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Friday 8th November 2024

Whole School
Attendance

96.3%

Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

It has been lovely to welcome all children and families back to school after half term. It is clear that the children enjoyed spending time with loved ones last week and that they had opportunity to rest too. Everyone has returned to school ready to learn and work hard in what will be another busy half term ahead leading up to Advent and Christmas time—a busy and magical time in school.

Our first week back has been full of opportunities. Yesterday, it was 'Outdoor Classroom Day' and all classes experienced learning in the outdoors, in areas across the curriculum. The children, in year 6, were fortunate to have their second forest school session this term where the focus was upon their design and technology — making strong and secure structures. They had great fun building shelters and making their own poppies and crosses for Remembrance. During November, we remember. In our Lantern, there is a book of Remembrance where all children and members of our school community are invited to write the names of loved ones who have gone before us. Please do let us know if you would like to write a name in this book which you are welcome to do, or we can do for you. In Year 3, children had a fantastic time outside for their science lesson, sorting different food into groups and then discussing the names of the different food groups; they looked at the concept of a 'balanced diet' and created their own balanced meal. Year 5 went outdoors to write alliteration poetry inspired by nature around them. Children in Year 2 had a wonderful time at Weaver Hall learning about 'The Great Fire of London' which is their history topic this term. Year 4 explored maths in the outdoors. They used chalk and natural resources to complete subtraction questions. They made questions for their friends and then checked their answers. Year 1 celebrated Outdoor Learning Day with a phonic scavenger hunt. The children were finding things around the playground that contain Phase 5 sounds that they have learned this week. The children, in Reception, went outside and positioned themselves around the grounds using positional language.

Yesterday, there was a lot of sporting activity going on involving our Winnie's stars. The boys from years 5 and 6 won the Neston Cluster football competition progressing to the district round which they engaged in yesterday. The boys played brilliantly and were once again triumphant meaning that they now progress to the County finals in January which is a wonderful achievement—well done boys. A huge thank you to Miss Wright for her passion and dedication to our school sport and competition and supporting the boys to victory. After school, there was a girls' football competition held at Neston High School and a group of girls in Years 3 and 4 and 5 and 6 went to the competition to compete against local schools. All girls played extremely well—they showed great respect, teamwork and resilience throughout. The girls in year 5 and 6 finished in second place and the girls in Year 3 and 4 finished in fourth place. Well done to everyone who took part. It was lovely to hear such positive comments from parents, who supported this event. Again, thank you to Miss Wright for supporting the children so that they had this opportunity and Miss Healey for supporting Miss Wright and the children yesterday evening too. Today, we have hosted the first ever dodgeball competition in the Neston cluster—organised and led by Miss Wright, our PE lead. It was an enjoyable and successful event and the children competed to a very high standard. Our team finished in first place! Well done to all of the children who participated. It has been a successful sporting week in school indeed!

Finally, a huge thank you to our PTFA for organising and leading the school disco yesterday evening. It was a great success and the children had a wonderful time. Thank you to all staff who gave their time to support this event. Over the coming weeks, there are some wonderful Christmas events planned by the PTFA, for our children. These events need your support. Please do try to give some time so that these events can go ahead and are smooth running. We especially need helpers for the Christmas Wrap and the Christmas Fair.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend ahead. Mrs Davies



Important Dates coming up....

Monday 11th November—Anti Bullying Week—Choose Respect. Performance from the B Tales for children in Years 2– 6 (this is funded by our PTFA).

Monday 11th November—Parents' evening appointments.

Monday 11th November—Thursday 14th November—Book Fair this week—3.30pm—4.30pm.

Tuesday 12th November—Year 4 swimming at 9.30am.

Tuesday 12th November—Crucial Crew trip for children in Year 6.

Wednesday 13th November— Best of British Roast Dinner Day—prizes to be won for children having a roast dinner.

Thursday 14th November—Forest School Session for children in Year 5.

Thursday 14th November—Parents' evening appointments.

Forest school—Year Six

Year 6 really enjoyed their forest school session this week linked to their history topic about war. They explored Remembrance too. Next week's session is for our Year 5 class.



Year Two—Trip to Weaver Hall—The Great Fire of London

Year Two visited Weaver Hall Museum as part of their learning in history about The Great Fire of London. They were greeted by a servant of Samuel Pepys who led them in their learning, throughout the day. All children engaged in a hands on experience to understand what life was like in 1666. Mrs Jones commented that the children showed our core values throughout the visit and she was extremely proud of them. The class are looking forward to continue continuing their learning back in school.

