

## Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

Max E, Abdul W M, Freya R, Rehman M, Ethan McN, Parisha R, Max H, Isaac O'H, Jacob O-M, Miley C, Toby R, Robyn C, Vian M, Beau R, Arben L, Eddy McN-L, Oliver N, Niall O'C, Denikah N-S, Ethan H, Leo T, Isaac F, Aliyah K, Bethan L-Q & Brennan L.



James S, Oscar M and Will T attended the North West Gifted and Talented "A Voyage of Discovery" day at The King's School in Macclesfield last weekend.

They had a great day learning lots of geographical facts and how to become a historical detective. They learnt about Phileas Fogg, doing 80 minutes around the world, learning about different countries, animals and foods. They got to taste some of the foods cheese, bread, meats and even chocolate!



Jack and Freya R have made Easter Cards which Prefects will sell at breaktimes, to support the people of Ukraine. If you would like to purchase one, please send in £1.



# SEUSSICAL REHEARSALS

**Rehearsals Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>  
March**

**CHANGE OF VENUE -  
REHEARSALS WILL BE IN  
THE SUTTON TIMMIS NOT  
MV AND UNTIL 6PM**

Songs and scenes, we will be setting are below:

- **All for You - Gertrude, Bird Girls and Cat**
- **Message from the Front Dialogue - Schmitt and JoJo**
- **Meet JoJo The Who Dialogue - Mayors, JoJo and Cat**
- **Amazing Gertrude - Gertrude, Cat and Bird Girls**

All ticket and costume letter have been sent home with your child.  
Please check school bags.

Tickets are now on sale - we have nearly sold out for the Friday evening performance!



We have had a very busy week of sport in the Prep school this week!

It actually began last Friday, as the Year 6 footballers played in the first leg of their newly revised tournament at Simpsons.

The year 6 boys' football team continued in action last Friday. They were in a mini league at Heron Eccles. They had 4 games to play that afternoon and managed to win their first 3 which included a 7-0 win. As usual the boys involved did the school proud. We had several year 5 players involved as well who also stepped up remarkable and weighed in with the majority of the goals on the afternoon. The first game saw us win 2-1 against Mosspsits having come back from a goal behind. The equaliser had been scored by the always dangerous Joe C with the winner coming late on from a shot inside his own half by Mason N.

A 1-0 win followed against Woolton before a 7-0 victory over Monkstown. Unfortunately, we started slowly in our final game and found ourselves 2-0 down before we rediscovered our form. Unfortunately, it was not enough for the win and we lost the game 4-2.

As usual there were some great performances. Daniel C is showing what a commanding presence he is in goal and Ben P had arguably his best afternoon. He was first to every ball and distributed the ball well. He managed to score a fantastic goal from distance to cap off his afternoon.

Joseph O was strong in defence winning most high balls and Thomas B again played a variety of positions and excelled in each one.

Jack W had a very strong afternoon winning his challenges and was not afraid to carry the ball down the flank if he couldn't find the pass. This provided a great outlet for us at times.

Our midfield pair of Leo and Charlie again shone and set the pace for our games while Elijah was full of skills and running as usual. Finn and Harvey caused problems all tournament and combined well with our wingers up front. All in all, it was a really enjoyable afternoon and it was a good test for the team.

This Tuesday saw us take on Rice Lane in a friendly. It was great to be able to play the game here on our own pitch and brought back memories of a pre-covid time. It was another step towards normality. This was a tough, physical game and we soon found

ourselves 2-0 down. However, as the game went on we began to settle. Daniel again, buoyed the team on with his shouts to the team and his saves. Mustafa matched the physical strength of his opponent throughout to keep him at bay and Jordan was commanding in the centre of defence until a back injury forced him off. Joseph O had a strong game and defended well throughout and a special mention must go to Niall O'C from year 5 who was making his debut. He started out on the wing and looked dangerous before being moved to defence where he was able to break up several attacks with his tough tackling.

