



Prenton Primary School

Newsletter – February 2024



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Cut Your Carbon

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the 'Cut Your Carbon' sheets. It is great to see how many children care about the environment. The school council counted the replies and made some graphs. The biggest change we made was walking rather than taking the car. Well done for making small changes that can make a big difference.



Parking

We are working very hard with the Local Authority, Police and a Local Councillor to encourage safer parking around school. As ever parents/carers are encouraged to park away from the school and walk a short distance to the building. Please do not park on yellow lines, zig zags, the larger corner pavement by F2 and across or even on neighbour's drives. Please be safe and considerate of our neighbours. We are very pleased that the barrier that we have waited for on Edinburgh Drive has been put in place by the council.

Prenton Pedallers

Prenton Pedallers Cycling Club will be restarting after half-term. This club is run by Mr Atkinson, a qualified cycling instructor, with the aim of developing children's confidence and skills on a bike. If your child cannot ride yet, never progressed from stabilisers or is able to ride but doesn't feel very confident or safe, this is the club for them. Training takes place after school on Tuesdays, on the playground. We have a limited supply of bikes and helmets for this - there is no need for children to bring in their own. Initially it will be open to Year 5 and then later to Year 4. We will send information out via the Parent App.

Bikeability

Bikeability Training will take place at the end of April for Year 5 children. Professionally qualified instructors from BikeRight! will deliver a one-day training course which aims to introduce your child to riding safely on quiet suburban roads. To take part in the training, your child will need to be able to confidently ride and control their bike. A roadworthy bike and helmet will be required - the school and BikeRight! are unable to provide equipment for this training. More information will be sent out nearer to the Easter break, but now is a good time to get your child's bike out of the shed and get them riding in preparation!



My Happy Mind

Year groups F2 - Y6 have really enjoyed our new programme 'Myhappymind' over the past few weeks. This half term we have been studying the theme 'Meet your Brain'. We have discovered interesting facts about what our brain is like, how it works and how we can help our brains to grow and be our best selves. We have developed some new techniques to help our brains when we feel sad or worried and have been practising these through our 'Happy

Breathing'. Don't forget there is free App available to all our pupils and parents for more information and guidance.





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Fiddle Toys

Please do not send your child in with a fiddle toy to school. The toys are provided by school if there is a specific need and this must be discussed with Mrs Harrison the Sendco. Thank you

Trainers

A reminder that children should wear shoes for school and not trainers. Shoes are an agreed part of our school uniform policy. Thank you for your support.

Pro Strike Day



Thank you all for your wonderful fundraising efforts for our Pro Strike day today. The children LOVED it. Prizes will be sent home after half term once they have all been delivered to school. We are delighted to announce that we have raised a fantastic £3773 that will all be spent on the children in school!

Published authors!

Several members of Year 4 and 5 can now claim to be published authors as their work has been included in the book 'This is me'. Children were asked to write an acrostic poem about themselves and many children were lucky enough for their entry to be included. Copies of the book are now in the KS2 library for everyone to read. Well done to everyone who entered their work.

Pyjama Day

It has been lovely to see the children take part in this day to raise money for the school. Many thanks to the PTA for their invaluable support.

PTA Golden Tickets



Our fabulous PTA have now delivered the Golden Ticket games and resources for most of the classes. Our classes were given £100 per class and the children chose what it was spent on. There are lots of photos on our 'X' account (formerly Twitter) and you can follow us via the link on the school website or <https://twitter.com/prentonprimary>

Junior Travel Ambassadors

After half term our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) will be announced. The team of JTAs, made up of one pupil from each class, will help to organise whole school events to make travelling to and from our school safer and more active.



Diary Dates

We break up today for the half term holiday.

- We return to school on **Monday 26th February**.
- We break up for the Spring break on **Thursday 28th March**
- **at 1:50pm for F2 and KS1 and 2:00pm for KS2.**
- Our next inset day is **Thursday 2nd May** as the school is a polling station.

