



Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts



Auckland College Newsletter April 2017

A Message from Miss Boyd, Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another term is almost over! The time is going by so quickly now and we've been so busy with lots of lovely activities and events.

This term we held all of our Parents' Evenings. It's a busy time, but it is crucial to allow teachers and parents to work together and support the children's learning. Reinforcement from home is vital, in order to complete the learning cycle.

We also held our Parent Assemblies. This was an opportunity for parents and guardians to come into our learning environment and let the children show you what they have been learning about. The pupils put in so much effort and were really excited to share their achievements. I was extremely proud of every

pupil and I would like to thank all of our parents for taking time out to join us.

Our 'Amazing Authors' competition has really taken off and I am delighted with the number of entries we have received for each competition so far and I think the winners were equally delighted with their £10 WHSmith voucher each!

The winners in February were: KS1—Delilah; KS2—Emily; KS3—Rosie and KS4—Olivia.

The winners in March were: KS1—Jaya; KS2—Emily; KS3—Emma and KS4—Jamie.

The new competition for April is for the title: *It was all a dream!*

Again, the PTA have been busy fundraising and this term they have held two very successful film evenings for pupils in Reception to Year 6. All pupils had great fun watching Trolls,

eating our pizza and popcorn together. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for 15th May at 6.30pm, we hope you can join us.

At the end of February we welcomed our new chef, Paul, who has settled in brilliantly and his food has been a hit with all pupils.

In March we said goodbye and good luck to Miss Dora, as she went off on maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the birth of her first child in May.

Keep up to date with what's happening in school, with our regular posts and photos, by liking and following our Facebook page: **Auckland College Independent School Liverpool.**

Have a great Easter break, Miss Boyd



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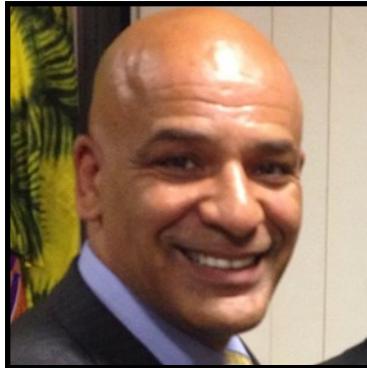
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Important Messages

- Please may I remind you pupils can commence wearing their Summer uniform from 24th April. This consists of girls Summer dresses and boys charcoal grey school shorts and short sleeved shirts.
- Please note the school nurse will be visiting Reception class on 9th & 10th May to perform the Health Screenings.
- Our next Parent Focus Group meeting will be held at 9am on 24th May 2017—parents will be invited to join this group this term via e-mail.
- Holiday club will be closed on 14th April and 17th April due to Bank Holiday and re-opens on 18th April 2017.
- PTA Meeting to commence again on Monday 15th May at 6:30pm in the School hall.

Anthony Akaraonye Invited on to LJM University Board of Governors



We are proud to inform our parents that Anthony, co-founder of Auckland College, has been invited on to the Board of Governors at Liverpool John Moores University.

Anthony has been approached by the Board, in recognition of his work in education and his previous work, as Head of Children's Services, within Liverpool Social Service's Directorate.

LJM University is well established in the city and currently educates over 24,000 students. The University has an excellent track record for encouraging further education to young people within the city. The opportunity to assist the University in reaching future challenges and opportunities is, without doubt, a rewarding endeavour.

The Board of Governors carries responsibility for ensuring the effective management of the University; working with other members of the Board including the Vice-Chancellor, Chief Executive and other staff.

The University is headed by an effective governing body, which is unambiguously and collectively responsible for overseeing the institution's activities, determining its future direction and fostering an environment in which the University's mission is achieved and the potential of all learners is maximised.

Anthony has accepted the invitation and will be attending his first full board meeting in April this year. We wish Anthony every success in his role as Governor of LJM University. Anthony will, of course, continue to support our school's development as Managing Director in conjunction with his support of LJMU.

What has Pre-Prep 1 been up to? Mrs Collins

This term in Pre Prep 1, the children were excellent. animals and insects that they will children have been learning about In numeracy the children have see. Fairy Tales. We have read many been learning about shapes. They They have painted beautiful books as a class, and spoken about are able to name various shapes, flowers with their hands for our the characters, story lines and as well as count how many sides new spring display. suggested alternative endings to and edges they have. the stories. The children have In Art the children have been enjoyed this topic very much and it exploring mixing paint and This term the children have also has encouraged the children to use creating new colours, as well as received their first new school their imaginations. shades. reading book, the children have The children took part in a Fairy Pre Prep 1 has also been learning been very excited to take these Tale assembly, where they had to about spring; they have talked home and share them with their learn and sing songs related to about the differences in the families. each of the stories we had read; environment, as well as the

