



Monday 14th June 2021

Newsletter Number 5 – Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

Summer Reading Challenge

It's back! Your local library is ready for the next Summer Reading challenge:

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

This year the challenge is online once again although there is an opportunity to get physical books as well. The Wild World Heroes Challenge is a celebration of nature and the environment and supported by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund). If you need to visit the library you will need to book a slot via email at libraries@wirral.gov.uk

School Reading update

We know that a love for reading and enjoying reading opens up the future for our children. This is why the staff at school spent much of the half term break, after much planning and discussion, moving the main library. Now, every class has its own reading for pleasure library just outside in the atrium.



COVID update

COVID rates in Wirral remain very low and we are currently the lowest across Cheshire and Merseyside. Thankfully, our cases in educational settings also remain extremely low. However, as predicted and expected (with the easing of lockdown restrictions), there are signs of increasing cases across Cheshire and Merseyside. You will also be very aware of the high rates in several areas across the North West.

A reminder that if a parent or carer is experiencing one of the 3 main COVID symptoms and is waiting for the results of a PCR test, they should NOT send their children into schools while they are awaiting the results. If a parent/carers is waiting for a PCR result, both they and their children could potentially be infectious and therefore the children should not be attending school while the parent is waiting for their test result. If the parent receives a negative PCR result, their children can return to school. If the parent/carers receives a positive result, they and their family members have to self-isolate for the full 10 days.

Parents/carers should NOT use home LFDs to test whether symptomatic primary-age children have COVID or not. While convenient to use these at home, the difficulty in carrying out a nasal and throat swab with a young child means that the test results are often not valid. Also, everyone who has at least one of the 3 main COVID symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste/and/or smell) should have a PCR test. If parents have a symptomatic child, they need to book a supervised PCR test (see www.wirral.gov.uk for local details).

Act Early UK

Some things are difficult to talk about but they need to be raised. COVID lockdowns have seen many people isolated and becoming more and more vulnerable. Nationally, there is a push to reconnect with the PREVENT programme and make our communities aware of it. PREVENT is a strategy for counter-terrorism that calls on us all to be vigilant and share information. If you are concerned about anyone you know and want to report this, guidance is available online at www.actearly.uk

Coast 2 County 2021

Last week all the classes enjoyed many events linked to Coast 2 Country and the weather was certainly a huge help in that! Schools across Deeside are joining in with this event at various times this term. All schools in Wirral have been asked to take part in a litter pick day on Friday 25th June, by cleaning up around their school or in the local area. Keep an eye on Seesaw to see how it goes at Pensby!

End of week Ice Lolly treat! – In this heat the ice lollies are proving very popular. Please remember to order yours by 10am each Tuesday for Friday delivery to classes!

Big Raffle

Our PTA continues to be very innovative in its approach to raising funds for **your** children. To end this academic year they have organised 'The Big Raffle'. Tickets cost £3 each and are bought online with the closing date of 11th July. It is a fabulous raffle and I know how Pensby families love a good raffle. Further details are on the poster below and you can click on this link to buy your tickets:

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/pensby-primary-school-ch61>

Parentkind

That summer feeling is on its way

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£3 ticket enters you in all 12 draws

- Help boost PTA fundraising
- Tickets cost just £3
- 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- Tickets are limited so once they're gone... they're gone!

12 CHANCES TO WIN

HELP RAISE FUNDS

BUY TICKETS

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for The Big PTA Raffle 2021 will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 11th July 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

And finally,

In this hot weather it has been great to see the children arriving with sun hats, sunglasses and with sun cream – thank you for helping keep the children sun safe.

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