Harvey played well on the wing and created several chances before scoring a much-deserved goal as we began our comeback. Josh also played wing for some part before also having a stint up front. I was very impressed with Josh's clever passes that opened up the opposition defence and we were unlucky not to score more as a result of them.

Finn S had one of his best games up front too. He showed a willingness to close the opposition down and was our first line of defence but he also showed some lovely touches and skills and caused a lot of problems.

Chet L was back in the team after nursing a knee injury and put in a great performance which included winning and scoring a penalty to equalise.

Elijah added to his goal tally this season by bursting through to score a third which won the game for us.

Charlie W worked hard on a very packed midfield and was able to find room, with his clever feet, to create chances. Thomas B was a rock as usual and won everything as well as playing some very clever balls from the back to set up our attacks. Leo was brilliant again and continues to form a great partnership in midfield. He reads the game so well as pops up everywhere to pick up loose balls and get us going again.

Eventually the team ran out 3-2 winners in one of the tougher games that they've faced. Man of the match for me was Harvey who really took his opportunity to shine and was full of energy. He was delighted with his lovely goal that started our comeback. Well done to him and to the rest of the team on another good performance.



Then, on Saturday morning, four of our elite runners were out at Wavertree Park in the glorious sunshine, representing both us and the city of Liverpool in a district cross country event. Marina V ran for the Year 6 girls' squad, Beau R ran for Year 5 girls, while Charlie W and Seb W ran for the Year

6 boys. Just being recognised as being good enough the run for the city is a fantastic achievement that these children should be very proud of. Beau was the first up, and she ran excellently. She finished 4th, a good indicator of the standard of competition, and this meant she qualified the **National** Competition in a few weeks! Marina ran next, and while she missed out on qualification in a very tough race, her effort was excellent and she made the school very proud. Up last were Charlie and Seb in the Year 6 boys' race. Seb did fantastically well, managing to qualify for the national competition as well! But Charlie W was outstanding, **recording a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish**, meaning, as far as I'm concerned anyway, he is the fastest Primary school aged child on Merseyside!! He will be joining the others at the National Championships in Market Harborough, and I and the whole school wish them the very best of luck!



On Monday morning, our Year 3 and 4 athletics squad competed in their Indoor Athletics heats at the Academy of St Nicholas. It was a big event, with 7 other schools there, so the hall as packed and loud! We got ourselves warmed up and

prepared for our events. Due to the pandemic, this was the first real experience of an event of this nature for many of our squad. Therefore, many of our competitors were only really learning how and where to start and finish, and how to pass on the baton, and even how to competitively throw a javelin, for the very first time. All of our athletes did brilliantly, putting in a huge amount of effort in every event. After a shaky start, some expert coaching from Mr Marsh helped us massively improve our change overs, impressing some of the line judges! We recorded a mix of 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes. Most impressive were our 4x1 relay teams, who both won their events. Mabel M-R was also very impressive on the speedy bounce, and Albie F did phenomenally well at the javelin! Sadly, we came 5<sup>th</sup> on the day, meaning we didn't qualify for the city finals this time, but we learnt a lot and will use this to try to improve next time!

On Monday afternoon, it was the turn of the Year 5 and 6 cross country teams, as the league made its long-awaited return after a winter hiatus. Sefton Park was the venue, which is a favourite of ours as it means we can walk there!! The walk, and a light jog and stretch, served as a sufficient warm up as the sun shone and the crowds built. Our boys set off first, and it was another memorable effort. Charlie W, as has become customary, strode over the line in 1<sup>st</sup> place. But, brilliantly, Seb W, who has made enormous improvements this season, came in 3<sup>rd</sup>, bagging his first medal. The rest of the runners were excellent, in total recording a team score of 57, by far out best of the season. A special mention to Leo T and Sam P for finishing inside the top 20. This saw us finish a close 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day, cementing our 3<sup>d</sup> place position in the league table too.

