

## Ursuline's June Newsletter

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

### Reception

Reception loved learning about some of the amazing sea creatures in our oceans and seas through our non fiction text Fantastic Fish. They enjoyed visiting our own 'Blue Ocean Aquarium' and seeing all of the wonderful sea creatures there as well as reading some interesting facts. The pufferfish is a real



favourite with its elastic skin, not forgetting the colossal shark! We have moved on to looking at how we can look after our oceans now which also links nicely with our final Come and See topic of Universal World.

Rock Kids and Circus Skills Day have also been highlights in June. Wow - what fun we had dressing up and performing as rock stars as well as learning some new circus skills... spinning plates, juggling hats, rolling flower sticks.

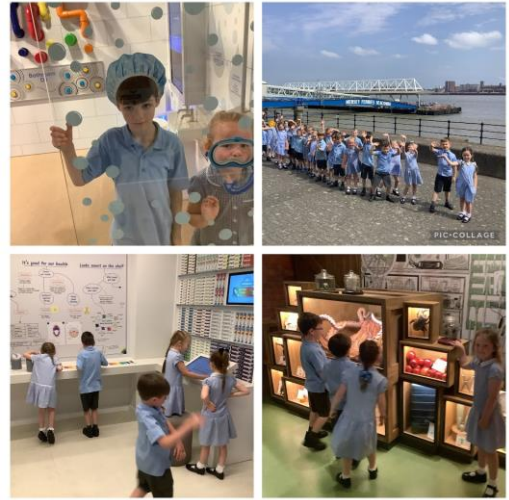


### Year 1 & 2

This week year 1 & 2 had a fabulous trip to Eureka Science and Discovery centre. It was a great opportunity to experience science first hand with lots of practical activities to explore and a fun "Gross Science" workshop as well. Year 1 and 2 were excellent ambassadors for the school.

## Year 1

Year 1 have loved getting out and about this month! Class 1W had a fabulous time at Laurel's Wood, following on from class 1B's earlier visit. They got stuck in with a range of activities including, shelter building, foraging, nature art, wood carving, fire lighting and more. It was a truly memorable day! We were also very proud of Alexander in class 1B for helping plan our fabulous litter pick alongside our friends from Crosby Wombles. Class 1B worked as a team to help clear up the park before enjoying a play as a little treat afterwards. We're looking forward to working with Crosby Wombles again in the future. Year 1 have also enjoyed using our outdoor prayer areas back in school to celebrate Prayer and Liturgy together in a beautiful natural environment.



## Year 2

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed planting sunflower seeds and watching them grow! They learnt that a plant needs; water, sunlight and the right temperature to grow. The children were very excited when they saw a tiny shoot pop out of the soil. The children have started a Science experiment to show what happens to cress seeds when they are grown in different conditions. They will monitor them over the next

few weeks to see what happens!



Year 2 also had a fabulous time during Rock Kidz day! They learnt some new songs and danced away at the end of the day concert. The songs helped with the children's self-esteem as we sang about being awesome. The children were given an important message from the day; YASBA- You're awesome so be awesome!

### Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their new history topic 'Early civilisations'. They worked as a team to unpick a range of sources to investigate and answer enquiry questions. The children were able to explore religion, achievements, fun and leisure as well as who ruled during the time periods. We are great historians in year 3 and love finding out about the past.



We had the best time during our 'Rock Kidz day'. All the children got a chance to learn a new song with such a positive message to be who you are. The children rocked out all day and enjoyed the time experiencing a new type of music.

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fun-filled few weeks. We have been working incredibly hard learning our multiplication facts and we are now super speedy! As part of our Design and Technology work, we explored Mexican dishes; we had great fun tasting and evaluating a range of foods. We are looking forward to planning and making our own Mexican food in the next few weeks.. In History, we have begun to learn about the Maya and have enjoyed conducting our own research about this civilisation. At home, we are working on projects about various European countries and we can't wait to share them in class.



We tried a new sport this month when a curling coach came to visit. We had a great time throwing our stones and trying to get them to hit the house. The children really enjoyed learning about a sport that many of them had never heard of before.

4G invited families to their Come and See end of topic celebration earlier this month and it was lovely to share the children's learning. As part of our work learning about Islam, some Year 4 pupils brought in Islamic artefacts from home and shared them with their fellow classmates. It was lovely to hear first-hand accounts of how Muslims pray and use the Quran. Thank you children.

## Year 5

Year 5 has had such a busy time! We have been lucky enough to be invited to not one but two high schools. The STEM day at Sacred Heart was fascinating and was followed by an Olympic themed day at Chesterfield. Next came the Sefton Crucial Crew at Aintree where we learnt about life skills that will enable us to keep ourselves and others safe.

