

KNOWSLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Our celebrations this week: Friday 9th February 2024

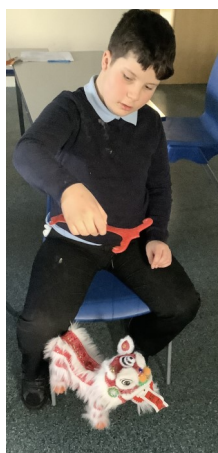
- We're sure you will know Blue our school dog. During the Spring and Summer term we will be working with Hope's Therapy Dogs to develop Blue's role across school, including lots of opportunities for her to support the children during their library sessions and to develop their skills caring for her. Hope's Therapy Dogs is a company run by Ali Colley who has also started a charity called 'Hopes Heart'. If you would like to learn more or donate to this extremely worthwhile cause please click on the link https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ali-colley?utm_term=32e2k5N8X



- In class Chestnut we have been looking at African tribes and copying their styles and their dancing. We used drums and different instruments to copy an African rhythm. We have really enjoyed learning all about Africa.



- Class Mulberry have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week. In Maths lessons we have explored a selection of shapes and pattern activities which were themed on the celebration. The children have demonstrated lovely focus during our special Attention Autism session. Our story this week was 'Dragons in the City'.



FRIENDSHIP AWARD

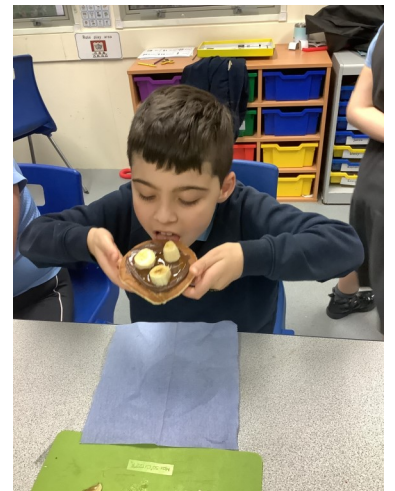
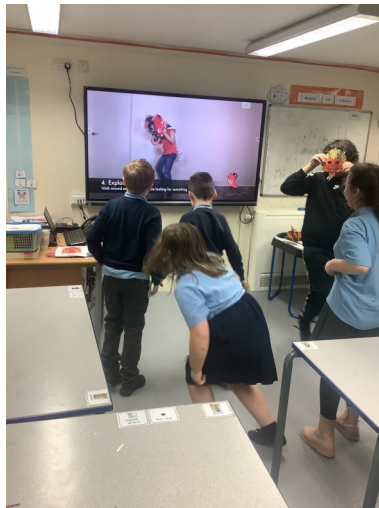
The pupils and staff are identifying acts of kindness throughout the school. Our award winners this week are:

Blossom:	Harry
Apple:	Harrison
Juniper:	Lenny
Maple:	Curtis
Willow:	Lennie
Holly:	Teddy
Chestnut:	Jack
Mulberry:	Oscar
Redwood:	Lacey
Rowan :	Zack
Cherry:	Theo

CLASS OF THE WEEK

REDWOOD

We have had a busy week in Class Redwood and celebrated lots of different things. We have learnt about the Chinese New year, investigated shapes and patterns during Geometry week and talked about how to keep safe during our Safer Internet Day. We have also decorated our own pancakes for an early Pancake Day celebration.



-EAT TO MEET 2-HALF TERM PROGRAMME -

The February “Eat to Meet 2” Half Term programme starts on the 12th February and there are lots of great activities happening over the school holidays. Children and young people, from reception to age 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, will be able to access hundreds of activities throughout the half term holidays including specific provision available for children with SEND or additional needs, at no cost. There’s a great range of activities across the city including activities linked to Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday, and Valentine’s Day as well as boxfit, football, music, dance, cycling, gymnastics, smoothie making bike, cooking, discos, archery, arts and crafts, drama, tri-golf, trips out and zorbing! Every day there will be a range of fabulous meals available with many schemes holding family events as well.

To find out where your nearest scheme is click on this link <https://merseyplay.com/february-half-term-eat-to-meet/> or go to <https://www.merseyplay.com> and click on the February Eat to Meet half term activities link.

When a parent/guardian/carers has chosen the activity/scheme they will need to contact that organisation to book a place. Each organisation will have either a telephone number, email address or online booking system. If their child has any additional needs or dietary requirements then they will need to discuss this with the organisation when they book. There is no central booking system so they will need to read the details of the programmes on the website and contact the providers directly.

If you want to know how to register or how to check if your child is eligible for free school meals then please click on the link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

- You will need your national insurance number or an asylum seekers support number.

If you are struggling with the cost of living then please click: <https://www.liverpool.gov.uk/cost-of-living/>

If you’re more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. Click on the link to find out how to register <https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>

Liverpool City Council is working with Mersey Play Action Council, local schools, voluntary and community organisations, and childcare providers to deliver the Eat To Meet Half Term Activity programme.

The Family Information and SEND Directory also provides a wealth of useful information and support for families - [FISD](#)

PARENT INFORMATION

Holiday Dates 23/24	Date School Closes	Date School re-opens
February half term:	Friday 9th February 2024	Monday 19th February 2024
Easter holiday:	Thursday 28th March 2024	Thursday 11th April 2024
May half term holiday:	Friday 17th May 2024	Monday 3rd June 2024
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 24th July 2024	

Please can we remind parents and carers of the importance of ensuring that your child is in school for the whole day. If your child needs to be collected early please can you contact the School Office beforehand.

Important Notice: Attendance & Punctuality—Attendance is key to your child's education.

School will not authorise holidays in term time for any pupils. If your child will be absent from school it is important that you contact the school via telephone or the School App as soon as possible to report your child's absence. Please also supply any appointment letters or cards.

PARKING

Recently some of the local residents have raised concerns regarding parking at the start and the end of the school day. Please can we ask that when dropping off and collecting your child that you park considerably to ensure the continued safety of our pupils and the local residents.

HALF TERM

School closes for the Half term holiday on Friday 9th February and will re-open on Monday 19th February.

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

AirUnlimited

AirUnlimited weekly SEN sessions will continue to run over the Half Term holiday. We have a dedicated SEN session every Monday night from 6pm - 8pm which is £13 per child and carers go free. These sessions must be booked online as our capacity is highly reduced and only 30 spaces are available.

FunTime

FunTime are holding a half term SEN Session on Wednesday 14th February 9.30-11.15am, you need to book in advance by calling 0151 487 7125 -

First Holy Communion

Any parents wishing for their child to make their First Holy Communion this year please speak to Vicky.

This Weeks	%
Attendance	
Blossom	86.0
Apple	92.0
Maple	90.0
Juniper	88.0
Willow	88.0
Holly	98.0
Chestnut	72.0
Mulberry	97.0
Redwood	79.0
Rowan	83.0
Cherry	85.0
Whole School	87.0