The girls ran next, and once again the

effort was superb. Beau R took home her latest 1<sup>st</sup> place medal, while the rest of the girls managed to finish very closely together, which is always of such great benefit to the overall team score. Particularly well done to Jaida L and Marina V for finishing inside the top 20. The girls also finished 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day, and also lie 3<sup>rd</sup> overall this season, but it's a close-run thing! Given Booker and Childwall's dominance over so many years, this in itself is a terrific achievement. We still work towards overthrowing these running superpowers though!

Tuesday morning saw the Year 5 team traveling to Tiber centre for their LSSP football tournament. We arrived early, giving us plenty of time to prepare as the other schools arrived. In total, there were 10 teams at the event, split into two different leagues. The top 2 finishers in each league would then progress to semi-finals and finals, with both finalists qualifying for the city championships. We soon realised in our first game that one of our biggest opponents in the day would be the clock! We have become used to playing longer matches, so suddenly a 6-minute game seemed very short indeed. We dominated many of our league games, but clear-cut chances were hard to come by, which caused us to panic a little. We won our first match 1-0, with Oliver J finding the net for us, but we spoke afterwards about the need to remain calm and play our normal game, knowing the chances would come. This proved to be the case, as we won the next match much more comfortably, with Abu-Bakr H scoring two great goals for a 2-0 win. We won our third game 2-0 thanks to a wonder strike from Mason N, and a brilliantly taken goal from a tight angle from Elise K, who thrived despite being the only girl at the entire event! Our final league game was against Childwall B team,

and we had put ourselves in a commanding position in the group. Somehow, despite dominating the match, our opponents took their only chance and won 1-0. Thankfully, we still ran out as group winners, but this served as a timely reminder that in such short games, these things can happen! And so, to the semi-finals, where we played the runners up of the other league game. We knew this would be our toughest game yet, and it proved to be so. We edged the match, but sadly couldn't find the net, meaning the game went straight to penalties. This was a time for heroes, and captain Joe C, Josh L and Mason N threw their hands straight up to say they'd take one, which is a very brave act in itself! Both teams missed their first penalties, and scored their second, Josh L calming slotting for us. Our opponents missed their last penalty, with Mason N putting his away with aplomb. We were through to the final, and had qualified for the city finals too, so the day was already a success. We lined up against old rivals Childwall in the final. The game was by far the toughest of the day. Childwall played very well and kept us under sustained pressure, but Josh L put in a MOTM performance as a makeshift centre back. He won all of his challenges and kept us in the game. A 0-0 finish took us to penalties once more, and our same three brave players volunteered again. Joe buried his penalty, as did the Childwall player. Josh calmly put his away too, but our opponents score their second as well. It came down to Mason, who took a very cool Jorginho-esque penalty into the bottom corner. Childwall stepped up for their final penalty, and cometh the hour, cometh the man, as our goalkeeper Oliver J, who was only playing in goal due to injury to our regular keeper, saved with his feet! A massive credit to our team, whose immediate reaction was to congratulate and console our opponents,

before celebration ensured. **With medals around our necks and smiles on our faces, we returned to school victorious!** It was a brilliant tournament from our team. Oliver J made a string of crucial and brave saves; Jack W was solid and dependable as ever at the back; Mason N orchestrated play from midfield; Joe C was electric down the left wing; Niall O'C was great in possession down the right; Arben L pressed with intensity up front; Josh L was adaptable in many positions, Elise was brave in possession and scored a great goal, and Abu-Bakr made a vital contribution to win a tight game. Very well done to the team, and to you, if you read all of that! There's more to come too...

On Tuesday afternoon, the same football team made the long journey to Aintree for our latest KMC league fixture against Blackmoor park. As it transpired, it seemed we hadn't quite come down from our earlier triumphed. On a very small pitch, in tricky windy conditions, our opponents had the better of us. They played with great intensity and made life very difficult for us. We still gave a good account of ourselves on the day, and our undefeated opponents told us we gave them by far the closest game they've played this season. The game helped us comeback down to earth a bit, and reminded us that the season isn't over and there's still plenty to play for!