What has Pre-Prep 2 been up to? Miss Smith

This half term Pre-Prep 2 have In Phonics, the children have been with treats and a class talk from been learning about fairy tales and learning Phase 3 sounds and some one of our students. superheroes. The children have high frequency words and sight learnt a variety of fairy tale and words. The children have recently visited performed beautifully at the class In Maths, the children have been the Walker Art Gallery, where they experienced lots of sensory, assembly and have also practised looking at 'one more' and 'one creative play and looked closely at using sign language (Makaton) to less' with great success. the exhibition painting 'Molly Longlegs'. Finally, Pre-Prep 2 have learnt about the things that define The children really enjoyed been very excited by the arrival of a fairy tale e.g. once upon a time, learning about St Patrick's Day and tadpoles in class and are eagerly happily ever after and generic Nowruz and the typical anticipating their transformation characters that often appear in celebrations associated with these into frogs over the coming weeks. these stories. The children have special days. We learnt a We have been discussing what also labelled their own traditional Irish song, some basic they need to survive and the best superheroes and good/bad fairies steps for Irish dancing and we way that we can look after them. for our display boards. celebrated the Iranian New Year

What has Reception been up to? - Miss Scholfield and Miss Quinn

We have been reading letters. The children and some even half past. topic work. We have been The Not so Boring Day, enjoyed writing their own We have looked at place creating our own caterpillars and butterflies out of paper The Hungry Caterpillar', letter and going to the value and we have also plates, papier-maché, paints and crepe paper. Jack and the Beanstalk, post box to post it. been looking at The children have also been listening to relaxing music and and A Tadpole's Promise. measuring length and describing how they feel. We have written our own compared how tall/ short The children have also been We have been looking at We've had a fun-filled term! stories about our own All of the children can objects are around the We have been using middle and an end. We have now write their own classroom. colours and different writing questions and tell the time on the hour materials to make our

What has Year 1 been up to? - Miss Kelly & Miss Crowley

Year 1 have been working hard this term and continue to produce wonderful work in all subjects.

In Literacy this term, pupils have completed the units 'recounts' and 'sound collecting in poetry'. Pupils particularly enjoyed studying poetry and wrote their own poems based on their five senses. Their poetry contained similes, metaphors, and rhyming couplets.

In Numeracy, Year 1 have been focussing on finding fractions of a

shape and have begun looking at fractions of a number. Pupils have worked on number bonds to twenty and identifying odd and even numbers.

This term, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Road Safety'. Pupils have a good understanding of the importance of crossing roads safely and looking out for hazards or possible dangers they may face. Pupils in Year 1 understand that pedestrians walk on the pavement and vehicles travel on

the road. They know to walk with a grown up and hold hands when walking near a road. Pupils have also examined the Stop, Look, Listen and Think sequence. Pupils also know to travel in a car wearing a seatbelt and a car seat if under 135cm tall.

Year 1 look forward to the challenges of summer term and I am sure all pupils will continue to make excellent progress across the Year 1 curriculum.

What has Year 2 been up to? - Mrs Mukankusi

This half term the children in Year 2 have focussed on the grammatical part of the books that we have read so far. They have learned how to use different conjunctions and adjectives to make their sentences longer and more interesting. They have used a variety of suffixes, learned about different types of nouns and they also learned how to use powerful verbs. The children have

learned how to write and proofread their writing for meaning and accuracy and have carried out reading comprehension tasks where they have been encouraged to answer in full sentences.

In Numeracy the children can solve one step and two steps word problems involving the 4 operations. They have also

revisited unit and non-unit fractions of amounts, have added money and have worked out different combinations to make amounts up to one pound. They also learned units of measures of capacity, length and weight.

Finally, Year 2 enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Mother's Day for their parent assembly.

What has Year 3 been up to? - Miss Holland

This term has been a great, fun-filled term for Year 3!

We have recently been learning about time in maths; reading the time to 5 minutes and the minute and some have begun to read and tell the time using 24 hour clock.

In Literacy we have been doing recounts, focusing on the features of a recount; being able to annotate example recounts and the language used, ensuring they

use the correct tense and in addition using the 1st and 3rd person.

Year 3 had lots of fun rehearsing and performing our Parent Assembly based on the artist Georgia O' Keefe.

The children had more input in the assembly and they really enjoyed having more control of their own learning.

Year 3 took part in Safer Internet Day. We learned how to stay safe on-line and what information is okay to post and not to post on-line through different practical, group activities. It is safe to say, they enjoyed every minute.

I hope everyone has a Lovely Easter Holiday and plenty of time to relax; see you after the break.

What has Year 4 been up to? - Mr Matt

This half term seems to have flown and we are nearly at Easter already!

