

NEWSFLASH

May + beginning of June 2024!

Learning and growing together to achieve our best in the love of God

Our Christian value for this half term is:

Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God": Matthew 5:9



A message from Mrs Shawcross

During the month of May, the children in Year 6 have sat their SATS tests and we are so very proud of them all. Without exception, the children have shown a really positive attitude to learning, determination and resilience in all the papers. Although important, these tests do not assess how special each and every one of our children are and the uniqueness of their talents and achievements. They are all amazing and have the potential to achieve great things! I would like to give a special thank you to the governors who came along to the SATs throughout the week to support the process and to ensure that the tests were administrated correctly with the children's best interests at heart.

We also had EYFS and KS1 sports day this month. These events were a huge success! All the children who took part thoroughly enjoyed themselves and showed great team spirit and sportsmanship. The Y6 children were brilliant sports ambassadors for the events, so much so, parents have emailed into the school to say how impressed they were by the conduct of our eldest children. Another thing to be proud of Y6! Thank you, Mr Duffy, (parent governor) for this fabulous birds-eye view of our KS1 sports day in action!



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Also, this month, Y2 and Y6 went down to church to meet Rev. Janet and other members of the church community to experience Pentecost. This was a wonderful opportunity for these years groups to gain a fuller understanding of the significance of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit. The whole had special visitors from Bible Tales who are a local theatre company that share the good news and messages from The Bible in a contemporary, modern, and exciting way. This went down an absolute storm in school; the comments made by children of how much they enjoyed learning through drama were wonderful to hear. So much so we plan to look at our curriculum and see more drama could be fitted in!

The last week in of May, as you know, the interviews for the substantive Headship post at Rainford C of E took place. It is a privilege to have been appointed by the school Governors/ LDST and entrusted with the job of leading such a fantastic school. I am looking forward to working with the whole community as we strive for even greater success for pupils. It has always been my dream to lead this school.

Key Messages

Guinea Pigs

There will be a survey uploaded onto school spider so you can give permission for your child to hold a guinea pig. We also are looking for families to take care of our guinea pigs for the first three weeks of the summer holidays. Please send an email if you are willing to do this. Thank you

Year 6 Leaver's assembly at Liverpool Cathedral

The songs they will be singing are:

My Lighthouse -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

Greater - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVvhfRzTePO>

Every Giant - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qW63ICBOaVo>

I am Free - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsbFFPWnBIs>

Feel free to practise them this weekend ready for the special occasion!

KS2 Prayer space

We are continuing to develop our woodland school area on the field into a reflective, quiet space for the children to access. Right now, it is not safe for children to use because there are weeds and overgrown thorny bushes. We will host a second clear up of our woodland area on 28th June in the morning. We desperately need more helpers to tidy up. Please can you email if you can come along. Many thanks

Christmas Pantomime!

We are VERY excited to inform you that we have booked, for the first time ever, a WHOLE SCHOOL trip to the theatre to watch Peter Pan in December! More info to follow 😊

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Mental Health Support Team

WELLBEING WEBINARS

NHS Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

Your MHST is running a series of webinars one Friday a month on a number of topics relating to mental health and wellbeing.

TOPICS AND DATES

- Worry Management - 19 January
- Parenting for Anxiety - 23 February
- Low Mood - 22 March
- Neurodiversity - 26 April
- Parent Skills for Behaviour - 17 May
- LGBTQ+ - 21 June
- Emotional Regulation - 19 July

WHEN
4pm to 4:45pm

WHERE
Zoom
(link will be emailed)

To register please email which webinar you want to attend to events@merseycare.nhs.uk

Webinars will be recorded.
No chat function will be available for safety purposes.

OUR SERVICE OFFER – YOUNG CARER RESPITE PROGRAMME



We also have a Football group that runs on a Wednesday/Thursday!

