

Ursuline's September Newsletter

Following in Jesus' footsteps we love, learn and grow together.

Welcome back to all our children and families. It has been lovely seeing our children return to school and settle into their new classes. I would like to give a warm welcome to all our new families and members of staff.

Reception have settled well into school life. The children have been getting to know each other, learning new routines and developing their ability to share and take turns. We have been really pleased to see the children engaging well in our learning areas and have noticed that a favourite is the Role Play areas, both indoors and out. They are using what they know in their play, 'making tea', 'answering phone calls' and 'nurturing our baby'. They are also using their physical development skills and 'have a go' attitude to learning through water play, construction and expressive arts and design. Well done Reception for a super start to the year!



Year 1 have enjoyed a busy start to the year. The children have played new games in PE, learned about a new artist, used practical maths to solve problems, used technology to complete puzzles, become map makers and so much more.

We love getting outdoors in year 1. So far, we have explored the eco garden and school grounds to improve our fieldwork and mapmaking alongside studying the range of plants on site and becoming leaf detectives by making close observations. We have even discovered a piano playing bear in the hall!



Year 2 children have made an excellent start to the new school year. As part of our science learning we welcomed a very special visitor to class. Miss Kelly came to talk to all of year 2 about how she cares for baby Pippa. The children listened carefully and asked excellent questions. Miss Kelly said



she will come back and visit us again so we can see how much Pippa has grown.

Year 3 have been enjoying our geography lessons by carrying out fieldwork in our local area. This has helped us to understand the different human and physical features we have around us and we have further developed our map reading skills to help us. We have also begun our English lessons and the children are extremely excited to be reading Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, they are all so intrigued to find out more as we go through the book!

Year 4 have had an exciting few weeks here at Ursuline. We have been conducting some fieldwork around our local area. This has helped us to develop our geographical skills and made us really examine the human and physical features in our environment. We have begun drumming lessons with our visiting peripatetic teacher. It has been great fun exploring rhythms and developing our drumming technique. We have begun our new science topic on states of matter by investigating and classifying solids, liquids and gases.



Year 5 has had a wonderful and energetic start to the new school year. With so much to look forward to, we are all excited about the year ahead. Not wanting to wait for the fun and excitement we started the year with Military School sessions, science investigations and walks around our local area combining our geography skills and computing enquiry.



Year 6 have started the year fantastically, showing great maturity during a busy, exciting couple of weeks. As part of our learning in art we have researched Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, the architect of the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, before sketching the famous landmark. We have also started to develop our basketball skills in PE as well as enhancing our health and fitness. In geography, we have used maps to locate places of interest in the local area, recognising OS symbols and understanding 4 figure grid references. Our computing lessons have taught us how data is transferred across the internet and we have used Carl Linnaeus' classification system to assist us in grouping animals and plants by their characteristics.



Sporting News

On Friday 22nd September our year 5-6 girls' netball team took part in a training session followed by an inter league tournament at Merchant Taylor's Boys school. Three schools took part and our girls drew the first two matches and won the final match against Stanfield 1-0. Great defending and super passing resulted in the winning goal scored by Annabelle. The girls were excellent representatives for Ursuline.



On Friday 22nd September the year 5-6 boys Football Team played their first league match against Merchant Taylors. The team played fantastically well against a good side but were unlucky to lose 6-1. If they continue to play as a team and try as hard as they did, I'm sure they will win plenty of matches this season! Well done boys!

Mission Statement

On Tuesday 3rd October we will be launching our new mission statement. A lot of work has gone into developing a new Mission Statement and we have taken ideas from children, staff, governors and families. More information to follow.



Wednesday Word

Don't forget to access this wonderful resource to support the sharing of the Gospel at home. Follow the link below to access our prayer resources page where you will find, amongst other resources, The Wednesday Word. [Family Prayer Resource](#)



Mental Health Day

World Mental Health Day is on the 10th October and we are asking children to wear an item of yellow with their school uniform. We will be supporting the charity Young Minds and children can bring in a donation to support the charity's work. Young Minds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.



