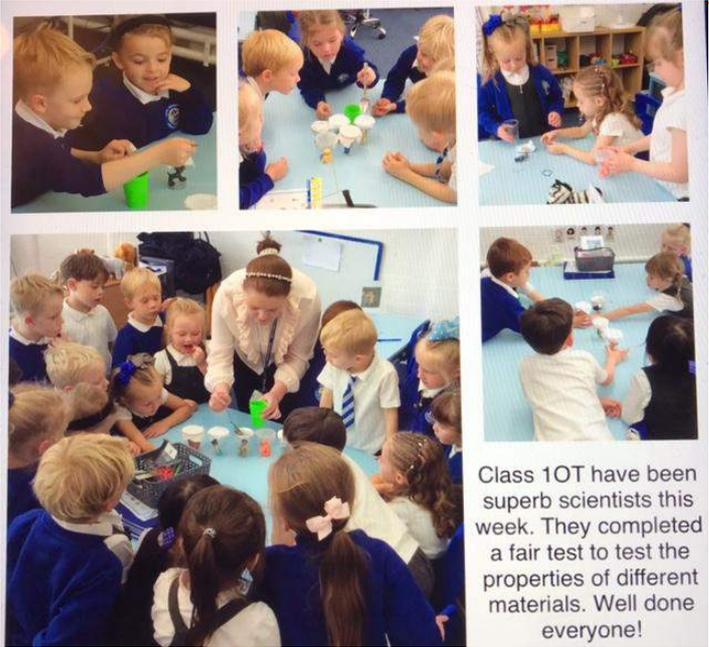
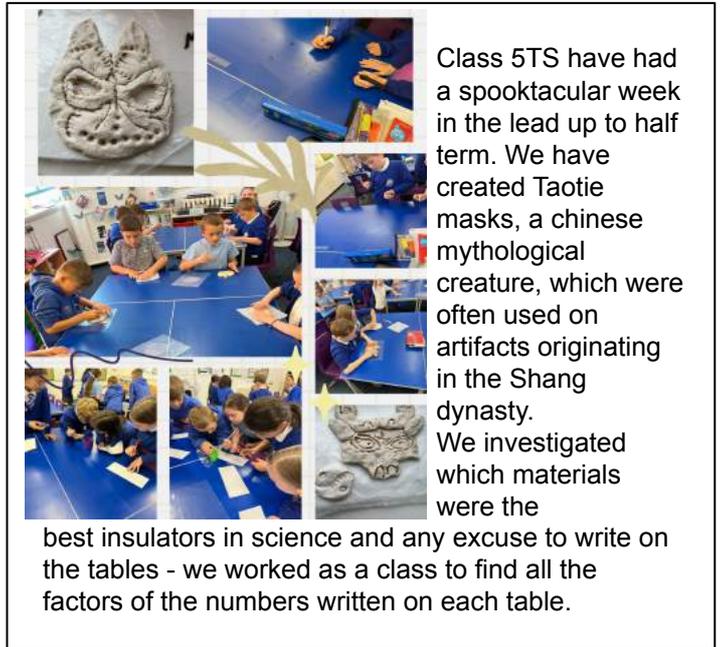




Friday 21st October.



Class 10T have been superb scientists this week. They completed a fair test to test the properties of different materials. Well done everyone!



Class 5TS have had a spooktacular week in the lead up to half term. We have created Taotie masks, a chinese mythological creature, which were often used on artifacts originating in the Shang dynasty. We investigated which materials were the

best insulators in science and any excuse to write on the tables - we worked as a class to find all the factors of the numbers written on each table.

Clubs

Our club sign up for next half term opens at **7:00pm on Friday 21st October**. We have lots of exciting new clubs on offer for next term. These include:

- **KS1 Dance**
- **KS2 Benchball**
- **Y2-Y6 Tennis**
- **KS2 Dodgeball**
- **KS1 Multi Skills**
- **KS2 Boxercise**
- **KS2 Fencing**
- **KS1 Athletics**
- **KS2 Gymnastics**
- **KS1 Gymnastics**
- **KS1 Kickball**
- **KS2 Musical Theatre**
- **KS2 Basketball**
- **Glee**



Please sign up via the Arbor app to secure your child's place.



Class BD were very proud to display their Stone Age artwork in the classroom this week.



Putting our bulbs to bed

F2 Buttercups, Sweet Peas and Poppies visited the garden this week. They learned about hibernation and what it means for plants and animals. All children got to plant up a pot containing tete-a-tete daffodil bulbs which will sleep until spring.



