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Newsletter 13- Thursday 12th May 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

OPAL – Sand pit play

We now have a sandpit on our field which will be used throughout the school year. This is something that our children really wanted to have added to our current play offer and it is already proving very popular across the whole school. Huge thanks to Mrs Such, Ms Wear (along with her two children), Mrs Hulley and Mrs Hensley and her husband who made this a reality.



The creation of the sandpit would not have been possible without the support of the PTA who have very kindly funded the cost of the sand, cover and the digger. We are really grateful for their support and know that this is going to be such a welcome addition to our continued outdoor play developments.

Intercom system fitted to gate by S4YC room

In order to tighten up on our security, we have had an intercom fitted to the gate that is used for the drop off and collection of children for the S4YC before and after school club. For parents who drop off or pickup at S4YC, you will now need to press the buzzer to alert the S4YC staff members that you are there to drop off or collect your child. The buzzer will go through directly to the S4YC room. The member of staff will be alerted and will be able to open the gate.



Applications for Grammar school education in 2023.

Online registration for Year 6 (11+ assessment) to attend a non-Catholic grammar school in Wirral in 2023 opened on 1st May 2022. Applications for Upton Hall School FCJ should be made directly to the school. Apart from this school, schools cannot offer places directly. No arrangements will be made to assess children if request forms are received after 31st May 2022, unless they have moved to Wirral from outside of the borough.

All children will take the assessment at a test centre. They will require proof of ID for your child before they can be assessed. The 11+ assessment date will be 19th September 2022. The assessments will be provided

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by GL Assessment and will include questions on verbal reasoning, non-verbal reasoning and mathematics. Information regarding the application process has been sent home to all children in Year 5.

Robinwood Residential 2023



We have booked the Robinwood centre (Maes-y-Nant, based in Wrexham) from Wednesday 15th of March 2023 – Friday 17th of March 2023 for next year's Year 6 pupils. All parents must make a deposit payment of **£75.00 by Wednesday 26th May** to secure your child's place on this trip. Further information has been sent to all Year 5 parents via email.

Message from our Eco- team:

We have been asked to join an exciting project called Modeshift Stars. In order to gain National Accreditation for our school, Active Travel Officer, Emma Morris, is working with us to help to make our journey to school safer, healthier and happier.



To begin the process, we will be sending out a survey to find out how your children usually travel to school. The survey can be accessed by the following link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiie896XuKecykEWAtZCLHXOknpa-6GOil62njphdS-6807w/viewform> If the link doesn't work, please cut and paste it into your browser.

As part of National Walking month, on **Friday 20th May 2022** we will be having a special event called **Funky Feet Friday** to encourage your children to walk, or part walk, to school. To get everyone involved we would love it if your children could wear some eye-catching footwear or socks.



Look out for further updates.
Sophia and Georgie (Eco team representatives)

Sports day



Our F2-Year 6 sports day will be taking place on **Tuesday 21st June from 9:10am-11:30am (approximately)**. We may have to cancel the event due to inclement weather and a decision will be made by 8:00am on the morning. If we do cancel the event due to poor weather, we have scheduled in Monday 27th June as the reserve date for our sports day. All children should wear their PE kit to school on this day and will need to have applied sun cream lotion, if the weather is sunny. Parents/carers will be invited to attend and further information will be sent out prior to the event.

Holidays in term time

Please can we remind all parents that holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless due to very exceptional circumstances. Children miss valuable learning time when they are not present in school. If you are considering taking your child out of school for a holiday, please ensure that you complete the holiday request form which is available on our school website.

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Messages for the school office.

If possible, please can parents contact the school office before 12:00pm to pass on any changes to collection arrangements at the end of the day. This means that all messages can be shared during the lunch time period with teaching staff and prevents the office staff from having to disturb lessons. We appreciate that this is not always possible, as there may be an emergency situation but if there are planned changes, please ensure that these are shared before 12:00pm.

Absences from school:

Please ensure that if your child is going to be absent from school that you report this promptly to the school office via phone or email: schooloffice@gayton.wirral.sch.uk. This supports the school office staff as they don't have to contact parents to find out why your child is not in school and saves valuable office time.

Medical appointments in school time.

Our attendance policy asks that where possible all medical appointments are made outside school hours. However, we do appreciate that this is not always possible. For an absence to be authorised as a medical appointment, we do require evidence such as appointment letters or text messages from your GP surgery. These can either be shown to the office staff when you come to collect your child or

alternatively you can email the appointment letter into the school office when you are notifying us of the appointment.

Kind regards,

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ABSENCE ADVICE FOR PARENTS



Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 9 th May 2022- Thursday 12 th May 2022	Year 6 SAT test week
Friday 13 th May 2022	Year 6 to visit Parkgate via Wirral Way – Post SATs visit.
Monday 16 th May 2022 – Friday 27 th May 2022	Year 2 SATs to be completed.
Friday 20 th May 2022	Funky Feet Friday – Children can wear eye-catching footwear or socks and we would like as many people as possible to walk or part- walk the route to school.
Tuesday 24 th May 2022	Governors- Curriculum & standards meeting & staffing committee meetings- 6:00pm- 8:00pm.
Tuesday 24 th May 2022	Mixed Cricket (Y6) Aspire event at New Brighton Cricket Event- pupils have been invited to attend.
Wednesday 25 th May 2022	Quarter final of the Houlihan cup- 4pm at Gayton.
Friday 27 th May 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
Tuesday 31 st May 2022	Applications for 11+ assessment 2023 to be made by parents.
Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half term holiday
Monday 6 th June 2022	Children return to school
Monday 6 th June 2022	Year 1 phonics screening check for all Y1 pupils and for any Y2 pupils who did not pass the check.
Monday 6 th June 2022- Friday 24 th June 2022	Year 4 multiplication times table check to be completed
Tuesday 14 th June 2022	Year 3 & Year 4 trip to Parkgate via Wirral Way.
Tuesday 21 st June 2022	Sports Day F2- Year 6 Parents are welcome to attend. 9:10am- 11:30am (approx.)
Thursday 23 rd June 2022	New intake meeting 2022 for parents at 6:30pm.
Monday 27 th June 2022	Sports Day F2- Year 6 Reserve date (This will only be needed if we have to cancel the previous planned date.)
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	PTA book sale during the school day- further details to follow.
Tuesday 28 th June 2022	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Tuesday 5 th July 2022	KS2 SATs results available for Y6 pupils.
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Wirral Y6 induction day. Whole school transition day
Thursday 7 th July 2022	Neston High school induction day.
Week commencing Monday 11 th July	Annual reports to be sent to parents this week.
Tuesday 12 th July 2022	Full Governing Board meeting at 6:00pm
Thursday 14 th July 2022	Whole school Quidditch day (PE) Children will need to wear PE kit on this day.
Monday 18 th July 2022	Break up today for the summer break at 2:30pm.
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Inset day- school closed.

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