

17.11.23

Finally, the sun has come out! It has felt like a long time, and certainly the Year 6s have felt the impact as we finally went on our Street Art walk today after two weeks on arranging and postponing the trip. Fingers crossed the sun stays out for us to all enjoy the weekend, and on Monday so that Magnolia can get out on their trip.

Christmas is getting closer and we have now finalised dates and times for year group carol concerts – please be sure to check the dates for your diary section at the end of this week's newsletter.

It has been great seeing so many parents visiting us for the class assemblies that are now back in full swing, well done to Elm and Beech classes this week for sharing their work and learning from the last two terms. Again, be sure to check the diary dates to see if your child's class assembly is this term as well.

Finally, a huge well done to all the children who this week have taken part in the Scouts Gang Show at the White Rock theatre. It is a huge undertaking with rehearsals and then performing to sold out audience – as well as then coming into school every day and taking an active part in learning – well done!

Weekly Smiley Awards

EYFS – Year 3 – Pine Class with over 200 smileys

KS2 – Lime Class with over 300 smileys

THIS WEEKS ULTIMATE NINJA

Every week we will be choosing one child in the school who is the 'Ultimate Ninja'. These children are incredible role models and are wonderful representatives for Silverdale. The Ultimate Ninja isn't given for one off brilliance, it is awarded for being a brilliant role model every day. This week we have chosen:

Frankie



Frankie is a model pupil who is determined as a learner and a peer. She continuously demonstrates and models our Academy Values. Frankie demonstrates these in a kind and supportive manner. Frankie is always ready to learn, organising resources, knowing which will support her more. They are respectful towards all they come into contact with, regardless of the person being a child or an adult. Frankie is responsible - proactively wanting to achieve in her learning and by offering to carry out roles within the classroom. We cannot wait to see what Frankie goes on to achieve!



Frankie, you are the Ultimate Role Model for all Silverdale children!

EYFS 2024



Our autumn open events are just around the corner! Booking is still open if you'd like to join! Visit: <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa> to secure your place now.
#openevents #education #primaryschool #startingschool #openday2023

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HEALTHY SNACKS

We provide all EYFS and KS1 children with fruit every day as a healthy break time snack. If your child would rather a different snack at break please send this in, ideally named so we know whose is whose! Please ensure that this is a small, healthy snack!



GOOD NEIGHBOURS



As we navigate the bustling routines of dropping off and picking up our children from school, it is essential to take a moment and reflect on the significance of respecting our school neighbours during these daily transitions. We understand that as the winter months draw in more and more people drive children to and pick up from school in their cars. This in itself brings about a number of issues regarding parking and the congestion on the roads. Our school is not an isolated entity; it exists as a part of a larger community that includes residents, businesses, and other institutions. By demonstrating consideration and respect for our neighbours, we can foster positive relationships and create a harmonious environment for everyone. Let us remember to park responsibly, ensuring that driveways and entrances are not blocked. Let's be mindful of noise levels and refrain from honking unnecessarily. Most importantly, let us model courteous behaviour by using footpaths, obeying traffic rules, setting a positive example for our children and respecting other people's property. By showing respect towards our school neighbours, we contribute to the collective well-being and promote a sense of unity within our community.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



We are inviting children to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 8th December, the same day as the Christmas Dinner and the panto (this year fully funded by the PTA – thank you!)

We are looking at running an afterschool PTA Christmas jumper sale; if you have any old Christmas jumpers that no longer fit and would be happy to donate to the sale please send these in with your children, and hand to the class teacher or the front office.

All donations and monies raised will go towards the PTA.

YEAR GROUP UPDATES

This week has been devoted to friendship as it is National Anti-bullying Week. It was lovely to see some of the children in Early Years wearing odd socks on Monday to kickstart discussion based on celebrating differences and being unique. Plus they designed some odd socks at school, which was fun! We have shared a range of stories to encourage the children to share views and opinions about friendship, kindness and emotions. 'The Selfish Crocodile', 'Lost and Found' and 'My Friend Bear' to name a few. The children have had a lot of writing opportunities, for example writing friendship tokens, badges to give to each other, cards, friendship potions and what makes a good friend. The children are now really applying their knowledge of phonics to their reading and writing, which is wonderful. Many of you are sharing some great successes at home too, which is always great for us to hear; that the invaluable learning continues at home, thank you. In maths we have focused on Number 5, solving number problems to five and subitising-this is where the children can tell the amount of objects, without the need to count, but just using a visual representation. An example would be rolling a die, it landing on 3 and not needing to count it's 3; this is subitising! Next week it is the class mascot's birthday, so there will be exciting party/birthday preparations in store, this offers many opportunities to write for different purposes. Have a lovely weekend.