Primary A (School Years 1-3)
Primary B (school years 4-6)

These groups run on alternative Mondays

Secondary A (School years 7-9)
Secondary B (School Years 10-11)

These groups run on alternative Tuesdays

Young Adult's (College years & above)

This group runs on alternative Wednesdays



Young Carers
Chattin 4 Action
Committee

Days out

Age tailored
Workshops

Residential Trips

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Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed our recent Parent Survey! We had 44 responses. We had an overwhelming amount of positive comments. It was a delight reading through them. The responses have been shared with staff and with governors. There was also constructive feedback that we will most definitely take on board.

Based on your feedback we would like to let you know that next academic year we will:

You said:	We will:
You would like the religious curriculum/ worship overview of what is being discussed in school	We will continue to share R.E knowledge organisers each half term (Y1-6). There will be a new website launched in September and the page- Christian Distinctiveness will include: plans that show how we cover all our Christian values across the year; plans detailing how and what we teach in our worship assemblies; link to our R.E curriculum and any other relevant information.
You would like a football team	We feel that having one football team within a primary school limits opportunity for all children to experience this sport. However, in Y5/6 from September, there will be football after-school training throughout the year and children attending this training consistently will be chosen for team competitions.
You would prefer the return of dojo	As much as we understand how many of you enjoyed having access to teachers via dojo because of how quick and instant this form of communication is, unfortunately the expectation for instant responses became unmanageable. This impacted the well-being of our teachers. They were receiving on average 10 messages a day, some of which were sent after 6:00pm. We do feel our new mode of communication via email is working and staff are responding, most of the time, on the day an email is received. If there is an urgent message, you can telephone the phone and the message will be given to the class teacher.

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<p>You did not agree with wonderful walking</p>	<p>This sounds very regimented and controlling so we can see why some parents do not understand why we have this expectation. This is to encourage and reinforce good behaviour and we will endeavour to provide a calm, friendly atmosphere throughout the school. To do so children need to walk around school safely and 'wonderful walking' teaches them this. Children love this in school! They do not have to put their hands behind their backs- this is a choice. They have to walk sensibly and calmly, facing forwards with a smile 😊. You can find wonderful walking in Paul Dix's book, 'When the adult changes, everything changes'. This book has been a game changer in improving behaviour standards through a relational and nurturing way.</p>
<p>You would like more sporting events</p>	<p>We already have lots of sporting events, but we can always think of more ways to include sporting events in our enrichment curriculum. Mrs Gallagher is working with the local schools to plan some inter-schools' competitions in the future. A parent has also signposted us to the park run in St Helens that we are considering attending to introduce our pupils to the joy of running.</p>
<p>Parental input on tapestry is not acknowledged</p>	<p>We were using two modes of communication in EYFS - Dojo and Tapestry. This has meant that we haven't used either to its full potential and some opportunities have been missed. Moving forward, we are going to use Dojo only to share children's learning journey in school and we will endeavour to respond to the learning that is shared from home more than we do now. Thank you for all the parental input that we have received this year.</p>
<p>It would be beneficial for the teacher to write the answer/correct method in their homework books (Y5/6)</p>	<p>Teachers go through the homework as a whole class and mark the workbooks. If your child is having difficulty with a method and you would like a modelled example, please get in touch with the class teacher and they will provide this.</p>
<p>You would like to know more about what learning is happening in the EYFS</p>	<p>There are thorough curriculum maps on the school website which details what learning takes place each half term. Reception have recently sent home overviews to accompany what is available online. This is something we will review for next year.</p>

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Bible Tales

It is Bible Tales vision to share the good news and messages from The Bible in a contemporary, modern, and exciting way. They believe by bringing these tales up to date, children of all faiths can enjoy, understand, and learn from their teachings. Through using drama techniques, our children were able to engage, remember and apply the messages and morals which they have learnt to their everyday lives. We cannot wait to invite B Tales back!



Children's comments:







Sometimes reading stories from the Bible can be a bit boring but I loved acting out the story, it helped me to understand it's meaning!

This was the best day ever!

I loved dancing to the music; it made me feel so happy. I want to thank God for music and singing

B Tales are ace! I enjoyed the drama. Please can we have them come into school again?

