2

Mrs O'Hanlon/Mrs Cartwright Year 3

Miss Kerr Year 4

Mr Hall Year 5

Miss Hunter Year 6

Mrs Woods DRB 1

Mrs Rigg DRB 2

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Term Dates and Events

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| Tuesday 17th Sept | 3:20pm Meet the Teacher Open Event |
| Friday 27th Sept | Liverpool Maths Party—themed day |
| Wednesday 9th Oct | Open evening for parents/carers looking for Reception places from Sept '25 |
| Friday 18th October | Flu Immunisations in school |
| Friday 25th October | School finishes at 3:20pm for half-term (after-school care still available) |
| 28th Oct—1st Nov | HALF TERM WEEK |
| Monday 4th Nov | INSET day—school closed to pupils |
| Tuesday 5th Nov | School reopens at 8:50am (breakfast club still available) |
| Tuesday 5th Nov | Knotty Ash fireworks at Bright Park |

Term dates for this year and next year are available on the school website:

[School Term Dates and Inset Days – Knotty Ash Primary School](#)

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Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool

You will find new information about local support available for families and children in Liverpool, along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

We have also been sent information about Family Learning and Engagement Courses run by LCC Adult Learning Service. This can be found on our school website, link here:

<https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/family-information-and-support/>

For families in receipt of benefits related free school meals, there are a variety of activities over the Summer break, all of which are free and include a meal:

<https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/>

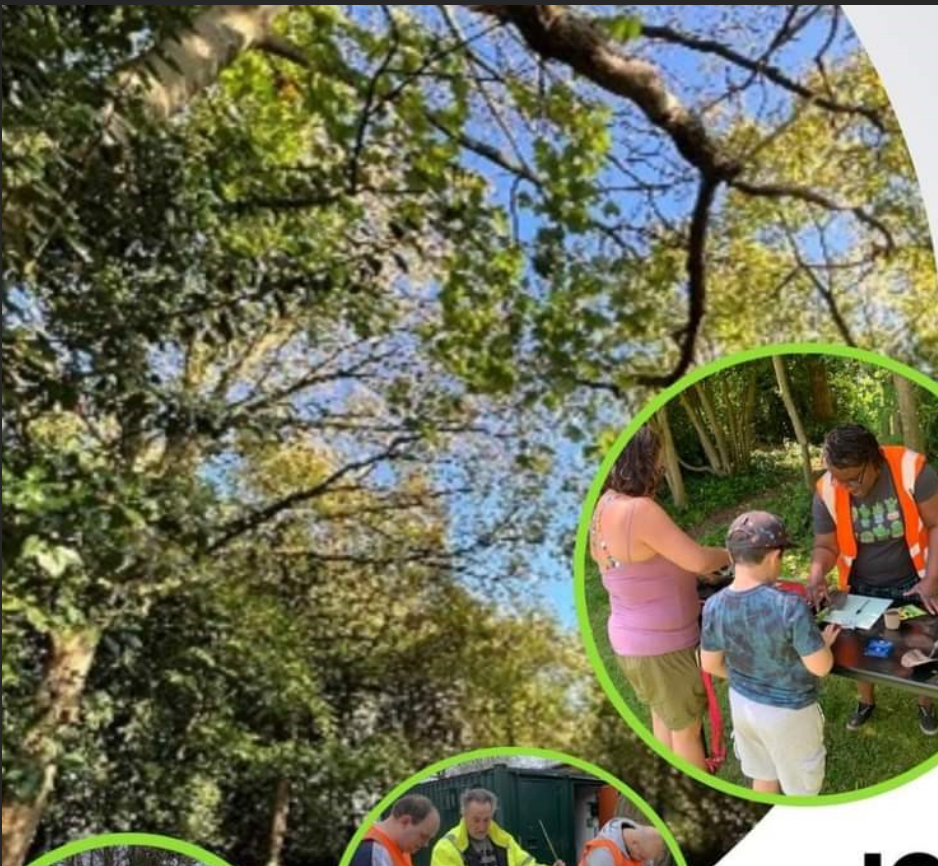
Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

<https://www.stjohnsknottyash.org/our-community>

There's also a range of groups and activities available at Yew Tree Children's Centre for parents whose children are 0-5 years.

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/childrens-centres/yew-tree-childrens-centre/>

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JOIN OUR FRIENDS OF BRIGHT PARK VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY

Come and be a part of developing and maintaining the park and its programmes.

Get Involved With:

- Park Maintenance
- Educational Activities
- Event Organising
- Administration
- Holiday Clubs
- Fundraising



Come visit us at:

Bright Park,
81 Thomas Lane,
Knotty Ash, L14 5NS



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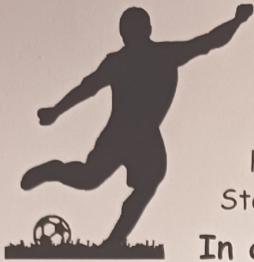


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Liverpool Football



Development

At Cardinal Heenan (Sports Hall)
Honey's Green Lane, Liverpool, L12 9HZ
Starting on Thursday 26th September 2024



In association with First Kick Football

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| School years - Reception & Year 1 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm |
| School years - Year 2 & Year 3 | 6:45pm - 7:30pm |
| School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 | 7:30pm - 8:30pm |

Dear parents,

Places are now available to join a new **12-week football course every Thursday at Cardinal Heenan**, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.



Scott

**TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE
0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534**



We cannot be held responsible for loss or damage to property or clothing
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

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FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS PREMIER SOCCER COACHING



AT DIXONS BROADGREEN ACADEMY
QUEENS DRIVE, LIVERPOOL, L13 5UQ
STARTING THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2024



| | | |
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| Group 1 | 5.00pm – 6.00pm | School Years Reception and 1 |
| Group 2 | 6.00pm – 7.00pm | School Years 2 and 3 |
| Group 3 | 7.00pm – 8.00pm | School Years 4 + |

Premier Soccer Coaching providing safe, fun enjoyable football coaching for Boys and Girls aged between 4 and 13 for 27 years! All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through FUN and confidence building practices. Players are grouped together according to age and ability.

FREE TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS. Places must be booked.

⊕ The course will be held on Thursday evenings, starting 12th September and will run for 12 weeks.

⊕ The cost of the course is £7.50 per week (which is payable every four weeks - £30)
HALF PRICE £3.75 per week for second and subsequent Brothers and Sisters (which is payable every four weeks - £15) with the first payment due on week 1.

⊕ ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST 1 TROPHY on the final week of the course with opportunities for all players to win more during the course including Penalty shoot-out, World Cup competition and **NEW AWARDS** Best Defender and Golden Boot winner.

⊕ The children will be coached by DBS POLICE CHECKED and F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES who are used to working with and bringing the best out in children. The coaches will develop self-confidence and self-esteem through encouragement and positive reinforcements. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

⊕ The course will be held Indoors in the sports hall so trainers should be worn.

If you wish to book a place for your child or have any other questions, please contact us on the details below.

BOOK ONLINE www.premiersoccercoaching.co.uk

**Alternatively CALL 07305 065 525 or Text
BROADGREEN+ CHILD'S NAME+ GROUP NUMBER (1or2or3)
and receive confirmation by text
Stephen Carpenter
(Course Co-ordinator)**

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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#). But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

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Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough, there's no need to keep them off school. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but tie hair back. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups .

Ringworm

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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