

# AUCKLAND PREP NEWSLETTER



## Key Dates

- Staff Inset - Mon 31st Oct
- Start of Term - Tues 1st Nov
- Y1,2,3 Report Cards Out - Fri 4th Nov
- Y1 Parents Eve - Mon 7th-Tues 8th Nov
- Y2/3 Parents Eve - Wed 9th-Thurs 10th Nov
- Y4/5/6 Report Cards Out - Fri 11th Nov
- School Photographs - Mon 14th Nov
- Anti Bullying Week - Mon 14th Nov
- Y4/5 Parents Eve - Mon 14th-Tues 15th Nov
- Y6 Parents Eve - Wed 16th - Thurs 17th Nov
- Children in Need - Fri 18th Nov
- Winter Jumper Charity Day - Wed 14th Dec
- Term Ends - Wed 14th Dec (3pm)
- Spring term begins - Mon 9th Jan

## Deputy Head's Message

I want to thank all members of the Auckland Community for a wonderful first half term. There has been a real sense of positivity around school and it is great to see people coming together in all areas to ensure the very best for the students of Auckland, and we will continue to do all we can for them.

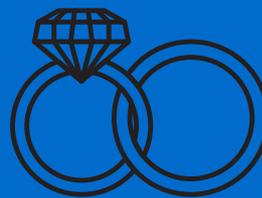
Miss Lett and Miss Hanson, two new teachers have become very welcome additions to the teaching staff, as has Miss Rimmer, a new TA in Year 2. Thank you for the warm welcome you have given them.

Next half term, the first report cards of the year come out, and we look forward to discussing them with you at parents' evenings.

Finally congratulations to Maya, Nour, Ryan and Cyrus for passing the Bluecoat Exam, a fantastic achievement.

Have a great Half Term.

Mr Ramsden  
Deputy Headteacher



## Important Notices

### School Snacks

There has been an increase in school snacks that are not appropriate to bring into school such as: large chocolate bars, sweets, fizzy drinks and fast food. Can you please ensure that the snacks that you send your children into school with are healthy and fill your children up with goodness, and have no nuts in them.

### Jewellery

Please note students must not come to school wearing jewellery including: rings, bracelets, necklaces and watches connected to the Internet. A simple watch and small earrings are the only permitted jewellery. Jewellery may be removed from students and kept safe.

# Year 1

Year 1 have had an amazing start to the year. They have smoothly adapted to a whole host of new routines. They should all feel very proud of themselves. The children are independently coming up to class each morning now, which is such a big step for them. We are very happy with the progress they are making.

The children are enjoying their trips to Fire Fit with Mr Wellington too, having a weekly outing on the school bus is very exciting.

In class, the children have been finding out about Florence Nightingale, and the important changes she made to nursing both as a profession and for women too. The children have used their imaginations to engage in mock interviews between Florence and the British Prime Minister, they had lots of fun doing this.

In English, the children have enjoyed researching for and designing their own leaflets. They based their leaflets on hamsters as we now have a new addition to Year 1; Lulu the class pet.

In Maths, Year 1 have been investigating whole part models, one more than, one less than, greater than, less than along with the relevant symbols for these and number bonds to 10. All of the children are adapting tremendously well to the daily maths objectives we have in class.

We have also enjoyed reading some wonderful books in celebration of Black History Month. Some of the children brought in some amazing books that we were able to share together and the children very much enjoyed these

Best wishes,  
Mrs Gordon, Miss Martin and Miss Monaghan



## Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the school year!

In English, the children have explored a variety of texts such as 'The 100 Decker Bus' and 'The Life of Bessie Coleman'. Using the story structure of 'The 100 Decker Bus', the class wrote their own adventure stories which they then read out loud. They also used imperative verbs and adverbs to write detailed instructions to make their own lolly-stick planes, just like that of Bessie Coleman's.

In Maths, Year 2 have been learning all about place value. They have also developed their addition and subtraction skills, focusing on the different methods in which to add and subtract. They have used these to fluency skills to problem solve and reason when answering challenging questions.

The children have enjoyed our 'Travel and Transport' topic in History, where they have learnt about the chronology of different modes of transport as well as the key figures who invented them. In Science, Year 2 have been learning about scientists and inventors and their contributions to today's modern world. They have been using their enquiry skills to improve their historical understanding as well as complete a variety of amazing homework projects such as informative posters and model vehicles. Meanwhile in Art, the classes have focussed on their portrait skills, inspired by the works of famous artists such as Leonardo da Vinci, Henri Matisse, Gustav Klimt and Vincent Van Gogh. They have created some wonderful masterpieces. Well done, Year 2!

Next half term, our topic will be 'What A Wonderful World'. Year 2 will be exploring countries around the world and the way in which people live. In Maths, they will be focusing on adding and subtracting money as well as developing multiplication and division skills. We will also continue to improve our problem solving and reasoning skills.

We want to thank you for your support, and we look forward to the upcoming half term.

Best wishes,  
Miss Hanson, Miss Lyons & Miss Davies



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to the academic year! Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Stone Age through a cross-curricular approach.

The pupils have read a range of texts in English, including 'Stone Age Boy' and 'How to wash a woolly mammoth'. Pupils in the class composed their own adventure stories, which they then read aloud, using the structure of 'Stone Age Boy'. They also created their own set of instructions on how to wash a Stone Age animal by using prepositions and imperative verbs.