In Literacy, Year 4 have predominantly been looking at the work of the famous playwright, William Shakespeare, in particular 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'Macbeth'. Pupils developed their understanding of the Globe Theatre, explored archaic terminology and had a go at converting part of a script into prose. They also created a role play in small groups, re-enacting

the scene where Macbeth and Banquo first come in to contact with the three witches!

In Numeracy, we have been focusing on multiplication and division with higher numbers and in Science we have been studying living things; comparing the life cycles of flowering plants, birds and amphibians. In topic, we have been learning about Ancient Greece, examining the traditional clothing they used to wear, as well as Greek storyteller Aesop and his fables. In PSHE, we

have been looking at cyber safety and the measurements we can put in place in order to stay secure online.

Finally, I would like to thank those parents who attended our class assembly. Pupils helped me to edit the original script, in order to make it more personal to them and they were very professional during their rehearsals! I very much enjoyed working alongside them with this! I hope you all have an enjoyable Easter break!

What has Year 5 and 6 been up to? - Miss Lyons

In literacy Year 5/6 have been studying the workings of Shakespeare. The class have taken part in a re-enactment of the first scene of Macbeth, following their very own play-scripts! In numeracy, the class have focused their attention on measurement and number, particularly fractions and applying their understanding to

everyday situations such as splitting a bill in a restaurant and finding the cost of sale items.

In humanities Year 5/6 have been investigating the history of Liverpool. The class have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and were excited to further their understanding by visiting the Museum of Liverpool this week. In art, they have been reviewing

famous artists through time and the ways in which they have established their own artistic techniques. The class have built on this learning and developed their very own drawing styles and have created their very own replica art pieces to mirror the workings of artists such as Leonardo Da Vinci and Vincent Van Gogh.

Geography - Mr Kelly

Year 7/8 Geography

We have looked at Britain this term; focusing on the culture, political system and physical geography of the U.K. The class have successfully identified the differences between the U.K., Great Britain and the British Isles; described how the political

system works in this country; researched their favourite Brit and how they've contributed to making this country great. Good work Year 7/8!

Year 9/10

This term we have been looking at how important ecosystems are to the planet, as well as what we can do to conserve them. We

have looked at the strategies Costa Rica has developed to combat deforestation; the dangers posed to the Arctic from drilling and whaling; the many different types of ecosystem and their position in the world. Well done Year 9/10!

Science - Mr Kelly

Year 7/8 Science

This term we have been looking at acids and alkalis, specifically the pHs of both, as well as how to identify each. The class have created their own pH indicators as well as using litmus paper to identify various household products as either alkali or acid. Good work Year 7/8!

Year 9/10 Science

Year 9/10 have been looking at DNA this term, looking at the structure of DNA to how DNA can impact the development and evolution of life itself! The class have constructed DNA models using sweets; applied evolution and natural selection to explain changes in different populations and researched into the process of genetic engineering. Keep up the good work!

Year 11 Science

This term the Year 11 pupils have been looking at a well and truly electrifying topic- electricity! The class have been building their own circuits; identifying voltage and current in a circuit and calculating the voltage and current in given circuits. Well done producing good work on such a shocking topic!

English and History - Mr Davies

English

During the second spring term pupils have enjoyed a range of topics: Year 7/8 have been studying the history of the English language; Year 9/10 have been developing their speech writing skills, while Year 11 have completed their speaking and listening presentations.

Next term is vitally important for

our Year 11 pupils who will be practising past papers ahead of their forthcoming examinations.

History

Secondary pupils have studied a variety of topics: Year 7/8 pupils have been learning about the medieval crusades; Year 9/10 have studied how William the Conqueror won the English throne and Year 11 have

researched the Suffrage Movement and WWI propaganda.

Next term is vitally important for our Year 11 pupils who will be provided with revision booklets and will be practising past papers ahead of their forthcoming examinations.

PE - Mr Wellington

During this half-term, all the senior school have participated in Health-Related Fitness.

This core subject lets the pupils take part in a range of activities based on keeping healthy outside of school, and providing different opportunities other than just participating in regular sport.

The principal areas of focus have been circuit training, aerobics

and general fitness testing.

To make this unit of work a little more interesting for pupils, all fitness test scores will be posted and the winners from each test will be shown and merit points from each event will be awarded. The pupils became quite competitive whilst participating and were encouraged by their peers to try harder.

We look forward now to entering the summer term and starting our Athletics ready for Sports Day.





Our Gallery of Stars



Pre Prep 2 Superheroes



Fashion



Textiles



Textiles

Achievements

Secondary Merits

Gold

George Ke

Silver

Lewie Klieve

Bronze

Olivia Lally

Secondary Attendance

Gold

Abigail Jones

Silver

Emma Rimmer

Bronze

Mohamed Mohamed

Prep Merits

Gold

Luke O'Reilly

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Nancy Haime

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Ismail Jama

Prep Attendance

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Amelia Appleton

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Olivia Cameron

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