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Dear Parents, Carers & Children

This Week

We have been participating in the Big Bird Watch this week. Children have had time outdoors to see which common birds they can spot in our environment. We have been thinking about how to improve the school grounds to attract birds and our Eco Council have displayed helpful posters with instructions to make eco friendly bird feeders out of toilet rolls and oranges.

On Wednesday we welcomed some Year 6 children from local schools to work collaboratively on a maths project called Maths in Motion. The children were put into teams with children from other schools and they will work together to design a car and make it move. Our Year 6 children Aiden, Grace & Lotty were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Year 1 Geography Field Work

Next week Year 1 will be walking around the block (Back Lane, Sandy Lane, Course Lane and back to Back Lane) to enrich their current Geography topic, physical and human features.

Triathlon Event

On 19th February Trikidz coaches will be coming to school to give children in Years 1-6 the opportunity to have a go at triathlon events. They will have a go at running, biking and simulated swimming using resistance bands. Children must have pumps or trainers to be able to participate, school shoes will not be accepted.

Positive Parenting Program

Please take a look at the attached flyer to support parents with positive parenting. There are minimum numbers for us to run the programme so please contact school if you would find this beneficial.

Year 6 pick up

While we encourage a growing independence in the Year 6 children as preparation for going to high school I'd like to remind parents that if you wish for children to be released off site without being collected by a known adult we will need confirmation of this arrangement in writing for our records.

Warmest Regards,

Headteacher





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Key Vocabulary – ask me about:

To challenge and deepen the understanding of key vocabulary learned this week in PSHE ask your child about these words:

Team Nursery: Defrost. Beak.
Team Crane: Robin. Blue Tit.
Team Halton: Breezy. Mild.
Team Lucas: Damp. Gusty.
Team Rigby: Whittle. Blackbird.
Team Venables: Ornithologist. Magpie.

Moment of Mindfulness:

This week we have considered 'The Tempter' (Luke 4.1-13):

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, 'if you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."'

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will be all yours.' Jesus answered, 'it is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."'

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest Point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

When the devil finished all this tempting, he left him.

We thought about when we may have been tempted to do something we knew in our hearts was not right.

Let Your Light Shine

Matthew 5:14-16

Those children who have demonstrated both effort in school and the Gospel Value of Hope are:-

Team Crane

Dylan

Team Halton

Thomas

Team Lucas

Lorelai

Team Rigby

Freddie W.

James

Team Venables

Reuben

Aiden

Congratulations to the SILVER BIRCH FAMILY for gaining the most points this week.

Times Tables Rock Stars Leaderboard:-

Year 3 – Oliver Year 4 – Hayden

Year 5 – Reuben

Year 6 – Dylan

Next Week at Newburgh:-

Dinners – Week 3

<u>Weds</u> – Y5/6 Benchball comp at 4pm. Ormskirk School.

<u>Thurs</u> – Tower Wood Parents' Meeting 5pm.

<u>Fri</u> – Break Up & PTA Donut Sale 3.30pm.

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Message from the Eco Council

This January, we are taking part in Buy Nothing New Month! This campaign (led by Keep Britain Tidy) is all about cherishing the things we already have, repairing things rather than sending them to landfill and finding homes for things we no longer need. As a school we pledge to buy nothing new in January and challenge you to do the same at home!

To assist you in finding homes for things we no longer need we have two initiatives set up for your old clothes:

- Our PTA collect good condition uniform for our pre-loved uniform shop. We now have an order form available in the main entrance of school should you wish to place an order for uniform items.
- We have arranged a Rags 2 Riches collection on **22 February 2024.** Nearer the time children will be sent home with a bag to collect items of good clothing (NOT uniform), belts, handbags, paired shoes and other footwear. School will receive 50p for every kilo received and the items of clothing are sent to Ukraine to be sold as affordable clothing for those in need. Please consider whether or not the clothes you donate are suitable for someone else to buy and wear. You can start to drop off bags from February 19th (straight after half term).

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Wellness & Recovery Workshops



The Wellness and Recovery Workshops are for people who are struggling with their mental health and are ready to start their recovery journey.

Through these workshops we aim to assist individuals to develop an effective action plan which will aid their wellbeing and support them through life's day to day challenges.

Our next workshops start Wednesday 7th February 6pm-8pm Online via MS Teams

For more information please email: cad@lscft.nhs.uk or find us on Eventbrite by searching for Wellness & Recovery Workshops.

Workshops take place over 6 sessions. Spaces are limited so please ensure you can make all dates before booking your place.

7th Feb, 6pm-8pm: Session 1: What do we mean by recovery? 14th Feb, 6pm-8pm: Session 2: Learning from our experiences:

21st Feb, 6pm-8pm: Session 3: Putting things in to Perspective and Early Warning Signs

28th Feb, 6pm-8pm: Session 4: Emotions and Triggers

6th Mar, 6pm-8pm: Session 5: Coping Strategies' and Support Networks

13th Mar, 6pm-8pm: Session 6: Self- advocacy and Hope









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