Rock Kidz was an amazing experience and we loved rocking out with Cam and Grace - YASBA!

In school we have enjoyed learning about Islam, specifically Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr. As many Muslims break fast with a fruit drink we designed recipes for our own fruit smoothies, made them and then the best bit we tasted them!



We have been learning a lot about the Lebanon civil war as our new text, *Oranges in No Man's Land* by Elizabeth Laird, is set in the city of Beirut during this time. It has been fascinating to see how she has woven facts into her fictional story.

We are so very proud of two groups of Year 5 children who have raised money for essential charities close to our hearts. Annie, Emmie and Sophia made friendship bracelets for Macmillan Cancer Research and Elsa, Eloise, Jess, Millie, Daisy, Carina, Anais and Sophie made pompoms for Alder Hey. Grand totals to follow.



## Year 6

It has been such a busy time in Year 6 this month! Our children have been to their secondary schools recently for transition day in order to prepare them for the next chapter of their educational journey. Back in school, we have had so much fun discovering 'Francis' and writing our own narratives and diary entries based on the story itself...some of them are really spooky but we couldn't stop reading them! During Islam week, we have been learning all about the Five Pillars observed and respected by Muslims and we have also learned how Allah is depicted through words and his 99 names! As a reward for all of our hard work, we have also enjoyed some of the Euro 2024 games live in class - it's been an awful lot of fun and a great experience for everyone!

Year 6 have loved Design & Technology workshops bringing together, 'All the fun of the fair!'

'En Garde!' Watch Year 6 advance in their fencing skills.



## **Sporting News**

We have had plenty of sporting events recently with the Year 5's playing in a local schools tournament at Jeffrey Humble. The team had great fun and played lots of football for the afternoon. The year 4 football team have had trips to both Liverpool and Everton academy for tournaments. They finished joint 1st at Liverpool and unfortunately lost in the semi finals at Everton. The team were fantastic and represented the school brilliantly. Finally the year 5/6 football team went to Liverpool academy where they took part in a tournament and finished third. They were again brilliant and played with smiles on their faces.

We have also had some wonderful enrichment days for the children with reception, year 1 and 2 experiencing a wonderful circus skills workshop. Year 3 and 4 had a curling day which was wonderful and year 5 and 6 have had a fencing day with Year 6 also now undergoing a series of fencing sessions following this.

## **Ursuline Euro 2024**

The Ursuline Euro 2024 has reached the knockout stage. All the children have embraced the madness at lunchtimes and have produced some wonderful matches. The round of 16 will be played on Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July. The last 16 matches will be:

Switzerland vs Italy

Germany vs England

Serbia vs Georgia

Croatia vs Belgium

France vs Romania

Portugal vs Scotland

Poland vs Czech Republic

Ukraine vs Netherlands

It has been brilliant to see the whole school coming together from reception all the way to Year 6. Let's hope that the rest of the tournament is as exciting and fun as the group stages have been!

**Reminder: Families are invited to Ursuline Euro Final on Wednesday 10th July at 2pm.**



## Fundraising

A big well done to Jude from Year 2 who took part in a muddy challenge to raise money for Cancer research. He has raised nearly £500 so far! Well done Jude!

Thank you to all the families across school who made donations as part of our green day. We raised almost £100! Crosby Wombles will be able to make use of these donations to continue their fabulous work.

Thanks again to Beth, Olivia, Sienna and Bonnie who raised £600 for Guide Dogs Appeal. The girls led a whole school assembly on raising awareness of the appeal together with special guests Julie, Ruth and Polly.



## 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](#)



## 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, couscous, 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.

All pupils are invited to bring a water bottle to school. We are struggling to find space to store large and/or wide water bottles. Please encourage your child to bring a small bottle that can easily be fitted into our class bottle crates. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## 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.**

## Curriculum information

Don't forget that our website contains information about the curriculum for all subjects. Visit our class pages for up-to-date information about what is happening in each of our year groups.

## **Holiday requests**

School has recently received a number of term time holiday requests. As a reminder, we are unable to authorise term time holidays (apart from some exceptional circumstances). Holidays taken during school time may incur a fine.

## **Some dates for your diary:**

2.7.24	School Nurse Talk Year 5 & 6
5.7.24	Summer Fayre
10.7.24	Ursuline Euro 2024 Final 2pm
12.7.24	Family Book Buzz 9am-9:30am
15.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Mass 6pm at St Joseph's Church
17.7.24	Reception Prayer and Liturgy 2,30pm - Parents and Carers are welcome
19.7.24	End of Term 2pm

All school newsletters can also be found on the school website under the parent tab.