Making vegetable soup is grate fun!



Year 2 had a great DT lesson making their 'Autumn warmer' this week. Pupils harvested vegetables from the school

garden and prepared them by peeling, chopping and grating them ready to cook. All pupils had cup of their

'remarkable recipe', which was served with a breadstick. Thank you Mr Fox for a soup-er afternoon!



It's bed time

Garden update! Our new raised beds are taking shape after a bumper 1st year. These beds (bought with lolly sale proceeds) will be chock full of nutrient rich soil

and Alpaca manure from Tam O'Shanter's farm, giving everything we grow next year a real boost. Next time you're passing have a careful look.

Caught red-handed!

Our school garden is a haven for local wildlife. This squirrel has been going nuts for our home-grown sunflower seeds!



SAVE THE
DATE!

NBPS PTA presents...

SPOOKY DISCO

THURSDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

F2: 4 - 4.30pm

Yr 1/2: 4.45 - 5.30pm

Yr 3/4: 5.45 - 6.30pm

Yr 5/6: 6.45 - 7.30pm

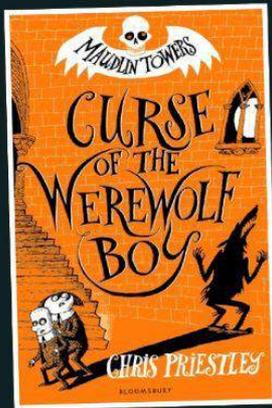
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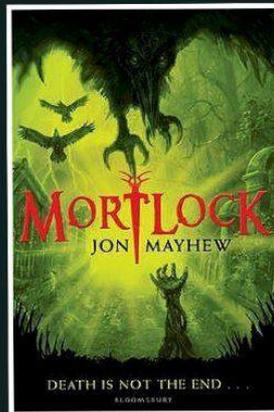
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Entrance - School reception

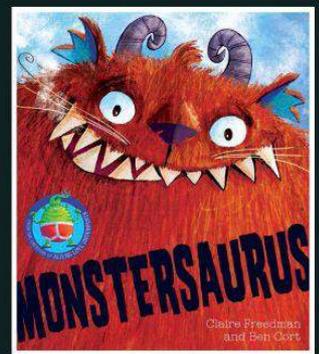
Pick up - 3/4 playground



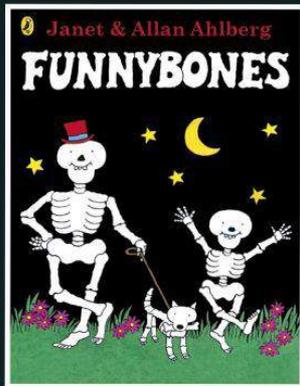
Curse of the Werewolf Boy by Chris Priestley
A funny, creepy and action-packed book set in a very spooky school - Maudlin Towers.



Mortlock by Jon Mayhew
Two orphans set off on a desperate hunt for Amarant - a plant with the power over life and death. Many want it, but who will get there first?



Monstersaurus by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort
Monty loves inventing but things don't always go to plan. Will his new Monstersaurus be good or bad?



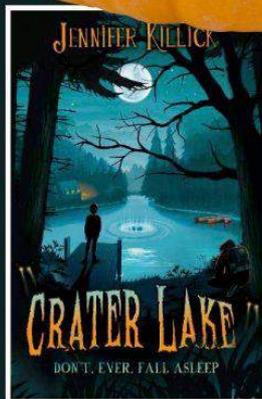
Funnybones by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
A delightful story about the adventures of an unusual family - big skeleton, little skeleton and their skeleton dog.



Undead Pets by Sam Hay
A wish on an ancient amulet turns ordinary boy Joe into a Protector of Undead Pets who can talk to dead animals.

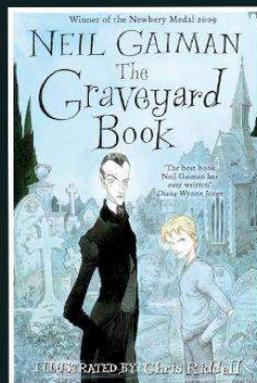


The Haunting of Aveline Jones by Phil Hickey
Aveline Jones loves ghost stories, but when she discovers an old book once owned by a girl who disappeared mysteriously, she finds herself in her very own supernatural adventure.