This week Year 1 have been doing lots of addition and subtraction looking closely at fact families for numbers bonds to ten and twenty. In English we have been writing explanations for Traction Man's gadgets. We are getting good at

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these now! If an opportunity arises at home gets the children to explain how something works! What else? ...Ask the children about Human and Natural materials they can spot when and about. Puppets, we have begun practising our sewing so again if you feel inclined, practising these skills really develops hand eye coordination and fine motor skills. And History, we have been looking at toys from the past and present. Thank you to anyone that has sent in toys, there is still time for us to share your toys with the class so we welcome anything anyone has to offer! Have a great weekend.

Happy Friday! This week in English, our year 2's transformed into investigative journalists, breaking the gripping story of the Titanic's sinking in the chilly North Atlantic! From crafting catchy headlines to sketching vivid scenes and adding captions, they've truly mastered the art of newspaper reports. Word problems were the focus in maths and the children used manipulatives and pictorial representations to solve it! It's been a heart-warming Anti-Bullying Week too, with our children learning to recognise, speak out, and reach out against bullying. Science brought Arctic adventures as we explored the cool world of Arctic animals and their nifty adaptations. In RE, we delved into the spirit of Christmas, discovering how Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus. In Reading, more children were introduced to 'Destination Reader'. It involves daily reading sessions which incorporate whole class modelling and the children then applying these skills through partner work and independent reading. Children get the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the texts they read through the systematic use of a series of strategies and language stems. Phew, what a week! Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Year 3 have had another busy week. Congratulations to Cedar class on performing their first assembly last week; it was wonderful! We loved seeing all the odd socks arriving in classes on Monday and the children loved designing their own! It was a great start to anti-bullying week. In English we are continuing with 'A Boy Called Christmas,' and the children have been using excerpts from the book to put in to speech bubbles and practise using inverted commas for direct speech. They have enjoyed exploring newspapers: we have looked at the different features and they have written their own captions to go with pictures and headlines. Next week they will be planning and writing their own newspaper report about a missing boy (Nikolas). In maths we have continued to try different strategies for subtraction and addition: the children have worked so hard at this! We are really proud of them. In science we have been learning about the skeletal system; the children labelled a diagram of the skeleton then labelled each others bones using post it notes. Have a good weekend everyone.

Year 4 have had another busy week. We started the week with an assembly to launch Anti-Bullying week. The children have discussed what bullying looks like and what they can do to help someone if they are being bullied. We also created a lovely friendship wreath which celebrated each child. In English, we have been examining letter writing. This week we have focused on informal letters and next week we will be looking at formal letters. The children have been writing letters from Magnus (the main character in our book) to his friend Cedric. In maths, we have continued learning ways to solve calculations mentally. Although some have found this challenging, all have shown a great determination to achieve. During science we have continued to learn about states of matter -the focus this week has been on condensation and evaporation. We have set up an experiment linked to the focus which we will monitor over the next couple of week. In history we have been continuing to build on our learning linked to the Anglo-Saxons. This week we have been finding out about the 7 kingdoms and how Anglo-Saxon fought to defend and take land. In geography the children discovered how rivers are formed and some key vocabulary linked to this. We hope you all have a lovely weekend and that you are able to enjoy the small bit of sunshine forecast.

Week 3 done! Wow! This term is just flying by. This week, Year 5 started to read our new book called 'Once'. The story follows the journey of a young boy called Felix, who leaves an orphanage to find his parents. In English, we have been learning about biographies and this week we have researched Anne Frank. Next week, we will write a biography about her. In maths, we have moved on from mental strategies to the written method for addition. In PSHE, we have discussed Anti-bullying week and rumours. In history, we completed our first lesson on the Holocaust. In RE, we learnt about Shabbat. On the 5th December, we are planning to have a Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) celebration. This will celebrate the end of WWII. We would like the children to dress in the clothing they wore for the Tenterden trip (1940s style) and bring in some food. More information will follow shortly. Don't forget to login to rollama and times tables rock stars. See you Monday.

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This week Year 6 have been working hard in English, planning and writing a balanced argument all about whether animals should perform in circuses. We have been using complex conjunctions like 'however', 'on the other hand' 'alternatively' to flit from one side of the debate to the other. Ask your child what side of the debate they are on and why? In maths we have started our big unit covering fractions, we have been revising what a fraction is, how we represent them visually and simplifying fractions. We've also been practising our arithmetic skills through more regular tests and we're very proud of how much fast progress is being made! In geography the children have been busy researching their own North American countries and their capital cities. This ended up a bit of a project where they researched one capital city in detail. In science we have continued to investigate pulse rate, looking at how important it is to keep our hearts healthy. In Music we're continued to rock out to rock music genre and we listened to a rock music podcast where we learned what 'shredding' on a guitar was, and where rock music originated. We thank all of you parents for your patience regarding all of the rescheduling of our street art walks due to these wet weather conditions, we hope in the next week all 3 classes will finally experience the wonderful decorated sights of Hastings - fingers crossed the weather stays dry for us! Have a lovely (hopefully dry!) weekend!