There's more sport today too! This afternoon, we welcome Birkenhead Prep for two games of rugby, two games of netball and a game of football. The reports from these games will feature in next week's newsletter, and be warned, it's going to be another bumper addition!!



Year 4 pupils had lots of fun this week learning about Spanish recipes and finding out about and tasting some tapas.

Well done to Isaac O who made some churros at home- they looked delicious and Year 4 pupils tried tasting tapas and guessing which type of tapas they were eating.

If anyone else would like to tell me about a Spanish recipe they enjoy, just pop it onto Seesaw.



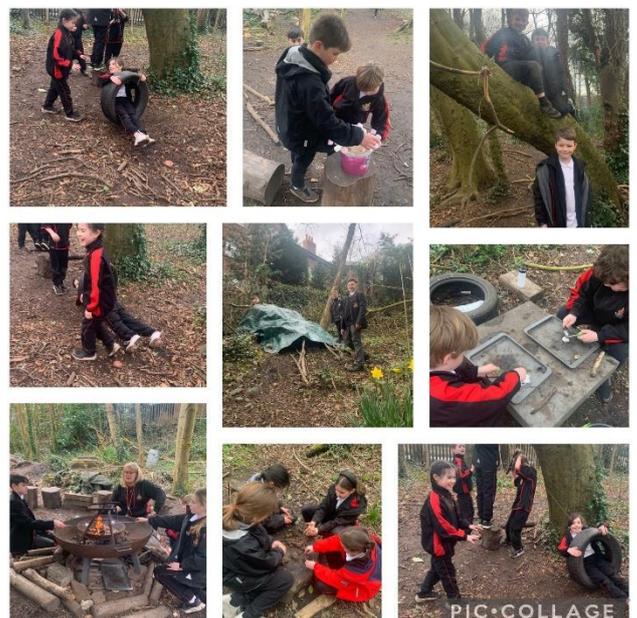
4P came up trumps this week with 2 sessions for their class, it doesn't happen often but they were able to continue projects started over the 2 days. The construction and architecture of their shelters was superb! They worked together to create a swing and a "zip wire"... I wasn't keen to be the test pilot for that one!!

The activity groups were as enthusiastic as always, the mud kitchen became a slave galley and the creation of a mud birthday cake was worthy of a Hollywood handshake!!

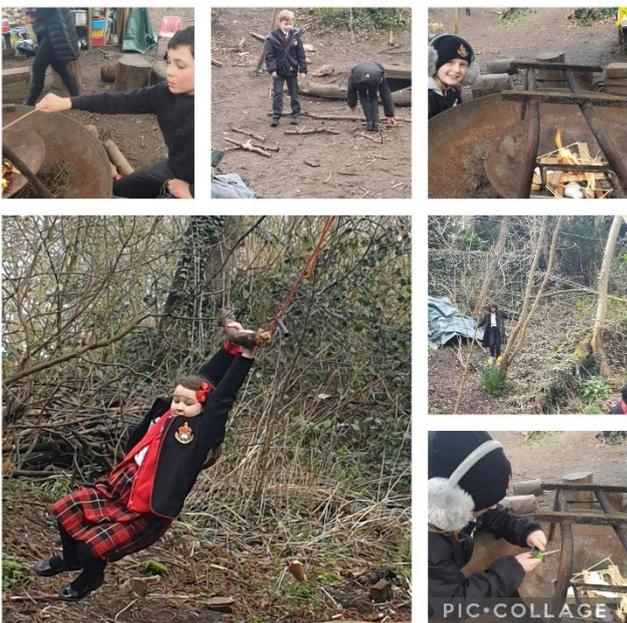
The mud on Wednesday was my favourite part.

The arrival of the daffodils in full bloom fill us with the hope of better weather, not that it matters, forest school is an all weather activity (except storms and high winds), but it's wonderful to see the vibrant colours of nature appearing in the gloomy ground.

Next week's class sessions are 4R, Wednesday and 3P on Thursday.



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Best wishes to you all for a  
good weekend  
**Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep**