

St Mark's C.E. Primary School & Little Lions' Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers,

Another brilliant week in school this week!

The children have had an amazing time working with 'Nature's Den' to complete Forest School activities outside. The children were all buzzing with excitement after toasting marshmallows around the firepit and creating amazing artwork with natural materials. Some of the children got to experience a handmade hammock; Mrs Hurst in particular enjoyed a little swing and one of the children excitedly told me, 'I think Mrs Hurst could've fallen asleep in there.'

The children across school also got to experience time with 'The Wigan Runner' this week. His inspirational story really engaged the children and many of them have expressed an interest in running themselves. The children have even encouraged me to join them in Running Club this week. It was wonderful to see the children outside, enjoying exercise and learning new skills.

The children in Little Lions' have been exploring nature alongside 'Nature's Den' this week. They have built on the learning from the session, creating artwork using flowers, greenery and other natural materials. They have enjoyed listening to stories and are working really hard on their listening and attention skills. The children in Reception have been continuing to work hard on their phonics skills, ready for Year 1. It has been lovely to hear them reading captions and simple sentences at their phonic level.

Thank you to all parents for attending the Little Lions 'Stay and Play' session and the Reception 'Inspire' session. It was lovely to see some of you there! If you didn't make it, don't worry, there is another session for you to attend.

Don't forget the next sessions...

Reception Inspire: Tuesday 13th July at 3:30pm

Little Lions' Stay and Play: Wednesday 14th July at 3:30pm

Children in Key Stage One, have been continuing to delve into their class reader 'The Twits.' They have been concentrating on challenging social injustices in lessons, with some of the children writing letters to the RSPCA to prevent animal cruelty. It is lovely to see their passion for supporting the safety of animals and I would love to see where they could take this passion in the future.

The children in lower Key Stage Two have been getting involved with the works of William Shakespeare this week. I have really enjoyed reading letters from the children, getting into character and expressing the confusion felt by particular characters in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.'

Year 5 completed their assessments this week after returning to school from their bubble closure. They have worked incredibly hard and I am so proud of them. Year 6 have been raising money for their Leaver's Treat this week, completing a sponsored walk. They were incredibly enthusiastic and were keen to raise as much money for their treat as possible.

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This week, Pupil Transition meetings were carried out from Little Lions' through to Year 6. Current class teachers and new class teachers met to discuss each individual child, targets and any specific needs. It was a proud moment for me as a Headteacher, to listen to how brilliant the children's attitude to learning has been, even in a year that has held such uncertain times.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that school will be closing for the Summer holidays on **THURSDAY 22ND JULY**. As always with Christmas and Summer breaks, we will be finishing between 1pm-and 1:30pm on this day.

Staggered finish times for Thursday 22nd July

Nursery: Morning session only: 8:45am- 11:45am

Rec: 1:10pm

1/2: 1:15pm

Year 3/4 1:20pm

Year 5/6 1:25pm

As always, have a lovely and safe weekend with your loved ones,

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