



Leigh Vale Weekly Newsletter



Week Ending: 31/03/23

Diary Dates

25.4.23	Y6 PGL Meeting– 5pm KS2 Hall
5.5.23	Coronation Celebrations
9.5.23/12.5.23	Y6 SATs
22.5.23	KS2 Sports Day (Reserve Day 23.5.23)
9.6.23/11.6.23	Y6-PGL Holiday
23.6.23	Class Photograph

Easter Visit to St. Mark's Church

Thank you to Rev Dan and all the team at St Mark's for inviting us to celebrate Easter with you at church. The children had a lovely time with lots of fun, puppets and singing, whilst learning about the real meaning of Easter. All the children came home with a palm cross to keep.

FOLV Eggciting Easter Family Bingo and Raffle!

Many thanks for your generous donations of Easter Eggs; this really helped to make our Easter Family Bingo and Raffle a real success. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Year 4 trip to the Catalyst Museum

Year 4 children have recently visited the Catalyst Museum in Widnes to take part in a range of Science workshops and activities. The children had a fantastic day building their own switches, looking at the sugar content of different drinks and they even made their own toothpaste. The children's behaviour was outstanding and they were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done to everyone.

Safari Phil Visited Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed their workshop based on animals of the rainforest. They were able to handle and ask questions based on a variety of animals native to South America. The children were absolutely brilliant (and very brave). It was a fantastic way to end our South American study.

Y4T Brass

This half term Y4T have taken part in brass sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. The children have enjoyed working with David from Valley Brass Band and learning how to play a brass instrument.

Y4 Easter Walk

Last week, Y4 children visited St Mark's Church to take part in a 'Walk through Easter'. The children took part in a range of activities to help them to understand the Easter story in a lively and fun way.

Y4 Visit to Haydock Library

To supplement the children's enthusiasm for their Geography and History work, Y4 visited Haydock Library to take part in a 'History of St Helens' workshop. The children were able to look at photographs and artefacts linked to coal mining and were inquisitive about the famous Wood Pit Disaster.

Lancashire Cricket Coaching Sessions

Recently, as part of their PE sessions, Y4 and Y5 enjoyed working with a cricket coach from Lancashire Cricket Club.

KS1 and KS2 New Age Kurling

On Wednesday 22nd February, four children in Year 2 participated in the New Age Kurling competition at Broadway Badminton Centre. They all showed perseverance and team spirit when competing against other schools in St Helens. Congratulations to the Y5 children who represented our school at a New Age Kurling event recently. The children had a fantastic morning competing against other schools. They showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork.

Y3/4 Athletics

On Friday 17th March, twenty children from Year 3 and 4 competed in a Sportshall Athletics tournament at Broadway Badminton Centre. They won and we are extremely proud of them!

Y3 Boys Football

A huge well done to the Year 3 Boys Football team, who competed in a tournament at Sutton Academy this half term. They displayed amazing attitudes and sportsmanship, as well as some fantastic skills. At the end of the tournament, the team were deservedly crowned St Helens Champions! Congratulations!

Y4 Boys Football

Despite the wind, hail and rain, a group of Y4 boys had a great afternoon playing football at Sutton Academy. The boys played 6 games. They won 3, drew 2 and lost 1. Well done to everyone involved.

Y5 Girls Football

Recently, some Year 5 girls represented our school at a Y5/6 football festival. The girls were fantastic. The effort and enthusiasm shown were outstanding and their attitude towards the game was very impressive. Thank you for representing our school, girls.

KS2 Sports Day - Monday 22nd May (reserve day Tuesday 23rd May)

Y5 & 6 Sports Day will commence at 9:30am. Y3 & 4 Sports Day will commence at 1:30pm. The children will be seated in their house teams and will be required to wear a coloured t-shirt to match their team colour: Legh—Blue, Beecham —Yellow, Evans—Red, Pilkington—Green. The children should come to school on the day in this t-shirt along with their normal PE kit (black/blue shorts and black pumps or trainers). The children will also need to ensure they bring a water bottle to school on this day with their name on. In the event of warm weather, we would also like the children to wear a hat and ask that sunblock is applied before school.

After School Clubs Next Term

Y4 Tag Rugby - Mon 17th & Mon 24th April

Y6 Netball - Tues 18th/25th April and Tues 2nd/9th/16th May

Y5 Cricket - Wed 19th/26th April and Wed 3rd/10th May

KS2 Fencing - Thursday 27th April, 4th/11th/18th May

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

Star Outside School

Rowan, Ivy and Lola – Y4

On Sunday 12/03, Rowan, Ivy and Lola played live on stage as part of the Comhaltas Youth Group at the Brian Boru Irish Centre in Ashton. This was part of the St Patrick's day feast and celebrations.

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 newsletter)

KS1 ATTENDANCE WINNERS

1st— Y2PM-97.9%

2nd— Y2BF-96.2%

3rd— Y1JL-93.4%



Holiday Dates

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

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.

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!

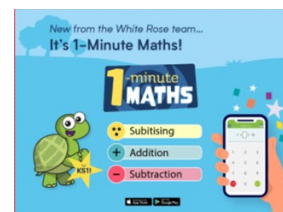
Helpful hints give support when needed.

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.



Feedback

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

KS2 ATTENDANCE WINNERS

1st— Y6D-96.6%

2nd — Y4T-95.8%

3rd —Y3C-95.7%

