



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 6 has gone in a flash! But it's been wonderful to be back onsite and working alongside both staff and pupils. This week has been full of learning, off-site educational trips and some new challenges from the School Council – including ideas for a new policy on school recycling. Attendance has been excellent – and I want to say a well done to class S3 who are on-track for almost 100% attendance for the half-term.

Celebrating 25 Years of RHS Tatton Park

Congratulations to all our horticulturists and Grow Wild group who received a wonderful letter from the RHS this week along with a certificate of recognition for their work at the 25 Year Anniversary of RHS Tatton Park. This is testament to many years of their work and progress through the Campaign for School Gardening. The benefits of outdoor learning are well established for pupils with SEND – so congratulations to you all for your fantastic garden – and I look forward to more of your creative ideas.

Post-16 visit to Croxteth Farm

This week I had the pleasure of joining the Post-16 Preparation for Adulthood group to Croxteth Hall Farm. As part of their access to employment and work-related skills they involved themselves in a whole range of fun and interactive activities from caring for animals to organising and managing a team. I'm confident that won't be the last visit.

Residential

During my residential visit and overnight stay this week it was the perfect opportunity to work alongside the team and hear first-hand from the pupils about their thoughts on the implementation of the new Key Working Sessions (KWS) timetable. This has been a real positive addition to the group and it's evident all pupils are enjoying the added independence this is providing them with during these sessions. I look forward to joining more of these sessions in the coming weeks.

Saturday Activities

A reminder that our final Saturday activity morning for the half-term will be tomorrow from 10 am to 12 pm. We have had a great turnout for these activities this half-term – and I hope this continues after the half-term break.

Wishing all pupils, staff, parents and carers a very restful weekend.

Best wishes,

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