

Heswall Primary School

'Better Never Stops'



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Dear Parents,

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Another half-term has gone by in a flash and we are half way through the school year already! It's been another busy half-term with Womble days and Science under the Stars so all the children and the staff thoroughly deserve their week off.

Blue Planet Aquarium – Cheshire Oaks

As you may know, artwork from the South Deeside Primary School Federation has been displayed at the Blue Planet Aquarium. The Blue Planet have kindly advised that children from Heswall, Barnston, Pensby, Gayton, Irby and Thingwall Primary Schools can have a special offer if they visit in half term. If accompanied by a paying adult, our children and their siblings can get into the Blue Planet for just £1. Just turn up and tell them you are from Heswall Primary School before the end of the half-term holiday.

Usborne Books

You should have received a form for a sponsored book read to complete over half-term. Any money raised will be used to buy some much needed books for our school library. Usborne Books will match fund any money raised to help us get our library up to date. Our library is now located in the new shared area in Key Stage Two. Any sponsor money at all, no matter how small will be very gratefully received.

Giraffes and Plastic Bottle Tops.

A new giraffe made from metal wire has appeared in the school grounds for a limited period. The giraffe is to be filled with plastic bottle tops which can be recycled afterwards. After spending time at Heswall, the giraffe will then travel to our other federation schools. This project will hopefully raise awareness of how much plastic is being used and will help us to keep the promises we made during our plastic pledge. Please send in any plastic bottle tops during the first week back so the children can put them inside the giraffe.

Attendance

As in every other Wirral primary school, we are aiming to make our attendance as high as possible. We know that every single day in education counts and every day really matters. Teaching usually follows sequences and children needlessly missing days will have an impact on their learning. More information can be found both on the school and NHS websites: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

The best attending class since September is currently our Y3 class with an attendance of 96.78%. 7 children in Y3 have 100% attendance. Well done to those children.

Dermot O'Leary

Last summer, we took 30 Y5 and Y6 children to London Zoo to attend the Better Energy Schools Awards. Whilst there, we met a number of celebrities including Dermot O'Leary from X Factor and Radio 2 fame. He spent the afternoon with our children and one of our children asked him if he'd come and see our school. He couldn't say no and has kept his promise to call here on his book tour. He will be here on the afternoon of Thursday 12th March to meet our children and officially open our new Key Stage 2 classrooms. We will keep you posted for details.

Have a great half term week away from school. We wish you lots of fun family time and plenty of relaxation too.

Best Wishes,
Mr J Lawrenson