Healthy Lunchboxes

We encourage all our parents/carers who provide a packed lunch for their child to provide a balanced meal. Government guidelines recommend that a packed lunch should include:

- One portion of fruit or vegetables each day.
 - Meat, fish or another source of non-dairy protein each day (e.g. lentils, beans, pulses, falafel).
- A starchy food each day e.g. rice, potatoes, pasta, noodles, cous cous, cereals.
- A dairy food each day e.g. milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais.
- An oily fish at least once every three weeks.

Children are not allowed to bring in fizzy drinks or energy drinks as part of their packed lunch. For further information on healthy lunchboxes please follow the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Healthy Snacks

All children in the infants are provided with fruit or vegetables at breaktime. Children in KS1 and KS2 can bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime. Children should not bring in crisps, chocolate and biscuits to have as a snack.

PTFA

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on Thursday 28th September in exchange for wrapped, shop bought cakes. All cakes will be sold at our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September after school drop off.

Wednesday 11th October PTFA AGM at 6:30pm. All welcome to attend.



National 500 Words Writing Competition

Calling all our creative writers across the school

The UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10 November.

Children from 5-7 and 8-11 are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read. Class teachers will encourage your child(ren) to enter.

Follow the link below for more information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>





Fun Run

On Sunday 1st October Sacred Heart will be hosting a Crosby Community 5K Charity Fun Run. This event is being held in memory of Isobel Morison, a teacher at Sacred Heart who sadly passed away in 2019. We are encouraging all of our local community to get involved. The event is open to all ages and all abilities – feel free to walk or run! The event is being hosted by Sacred Heart Catholic Academy. Both Liverpool Road and Endbutt Lane gates will open at 9.30am and the race will begin from the back field at 10am. The finishing post will be at the front of the school. Each school has chosen a charity to support. The four charities are Jack Riding Foundation, The Jacob Billington Trust, CAFOD and Claire's House. As a school we chose to support Claire's House this year.

To register for the 5k, please click this link <https://forms.gle/YaLd4u8MJ5aVDZcDA>

To pay the £5 entry fee, please click here- <https://gofund.me/0f5ff2ac>

Charitable Work

Congratulations to Gab in year 4 and his older brother Emilio who have raised nearly £800 for Mary's Meals. Both boys took part in a charity haircut over the summer holidays. As well as raising money for charity they are also sending their hair to the Little Princess Trust who make wigs for children going through chemotherapy. Well done boys we are very proud of you both.

PE Kits

On PE days, please ensure your child is wearing their school PE kit:

- House team coloured T-shirt with school logo (red, yellow, green or blue)
- Navy Blue shorts/skorts
- Black jogging bottoms (If weather is cold)
- Black sweatshirt (If weather is cold)
- Velcro fastening or pull-on pumps or trainers

Football kits or multicoloured hoodies/sweatshirts should not be worn. Please let school know if you have any difficulties purchasing the correct PE Kit.

Prefects

Congratulations to our year 6 children who have been voted as school prefects for this academic year. I am sure you will be excellent ambassadors for the school.



Some dates for your diary:

1.10.23	Sacred Heart Charity Fun-Run
13.10.23	School Photograph Day
10.10.23	World Mental Health Day- children to wear an item of yellow
17.10.23	Parents'/Carers' Evening
18.10.23	Parents'/Carers' Evening
19.10.23	School Closes for Half Term
20.10.23	INSET Day
30.10.23	School Re-opens
30.10.23	Year 5 Residential to Condover Hall
1.11.23	Year 5 Children return from Condover Hall
15.11.23	Reception Open Evening for Prospective Families 2024-2025
16.11.23	Whole School Flu Vaccination Programme
30.11.23	Reception Open Evening for Prospective Families 2024-2025
1.12.23	Santa Dash
6.12.23	Book Look for Families 3:30pm-5:30pm
11.12.23	Christmas Performance for Year 3 Families 1:30pm
12.12.23	Christmas Performance for Year 4 Families 1:30pm
13.12.23	Christmas Performance for Reception Families 1:30pm
14.12.23	Christmas Performance for Year 1 Families 1:30pm
15.12.23	Christmas Performance for Year 2 Families 1:30pm
19.12.23	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
20.12.23	Year 5 & Year 6 Carol Concert St Joseph's Church 6:30pm
21.12.23	Christmas Party Day

22.12.23	School Closes for Christmas 2pm
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