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Message from the Headteacher

The children have settled well into the new term and are working hard. They are immersing themselves in their new topics through learning activities inside and beyond the classroom. Our **Meerkats** have begun their forest school sessions linked to their topic—Turrets and Tiaras. The children have

had the opportunity to make different castles out of a range of materials. They have also developed their map reading skills and looked at different plants and trees, to examine how they were used in medieval times.

Our **Penguins** have also started their forest school sessions linked to their topic—Where my wellies take me. The children have made some bird feeders and bird

hides before doing some bird watching linked to their science work. They have also looked at maps, creating their own 3D maps and then locating parts of the grounds by using the map's key. The children have clearly been very busy and are extremely enthusiastic about their work.

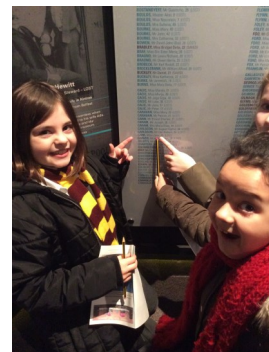
Our **Komodo Dragons** were the first class to go on a trip this term linked to their new topic. The children visited Liverpool Maritime Museum, to understand

more about the Titanic and its fateful maiden voyage. The children had the opportunity to take part in some role play, which included steering the ship, examining artefacts from the ship and dressing up in the clothing of different passengers. The children explored, in character, whether they would have been a survivor, able to access a lifeboat or one of the unfortunate ones who perished in the sea. It was clearly a really immersive experience that the children benefitted from to help them increase their knowledge and understanding of the disaster.

There have also been a couple of **sporting** events this term. with a basketball and indoor athletics competition. It was a first outing for our basketball players and although they played well and showed super teamwork, they were not able to progress into the finals. Our athletes took part in an indoor athletics competition last week, where they participated in a range of events including throwing, running and jumping. The team performed extremely well and they finished fifth overall out of ten schools. Well done team!

Unfortunately, due to the weather, two sports events have been cancelled—a netball tournament and football cup match. Both will be rearranged.

Snow Fun! It was great to see the children enjoying some snow last week. Thank you everyone for bringing in your wellies so you could enjoy the snow. Although amounts were relatively small, we still saw some super snowmen and snowwomen being created.



Now for some warmth!

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Diary Dates



February

4th— School run clubs begin
5th—Safer internet day
7th—Wildlife club begins
7th—small sided football tournament
9th —Cross Country Winter Series Race 3
11th—Orangutans to Upton High School to see 'Into the Woods'
12th—Komodo Dragons and Orangutans' visit to a synagogue and mosque
15th—End of half term

Children return Monday February 25th

25th—Komodo Dragons swimming
25th—Orangutans forest school

March

2nd—Final cross country race
4th—Water polo competition
5th—7th—Penguins' Burwardsley residential
7th—Meerkats trip to Chirk Castle
8th—Meerkats' mini-kickers tournament
11th—Science week
12th—Class photos
13th—Football cup match v Farndon
12th—Choir AmaSing Concert
15th—Meerkats' class assembly followed by coffee
15th—Busy Bees trip to Spaceport
15th—Chester schools cross country competition
15th—Friends' quiz night
18th—Younique Me Week
18th—All clubs finish
18th- Water polo compeition
22nd—9am Orangutans class assembly followed by coffee
22nd—Otters' mini kickers tournament
26th—Danny Jones tournament -Orangutans
26th—Jaguars' trip to the Imperial War Museum/Lowry
26th and 28th—Parents' evenings
29th—9am End of term celebration assembly

Children return April 15th.

April

18th—Friends' Easter egg hunt
19th—Bank Holiday—school closed
22nd—Bank holiday—school closed
23rd—Children return
30th—9am Parent class representatives' meeting

May

2nd—Polling station in school—school will be open
6th—Bank Holiday—school closed
8th—10th—Komodo Dragons AENs residential [Arts Education in a multi-Cultural Society]
13th—SATs week for Jaguars. Breakfast club from 8.15am
23rd—Geography Explorers' Day
24th—Poetry Slam!
24th—End of half term

Children return **Monday June 3rd.**

Nursery Consultation

Our formal public consultation regarding the extension of our age range ends this week. Don't forget to share your views: a link is available on our website.

Please don't forget to return any nursery questionnaires this week too, to help inform us of the type of provision you may require. The building work is progressing well and is expected to be completed later this month.

If things continue to progress positively, we expect to send out information on how to book a place in our new nursery very soon.

Friends

The Friends are busy planning events for the spring term. Please look closely at our diary dates for more information. As always, they greatly value your support.

School Uniform

As you may have seen in the parent class representatives' meeting minutes, the issue of children not wearing the correct socks and footwear was raised. Please can I ask everyone to ensure their child has the correct uniform, including footwear, each day.

Attendance Matters

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, we will be sending home your child's attendance register with an accompanying chart, to support you in understanding and interpreting your child's attendance figure.

Our attendance figure continues to be close to our target, currently standing at 96.9%. Thank you all for your hard work and support to ensure your child attends school each day. Hopefully spring weather will be just around the corner to warm us all and banish all the bugs.

And Finally

A letter will be going out this week regarding two parent governor vacancies. Please consider these positions carefully and if you are interested we would love to have your nomination. It is a great opportunity to work alongside a proactive and forward thinking governing body and support the school as it continues to move forward.

Best wishes
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