PTA UPDATE

Not long until the next PTA event – the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 9th December.

Once again we will be having a Name the event competition. This is open to all year groups, email your entry to silverdaleprimarypta@gmail.com with name, class and age.

Entries to be in by wed 22nd Nov

Winner to be drawn at random by Mr Morris and will win a children's Christmas hamper

We are also looking for volunteers for the event, please sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/RfLvLug46X>

TESCO STRONGER STARTS FUND

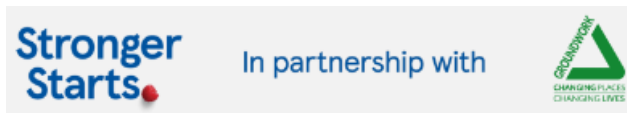
Don't forget to vote with the blue chip for our Silverdale Primary Academy

Supporting Early Writers Project - Transforming the EYFS outdoor area into an enriching space to foster early writing skills, where children can engage in imaginative storytelling and writing through role-play.

Voting commenced in store from the first week of October 2023 and is open until Mid-January 2024. You can cast your vote using a token given at the check-out each time you shop.

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote
- Encourage friends and family to get involved with Community Grants voting



Have a great weekend,

Mr Morris & the Silverdale Team.

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Dates for your diary 2023-24

21.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 10.00am - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>

23.11.2023 – Rowan Class Assembly (9.00am start)

23.11.2023 Juniper Class Assembly (9.00am start) REARRANGED DUE TO CLASH WITH TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

23.11.2023 – 30.11.2023 – Travelling Book Fair

24.11.2023 – Rearranged Tempest Photo day – Individuals and siblings

28.11.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 2.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>

30.11.2023 – Pine Class Assembly (9.00am start)

1.12.2023 – Magnolia Class Assembly (9.00am start)

6.12.2023 – New EYFS open event (Sept 24 intake) 4.00pm - <https://bit.ly/3RdRQWa>

7.12.2023 – Whitebeam Class Assembly (9.00am start)

8.12.2023 – Christmas Dinner Day

8.12.2023 – Christmas Jumper Day

8.12.2023 – Christmas Panto

9.12.2023 – PTA Christmas Fayre (Times TBC)

11.12.2023 – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)

12.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (Booking info to follow)

12.12.2023 – Year 2 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)

13.12.2023 – EYFS NATIVITY @ 9.30 (Booking info to follow)

13.12.2023 – Year 1 Christmas Celebration @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)

14.12.2023 – Joint Year 5 & 6 Christmas Carol concert @ 2.15 (Booking info to follow)

2.1.2024 – INSET

3.2.2024 – Rearranged PTA Bonfire and Fireworks – Join us for our New Years Celebrations!

9.2.2024 – INSET

23.2.2024 – PTA Disco (Times TBC)

28.3.2024 – INSET

22.7.2024 – INSET

23.7.2024 – INSET

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OUT OF ACADEMY OPPORTUNITIES

The Pauline Quirke Academy of Performing Arts offers OUTSTANDING performing arts tuition for 4-18-year-olds, focusing on our 3 core modules – Musical Theatre, Comedy & Drama and Film & Television!

We are SUPER EXCITED to launch a BRAND-NEW PQA at Silverdale Primary School with everyone's favourite day – a FREE Open Day! Yay!

This is a special event dedicated to welcoming new students, parents, friends, grannies and uncles to join us for FREE and DISCOVER all things PQA. Children and young people will take part in sessions of Musical Theatre, Drama and Comedy and Film Making. There is also tea and cake for families and parents.

DID YOU KNOW: We are the largest provider of Film & Television training to young people in the whole of Europe!

If your child is aged 6-18yrs and loves to sing, dance, act, perform, make new friends, and have FUN then book your space on our Launch event via our website –

BOOK YOUR OPEN DAY SPACE HERE - <https://www.pgacademy.com/academies/hastings-and-st-leonards/>

We also have classes for children aged 4 & 5 – PQA Poppets! An hour and a half of fun, taking children through activities in singing, dancing and acting!

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Any questions you can get in touch with Principal Ross Drury on 07941853040 or by email - ross.drury@pgacademy.com



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