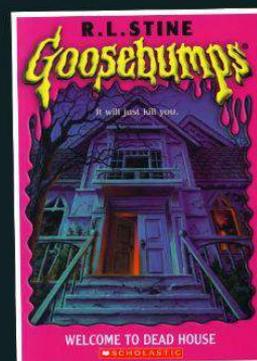


Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick
A group of schoolchildren go on a residential trip which turns into a fight for survival. Whatever happens, they must not fall asleep!

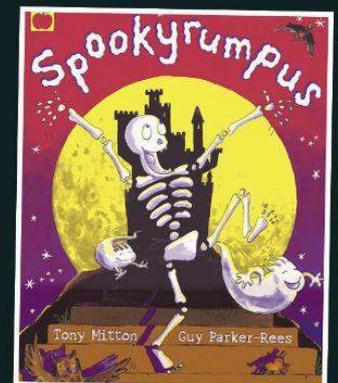
All the best tales from Mrs Waldron's cauldron!



The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman
A spooky tale following a boy called Nobody who ends up being adopted by ghosts in a graveyard. One for older readers.



Goosebumps by R. L. Stine
Perfect for those who don't mind being scared. Was that bump a tree branch knocking on the window... or something else?



Spookyrumpus by Tony Mitton and Guy Parker-Rees
This fantastic, colourful countdown for younger readers stars witches, ghosts, trolls, skeletons, suits of armour and more!

The nights may be drawing in, but there is still plenty to see and do this half term

Our

AUTUMN

days out



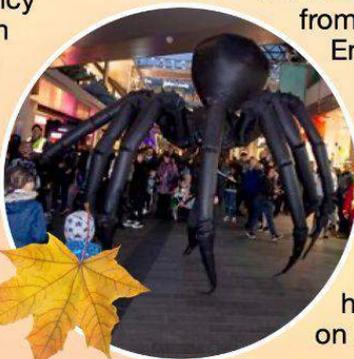
Get your crafts on

Drop in to the Williamson Art Gallery in Birkenhead on Saturday October 29 for free arts and crafts activities. Sessions are at 10.15am, 11:30am, 12.45pm, 2pm and 3.15pm, and last for one hour each. There's no need to book in advance but if you do want to guarantee your space, you can book on Eventbrite via williamsonartgallery.org



Feel the beat

Liverpool ONE is hosting a free Halloween party on Sunday, October 30 from 12pm until 5pm. Families can join in with a packed programme of activities, with prizes for the spookiest fancy dress. A Halloween parade led by Katumba drummers starts at 4pm. Entries for the fancy dress competition will be open from 12pm until 3pm. Everyone who enters will be invited to take part in the parade. Look out for giant spider puppet, Arachnobot!



Learn circus skills

Youngsters aged 6-14 can try flying high on the trapeze, the delicate art of ribbon dancing, juggling and more for free at circus school on October 24-27, 10-3pm, Grand Hall, Albert Dock, Liverpool. On October 29, families can design a Jack O'Lantern at the pumpkin carving workshops, 10-4pm. On October 30, children can create ghoulish garlands and monster masks from 10-4pm with artist Olga Snell. Batala Mersey drummers perform outside Anchor Courtyard from 5pm on October 31. See albertdock.com to book your free place.

Party in the park

Grab your glowsticks and get ready to dance! Joytime's Halloween spooktacular disco is back for its 20th year! Put on your best fancy dress and join the crew at Vale Park bandstand from 5.30 - 7pm on October 31. Entry is £1 per person.



Night at the museum

Wirral Transport Museum, Birkenhead, and R Discos host A Night at the Museum on November 4, 6-9pm.

Bring your little explorers for a fun filled time with trams and heritage buses running late into the night along the heritage tramway. The museum will be 'transformed by light and spectacularly lit all night'... using a multitude of LED lighting, stage lighting, projections, special lighting effects, colour wash lighting and disco lights - all courtesy of R Discos. No booking required, free museum entry and bus rides, tram fares apply - £2 per adult and £1 per child, under 5s free.

Have a ball, pumpkins!

What do you do with your carved pumpkins after Halloween? Drop them off for a Pumpkin Ball, of course! Pop a card with your name and contact details inside your pumpkin and leave it The Coffee Roast cafe at Vale House from October 31 until 4pm on November 5. All entries will be displayed on Saturday November 5 from 5pm in Vale Park bandstand. Prizes for the quirkiest designs. Free entry.