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The Code	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<p style="text-align: center;">Rainford CE Primary School CODE OF CONDUCT</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Always try your best and never give up</p> </div>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <p>Respect each other and each others' belongings</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Be honest</p>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Encourage one another</p>  </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Wonderful walking</p>  </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%;"> <p>Find the joy</p>  </div> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: 45%; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Sitting like stars</p>  </div>	<p>Talking in the line Talking over the teacher Tapping equipment Drawing on whiteboards Not sitting like STARS Not wonderful walking Bringing toys/sweets into school 'Play fighting' Getting out of seat during lessons</p>	<p>Second instance of not following the rules <u>or</u> a serious incident such as:</p> <p>Ignoring an adult's instruction Not lining up when the whistle is blown Pushing in the line Coming into school unattended Unkind name calling Mobile phones out on the yard Using technology inappropriately</p>	<p>Third instance of not following the rules <u>or</u> a very serious incident such as:</p> <p>Hitting/ kicking/ punching/ biting Climbing on furniture or equipment outside/ out of windows Swearing Spitting Any racism, sexism, homophobic comments or bullying Violation of privacy (in the toilets) Stealing Fighting/ barging into one another Vandalism Damaging school property Damaging others' work Inappropriate online behaviour</p>
<p>Following the school's rules at all times will help you to learn in every lesson and to earn all of our wonderful rewards!</p>	<p>A verbal warning</p>	<p>Miss 15 minutes of the next playtime</p>	<p>Miss 15 minutes of the next two playtimes</p> <p>A letter of concern home to parents/carers explaining the incident. Letter uploaded to school monitoring files</p> <p>Three letters of concern in one half term will result in a meeting with parents/carers</p>
<p>(<u>not</u> including Reception or Y1 - consequence given appropriate to their age/ development)</p>			

Notes:

- Incidents involving outdoor equipment will result in a ban if using that equipment e.g. football, pogo stick, table tennis
- Children with additional needs may have their own behaviour plan that will use the above in an adapted way.

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Upcoming Dates

3rd June 2024

School opens for Summer Term

W/c 3rd June 2024

Bring and Buy Sale

Carbon Monoxide Safety workshops

PTA F.O.R.C.E.S meeting at REDS Café at
6:30pm

5th June 2024

Class and Team photos
Bring and Buy Sale - TBC

6th June 2024

Y5/6 Quad Kids

10th June 2024

Tri Kidz event

Year 6 Leavers Service at Liverpool
Cathedral

Rainford in Bloom Nature Walk with
Pupil Leadership Team

11th June 2024

Tri Kidz Event

12th June 2024

Reception/Year 1/Year 2 at Songfest
KS2 Sports Day

(Weather Permitting)

New Reception intake evening at 6pm
in School

13th June 2024

Year 3 trip to Chester

Y5/6 Netball tournament at Rainford
High

14th June 2024

Own clothes day for donations to
Summer Gala (more info to follow)

Father's Day Shop

15th June 2024

Walking Day

17th June 2024

Year 5 visit to Rainford High

18th June 2024

Year 5 visit to Rainford High

21st June 2024

Summer Gala from 3:30pm

24th to 26th June 2024

Year 6 Residential at Robinwood

26th to 28th June 2024

Year 4 Residential at Conway

27th June 2024

Y3/4 Quad Kids

30th June 2024

Education Sunday

1st July 2024

Year 5 trip to National Justice Museum
PTA F.O.R.C.E.S meeting at REDS Café at 6:30pm

3rd July 2024

Trust Charity Day
Year 1 & 2 Multiskills

5th July 2024

Whole school transition
(including Year 6 to high school)
Year 6 Leavers Event 5:30pm to 7:30pm

9th July 2024

Year 6 Play at the Church Hall
More info to follow

10th July 2024

Rock Steady Concert

11th July 2024

Year 6 interschool athletics
Year 6 Play at the Church Hall
More info to follow

12th July 2024

FORCES Bingo night

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