In maths we have been working on place value and addition and subtraction with 3 digit numbers. The children have been developing their fluency skills during mental arithmetic sessions and working on reasoning and problem solving skills. They have been enjoying logging on to 'mathletics' to practise their maths recall skills.

In science lessons, children have been learning about 'rocks & soils'. Within this unit we found out about the three types of naturally occurring rocks: Igneous, Sedimentary, Metamorphic as well as the process of fossilisation.

Next term, Year 3 will be exploring their hometown 'Liverpool' in Geography. In English we will apply our understanding of Liverpool to create mystery stories. We will also design our own 'Guide to Liverpool' information leaflet to guide tourists around our spectacular city.

We look forward to showcasing the wonderful work the children create next term with you!  
Miss Kelly & Miss Lett



## Year 4



Year 4 have had a tremendous start to the year with lots of great writing in their English lessons and their resilience during maths has been excellent.

Myths and Legends has been a huge success and the children have developed their knowledge and understanding about Greek mythology during topic and English lessons. All children are now familiar with Pandora's box and Theseus and the Minotaur and have enjoyed retelling these myths to each other and during their independent writing.



The children have developed their knowledge through practical investigations within their science lessons this half term. They have learned about carbon dioxide within fizzy drinks and observed chocolate melting. This has developed the children's knowledge about solids, liquids and gases.

All children are making progress to challenge themselves within maths and lots of children are developing their independent skills to complete questions. The children have become mathematicians at adding and subtracting using the column method with the challenge of exchanging digits.



The children have started to develop their confidence to read their work to the rest of the class, sharing their ideas and being proud of the work that they have produced. I look forward to the progress that the children make next term.

Best wishes,  
Miss Bradbury



# Year 5

Year 5 made a really lovely start to the year and have been enjoying learning lots of interesting space facts in our science topic. Some of the children even made some fabulous posters at home that are on display in the classroom!

Our class reader is *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce which is about a boy who is particularly tall and is often mistaken for an adult. He uses this to his advantage but ends up stuck in space! The children have been writing some absolutely fabulous sentences around this text and I'm looking forward to reading their final stories!

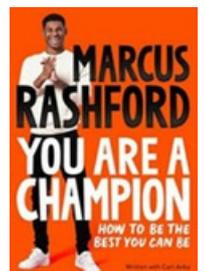
In maths we have learnt about place value and addition and subtraction strategies. We have more recently began to learn about how to read and create line graphs.

In honour of Black History Month, and related to our Space topic, we have learnt about Mae Jemison, who on the 12th of September 1992 became the first African American woman to go to Space. We have also been reading Marcus Rashford's book, titled: 'You are a champion; How to be the best you can be', which encourages the children to be their amazing selves and to know that they are special and unique.

We are looking forward to seeing all that our beautiful class will achieve this year as they continue to try their best and aim high!

Best Wishes,  
Miss Read and Miss Katie.

*Our future's so bright we have to wear shades!*



## Year 6

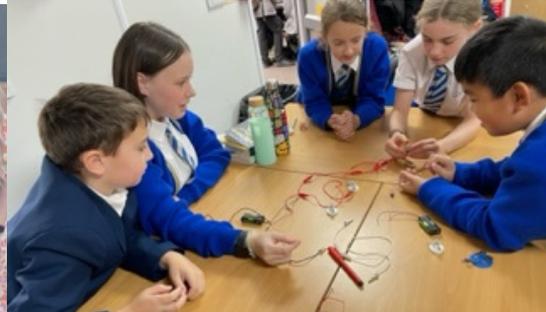
Year 6 have had a great start to the new academic year and we are so impressed with the way that all children have settled into the school routines. We are very proud of their perseverance and positive attitudes to work, especially when learning new topics in Maths.

In History, the children have been learning all about WWI and most recently created their own WWI recruitment posters! This topic has linked to our English lessons of War Horse by Michael Morpurgo and the children have been able to make lots of links during lessons using their historical knowledge.

Furthermore, we have been working with circuits in science and children have had the opportunity to experiment with different wires and electrical components! Recently, pupils have completed an investigation using wire length as their variable. They produced some very interesting results!

We have celebrated Black History month as well as national poetry day, where children have written poems based on the environment. We were delighted to hear some of the children perform their amazing poems to the class and can't wait for other opportunities for pupils to showcase their work in the future.

Best wishes,  
Miss Murphy & Miss Seymour.





## Auckland in The Community

This term there have already been a number of initiatives that have started to develop the students in Auckland beyond the curriculum.

The school council, students chosen from around the school, has met a number of times and is developing their plans for the rest of the year. To begin with this term, they arranged for an event to support the Gye Nyame Memorial Orchard in celebration of Black History Month which is supporting those affected by the Covid pandemic. They raised £215.

The Community Service Enhanced Curriculum Group put on a sale of cards and bracelets that they made, as well as a sponsored walk, all in aid of the Garston Animal Rescue Centre and raised £271.

The Eco Club Enhanced Curriculum had a nature walk around Sefton Park, taking in its natural beauty and learning about the importance of green spaces in the city.

Mr Neil and Mr Wellington started the Year 5 and 6 Boys and Girls Football teams. they have played a number of games against other schools from all around the city. they have done us all proud and we look forward to hearing how they get on for the rest of the year.

We cant wait to hear about the next adventures that the students go on. Watch this space.



*Certificate of gratitude* awarded to the Children of Auckland College, Liverpool, for their efforts in raising £271.00 in October 2022, in aid of Garston Animal Rescue,