Raining outside? Get crafty with these seasonal activities

Spooky silhouette lantern

You will need:

A clean jam jar

Acrylic paint

Thin black card

String or twine to make a handle

A battery-powered tea light (this project is not suitable for real-flame candles)

Ribbons and sequins to decorate

Pencil, scissors, glue

1. Use acrylic paint to cover the inside of your jam jar with colourful swirls and patterns. Leave to dry.
2. Draw some small spooky shapes

such as ghosts, cats or pumpkins onto a piece of thin black card. Cut around them carefully.

3. Glue the shapes onto the outside of your painted jam jar.

4. Tie some string or twine around the neck of the jar and knot it securely to make a handle.

5. Tie some colourful ribbons and sequins around the neck of the jar to add extra spooky sparkle.

6. Switch the battery-powered tea light on and place it in the jar. The light will make your painting glow while leaving the silhouettes dark.



Pine cone people

You will need:

Small pine cones

Paints (acrylic works best)

Wooden beads (ours were approx 1.5cm across)

Fabric leaves in different colours

Biodegradable glitter (optional)

Glue

1. Start by asking an adult to help you remove the top couple of sticks from the pine cone. This will make room for the bead to sit comfortably.
2. Glue on the wooden bead, making sure a hole is at the top. Put a blob of glue in the hole and push in the sticks that you cut from the top of the pine cone.
3. Paint each pine cone. Paint the bead head a base colour if you wish. Leave to dry.
4. Carefully paint on some features and add some biodegradable glitter if you wish.
5. Take two fabric leaves, trim them to size and paint them if you wish. Glue them in place at the back of the pine cone to make wings.

Spike the clay hedgehog

You will need :

Air-drying clay

Paint - brown, black and any other colours

Two small googly eyes

About 30 matchsticks (You can buy these from model or craft shops. If you are using matches from a box, ask an adult to make sure the matches are spent and cannot cause a fire)

A coloured bead

1. Take a portion of air-drying clay, about the size of a hen's egg.
2. Shape the clay to make the hedgehog's body.
3. Push the matchsticks into the clay to make 'prickles'.
4. Position the googly eyes and push them into the clay to stick.
5. Position the bead to make a nose and push it into the clay to stick.
6. Leave your hedgehog overnight to dry.
7. Once your model is dry it can be painted.

Your hedgehog is complete!

Not only will it remind you to care for wildlife this winter, but its prickles are great for standing photos in, or holding your favourite rings or small toys.





Diwali



Fabulous facts about Diwali

The exact dates change each year but this year, Diwali falls on **Monday 24 October**.



Diwali is an important religious festival originating in **India**. People often think of Diwali as a **Hindu** festival, but it is also celebrated by **Sikhs** and **Jains**.



The word **Diwali** (or **Deepavali** as it's sometimes called) means "**row of lights**" in an Ancient language of India, called **Sanskrit**. During this festival, people decorate their homes with lights and oil lamps, called **diyas**.



More interesting facts about Diwali can be found on:



Diwali is a time to have fun with friends and family! People exchange gifts and sweets, enjoy delicious feasts, watch firework displays and wear new clothes. It's a time to clean and decorate your home, too.



One way system



To help ease the traffic congestion around school we would like to remind parents to please follow our voluntary one way system when dropping off and picking up children from school. Below is a reminder of how it works and the times it operates.

The system runs between:

8:45-9:15 am and 3:15-3:45 pm

This system helps keep our children safe and controls some of the traffic congestion around school.

We would also like to remind parents/carers not to park on the zig zag lines outside the school. This endangers children, parents and members of the public.



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Please check our website for details of which hub stocks your school's clothes, opening times and where you can donate.

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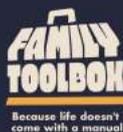
SAVE THE DATE

On Friday 18th November we will be celebrating BBC Children in Need.

Pupils will be invited to Be SPOTacular and come to school in their spottiest outfits.



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Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
1RL	54%	4CH	61%
1BT	74%	4LF	64%
1OT	42%	BD	92%
2SA	83%	5TS	77%
2RM	87%	5JH	58%
2SA	83%	5MW	93%
3NF	63%	6CJ	43%
3CH	68%	6RS	100%
3MC	48%	6JH	81%
4DH	61%	Total	70%

Well done to class 6RS who have the highest reading average this week and to class 2RM who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.

