

Churchtown Chatter

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'Life Below Water' **Homework project for everyone this half term**

One of the biggest lessons we can teach our children is how to protect the future of our planet. To do this, UNICEF are supporting the 'World's Largest Lesson' and encouraging schools to work towards 17 global goals. As a school we are planning to focus on one aim each half term, to help raise awareness of our impact on the environment. This year's theme 'Every Plate Tells a Story' invites pupils to consider the impact of their food choices on themselves and the planet.

Our focus for Autumn 1 was global goal 2, '**Zero Hunger**'. Children from across the school worked together to produce fantastic art projects, poems, letters and cards to display at St. Cuthbert's church during Harvest Festival. The children enjoyed expressing thanks for the good things we enjoy and collecting a selection of tinned foods to give to others. The School Council also continued to provide charity food to pupils and their families on the playground, donated by TESCO. A selection of children have visited the local Foodbank to see where all the Harvest food collected has been taken and where it goes.

Following on from this, our focus for Autumn 2 will be global goal 14, 'Life Below Water' and this will be everyone's theme for their homework project

In school the children will be encouraged to move beyond healthy eating and consider reducing wastage, eliminating plastic packaging, sourcing food closer to home and checking on the practices of food producers.

We would love to see families getting involved and adults collaborating with children to create and work on a family-based project entitled '**Life Below Water**'.

Ideas could include:

- Research and explore; the threats of plastic waste, how to reduce plastic waste and protect life under the ocean
- Arrange to visit local shops and businesses. What do they do to reduce waste? Could you magpie the best ideas and put them together?
 - Photography based project whilst litter picking in different areas
 - A sculpture of an endangered sea creature or seabird from plastic rubbish
- Look into past/present newspaper articles involving endangered sea creatures. What is the same/different? Have attitudes changed?
 - Find ways of encouraging others to limit plastic and save our seas, a book/poster/blog/leaflet with top tips
 - Look into eco-friendly products and compare them with products on the high street
- Encourage friends and family to collect loose fruit and vegetables in the supermarket, rather than using a plastic bag.
 - Interview local businesses that sell fish and ask about sustainable fishing and waters
 - What are microbeads? Why should we avoid using them?

Or any other ideas you may have to help protect our oceans and how we can do this.

Projects can be presented in any way you choose; a model, display, poster, comic strip, book or even a song or video!
Completed projects should be returned to school on the following:

Year Group	Project Theme	Completion Deadline
Reception	Life Below Water	Thursday 20 th December
Year 1	Life Below Water	Tuesday 4 th December
Year 2	Life Below Water	Wednesday 5 th December
Year 3	Life Below Water	Thursday 6 th December
Year 4	Life Below Water	Friday 7 th December
Year 5	Life Below Water	Monday 3 rd December
Year 6	Life Below Water	Tuesday 11 th December

As a form of celebration, parents will be invited in to their child's class after school on the above dates to look at the completed projects.

Have fun, enjoy and remember, the greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it!



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READING LOTTERY WINNERS

A huge well done to all of you for your hard work reading at home this half term. We have had hundreds of raffle tickets sent to the office and are excited to announce the names of the winning raffle tickets.

Clayton O'Hare - IPC, Abigail Rimmer - IC, Rosie Lowe - 2MT, Logan McDade - 2B
Ruby Drake - 3S, Ebony Barbe - 3A, Niall Prescott - 4HW, Zac Jones - 4Y
Luella Grahamslaw Brew- 5V, James Coward - 5V, Izzy Eccles- 6JM
Narayion Gabriel - McLean - 6SM

Congratulations to all of the children whose names have been drawn out. You will be visiting the Broadhursts Bookshop on Thursday 15th November.

The Reading Lottery will start again on Monday for another 12 people to be picked out before Christmas. Make sure you are in it to win it - keep reading at home !!!



Upsetting Incident in Botanic Car Park

After school on Wednesday 31st October in the Botanic Gardens car park on Verulum Road, a dog was hit by a car. The dog was on a lead with its owner when the incident occurred and parents and children witnessed what happened. School have spoken to the owners of the dog, who are distraught as their dog died following this incident. Sadly the car that hit the dog did not stop at the scene. The incident has been reported to the police by witnesses.

**Please drive extremely carefully
around the vicinity of the school and
the park.**

BREAKFAST CLUB PLACES ARE AVAILABLE

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays

Contact Mrs K. Wilson in
the school office if you
require a place

Tel: 01704 508500

Email: office@churchtown.org.uk

LOOKING FOR YEAR ONE AND TWO READING ANGELS

Contact Mrs Wilson on 01704 508500 if you are interested in helping to hear readers in Year one and two.



Admissions to Reception

We would like to remind all parents of children born between **1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015** of the importance of registering their child for admission to Reception in September 2019. Your child will not automatically be allocated a school place and if there is a sibling connection you must state that on your application. Attendance in our Nursery does not guarantee a school place and you must complete the Sefton application form. You can apply online via the Sefton website, at www.sefton.gov.uk/admissions or if you do not have access to the internet, you can contact the Sefton Admissions Team on 0151 934 3590 and they will forward you an information booklet and paper application form. **The compulsory national closing date is the 15 January 2019. After 15 January 2019, your application will be treated as late.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sat 3rd November	10 - 12 pm - Early Years Open Morning
Tue 6th November	Flu Vaccination - Change of date !!!!!
Wed 7th Nov	Pantomime
Thur 8th Nov	Pantomime
Fri 9th Nov	Remembrance Celebration
Mon 12th Nov	Y3 trip to Cinema
Fri 16th Nov	Hello Yellow Day & Children In Need Day - more details to follow
Wed 14th Nov	Early Years Workshop - Maths - 6pm - Old Hall
Mon 19th Nov	Y6 Trip to The Imperial War Museum
Mon 26th Nov	1.30pm - School Forum
Tues 27th Nov	Y4 Trip to Atkinson
Fri 30th Nov	PTA - Mufti Day - £1
Mon 3rd Dec	Reception & Nursery Party Day
Thur 6th Dec	Nursery & KS1 Party Day
Mon 10th Dec	RS Nativity @ 9.30am
Tues 11th Dec	RIW Nativity @ 9.30am
Tues 11th Dec	Year 4 Play @ 2pm - 4K & 4Y
Wed 12th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 12th Dec	PTA Christmas Discos More details to follow
Thur 13th Dec	RC Nativity @ 9.30am
Thur 13th Dec	Year 4 Play @ 2pm - 4HW & 4S
Fri 14th Dec	KS2 Party Day
Mon 17th Dec	1.30pm - Y5 Carol Service @ St Cuthbert's Church
Wed 19th Dec	PTA Cinema Night
Fri 21st Dec	Break up at 2pm for Christmas holidays

Please note the change of date for the flu vaccination, it will now be on Tuesday 6th November