



# Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 10/02/23

## Diary Dates

1.3.23	Y4 trip to The Catalyst Museum
2.3.23	World Book Day
7.3.23	KS2 Guy Bass Visit
8.3.23	World Maths Day
10.3.23	Non-uniform donations for Easter Bingo
14 & 16.3.23	Open Evenings
17.3.23	Red Nose Day
28.3.23	Easter Bingo 6-8pm
25.4.23	Y6 PGL Meeting
9 to 12.5.23	Y6 SATs
9 to 11.6.23	Y6-PGL Holiday
23.6.23	Class Photograph

## Y6 Liverpool War Museum Trip

Y6 children had a fantastic time on their trip to the war museum. They explored what it was like to work in a secret bunker during WW2 and even got to see a replica WW2 street. Their behaviour was impeccable and we are very proud of their effort.

## School Council

Our amazing school councillors met with the Leigh Vale governors this half term. After speaking to their classes and getting suggestions about how they could make changes, the school council successfully managed to obtain a small amount of money to purchase some new wet breaktime equipment for everyone. The children were confident, they spoke clearly and they represented both their classes and our school fantastically.

## Year 5 Classroom Kitchen Workshop

The Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit from The Classroom Kitchen Company this week. They made a South American inspired soup and learned about the origins of each ingredient. The workshop was fun, informative and very engaging.

## Sport at Leigh Vale

This half term, after school clubs were available almost every day. Thank you to the children who participated in clubs such as dance, judo, archery, football, and athletics. We also had groups of children who represented the school in local competitions. Congratulations to our Y3/4 Dodgeball team, our Y5 Boys Football players and our Y3/4 Girls Football representatives.

## Brass lessons

Thank you to all the Y4H pupils who have been enjoying their brass lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. Lessons will continue for Y4T after the half term break.

## World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March, 2023

On Thursday 2nd March, we are inviting all the children to dress up as a character from a book. The children can just use their own clothes to be a child character from a book or create a character that we will recognise. The children will be given a £1 book token so they can experience choosing a book for FREE from a local bookseller. Your bookseller might be on a high street or could be a supermarket. The book tokens are valid until Sunday 26th March. Visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/> to find out about the fantastic line-up of £1 books. World Book Day changes lives through a love of books and shared reading. Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

## Guy Bass Visit - Tuesday 7th March

On Tuesday 7th March we have invited an author to come and speak to the children in KS2. His name is Guy Bass - WHO IS THIS GUY?

**'Hi! I'm an award-winning author whose children's books series include Stitch Head, Skeleton Keys, Spynosaur and Dinkin Dings. In 2010 Dinkin Dings and the Frightening Things won the Blue Peter Award for Most Fun Book with Pictures. I have also written plays for both adults and children. I've previously been a theatre producer, illustrator, temp, gerbil whisperer and have acted my way out of several paper bags. I spent my childhood reading comics and hoping one day to become a superhero. I spend my adulthood in more or less the same way.'** Have a look at his website for more details <https://www.guybass.com/> We have plenty of Guy Bass books in school for your children to read, but if you would like to buy a Guy Bass book for your child to bring into school on the 7th March, he is willing to sign copies at the end of the special assembly. Copies of his books can be purchased from his publisher <https://littletiger.co.uk/?s=guy+bass> or any other supplier of your choice.

## Star Outside School

### Reece —Y6D

Reece has been selected to play for St. Helens School Boys football team.

We are always delighted to share the children's success outside of school. Please ensure that we receive the information by Wednesday so that we have time to include it on Friday's newsletter. Thank you. (Any information received after Wednesday will appear on the following week's newsletter)

For safeguarding reasons, if your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please can parents let school know by letter/phone call or in person To keep children safe, verbal messages from children can't be accepted. Thank you for your support

**Feedback-** We appreciate your feedback and would welcome any comments to help us make our school even better.

## Should parents send their child to school if they think they have COVID-19?

The government, in their 'Living with Covid' guidance have from the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022 removed the legal obligation to isolate. However, if a child has any of the main symptoms or a positive test result, **the public health advice remains unchanged**, and is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Anyone with any of the main COVID-19 symptoms should order a test and is advised to stay at home while waiting for the result. If children/adults test positive, they are advised to follow public health advice. Adults and children who test positive, will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. If anyone needs support obtaining a test, please ring the school office for advice.

## T.A.N.G.O Community Project, St. Mark's Church - St Helens Gateway

We sell furnishings, clothing and bric-a-brac items to people in the local community at affordable prices. Help is also given to people referred to us as part of the Welfare Assistance scheme run by St. Helens Council.

## **KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

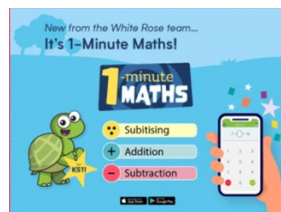
1st— Y1CF-98.6%  
2nd— Y2PM-95.4%  
3rd— Y1JL-94.4



## **Holiday Dates**

To support parents, holiday dates for 2023/2024 are now available on the school website.

## **New Free 1-Minute Maths App**



**Parents and Carers:** Watch your child have fun while they continue learning maths basic number concepts learned in school - at home!

### **How does it work?**

Each 1-minute task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app covers a range of topics on arithmetic and subitising, and generates questions randomly so your child never sees the same ones in sequence – meaning they learn the concept and not a series of answers. Once a task completes, answers are presented on the screen giving your child instant feedback. It's so simple to use and, most of all, lots of FUN!

What's more, the app has no specific starting point, so a child can pick up and play at any time, with no set place to start. Accessible AND easy!

### **10 reasons for using 1-Minute Maths:**

Excellent number practice with no distractions.

Enjoyable tasks children want to complete.

Instils basic number concepts during early years.

A clear process that children pick up immediately

No login or internet access needed. Download and play!

A motivator – children enjoy trying to beat their last score!

Helpful hints give support when needed.

Brilliant for building confidence and fluency.

Random question generator instils concepts, not answers.

Completely FREE to download!

It's available for use on [Apple](#), [Android](#) and [Kindle](#) devices.

Find it on the App Store or Google Play.

## **Contact Details for Parents/Carers**

Please ensure that school has your latest contact details as we will use these details when school staff need to contact you about your child.

Thank you.

## **KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

1st— Y6D-95%  
2nd — Y4H-93.2%  
3rd — Y5F-92.2%