Eat Out For Less This October Half Term

EXTREME COUPONING AND BARGAINS UK



Children can eat for just £1 at Asda Cafés

Kids Eat For Free All day, every day with any purchase at The Café when you use your Clubcard.



Only one free meal from the kids menu with any one adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over.

Pick up a FREE main, snack + drink from our Kids' Munch Menu when you spend £5 in the Café.



Kids Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am at IKEA.



Kids three courses & a drink for £1 from 4-6pm Monday - Thursday With purchase of every adult main meal.



One Free Kids Menu With Every £4 Spent. Monday To Friday After 3pm.



For every adult Sizzling meal, you'll also get a kid's main meal for £1. Monday-Friday 3pm-7pm



We recommend downloading Harvester & Toby Carvery Apps both have offers and regularly include kids Eat For £1 Offers!



Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Burger Day Choose from homemade beef burger, chicken fillet burger or a Veggieburger, baked in the oven and served on a bread bun with salad and a tomato relish, with wedges</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Choose from and or Quorn pieces cooked in a homemade tomato and vegetable sauce, combined with pasta and baked in the oven, served with crusty bread</p>	<p>Roast Dinner Choose from either home roasted topside of beef or a Quorn fillet, served with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes and gravy</p>	<p>Creamy Chicken Curry Choose from fresh chicken pieces or Quorn pieces cooked with onions in a mild spiced sauce served on a bed of rice with Naan bread</p>	<p>Fish and Chips Choose from battered cod fillet, cod fillet fish fingers or a simple salmon fillet all baked in the oven & served with chips</p>
Served with				
Sweetcorn Or Baked Beans	Broccoli	Carrots and Cabbage	Green Beans	Peas or Beans
Or				
<p>Jacket potatoes served with a side salad are also available daily – chooses from a variety of fillings cheese, tuna mayo, ham, turkey & baked beans (when available)</p>				
Or				
<p>Deli Bar - Available Everyday Design your own sandwich, first choose your bread – wrap or batch then choose your filling a selection of the following will be available daily – ham, cheese, tuna, Chinese chicken, turkey, roast beef, egg and finally finish with a choice of salad – carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, beetroot and peppers.</p>				
				
And for dessert				
Melting Moments	Raspberry Muffin	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack
<p>Fresh Fruit, Fruit Pots, Yogurt or Cheese & Crackers are available everyday as an alternative to the daily dessert.</p>				
And finally, a drink				
<p>A selection of the following drinks will be available daily freshly made milkshakes - chocolate, strawberry or banana, fresh fruit juice – apple or orange or water.</p>				



Attendance

We aim for 100% our target is 98%

Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.

Please note, COVID absence is taken into account and we compare ourselves to other schools, both locally and nationally, that are also affected by the pandemic.

Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nursery	94.2	40	3CH	92.3	0
Poppies	93.4	237	3CM	97.1	110
Sweetpeas	95.5	36	4DH	94.3	151
Buttercups	95.5	53	4LF	94.9	169
1RL	95.5	28	4CH	96.1	114
1BT	88.9	135	BD	89.7	81
10T	88.7	280	5TS	93.3	2
2BP	91.6	0	5MW	93.4	0
2RM	89.8	241	5JH	89.9	155
2SA	96.7	285	6CJ	92.8	257
BK	89.2	0	6RS	94.1	68
3NF	92.9	294	6JH	94.1	55
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	93.2		Lost Learning	45hrs	53min

Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence.

We have an email for you to report Covid (covidinfo@newbrighton.wirral.sch.uk) absence and you can leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register.



Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

Nursery Ayda & Kody	Class 3CH Mimi & Ralph
Buttercups Heidi & Joel	Class 3CM Theo N & Erin Y
Poppies Elkie & Stevie	Class 4DH Leon c & Milena B
Sweetpeas Layla & Leo	Class 4LF Kai & Zach
Class 1RL Bobbi & Lily-Mae	Class 4CH Lucy P & Noah B
Class 1BT Frederick & Minnie	Class BD Sophia
Class 1OT Pearl & Theo	Class 5TS Shaynae & Shayah
Class 2BP Oliver L & Lilah BD	Class 5JH Jessie & Theo
Class 2RM Aria & Dallas	Class 5MW Lucas E & Hannah
Class 2SA Oliver and Grace	Class 6CJ Lexie T & Amber W
Class BK Jacob	Class 6RS Connor D & Jayden H
Class 3NF Minnie C & Isla T	Class 6JH Ivy & Aimee

