



Poppy Field School offers a holistic, family-oriented, therapeutic approach to bringing children inner-peace and contentment, enabling them to access education, and become positive, valued members of society.



Spring (2) Newsletter 2024

We have had another busy half term with some excellent learning and events taking place across school and the Easter break is fast approaching. We break up on **Thursday 28th March** for our Easter break and return to school on **Tuesday 16th April**.

Tracey has been in touch to arrange an appointment on **Monday 15th April**, to review your child's IEP with their class teacher, have a look at their books, and ask any questions as part of our family day.

If you have any uniform requirements, you can order this in the usual way (contact the office).

It will be sent home with your child on their return to school in April.

Our office team are more than happy to help with any queries you may have around this and can be contacted on 0151 332 3000, alternatively you can email the office at:

office@poppyfieldschool.co.uk



Community Links

We have welcomed our local PCSO, Pete McGarry to school this half term. He came and visited us in the Police Van and had a chat with all the students about his work and different roles of the police force. He was very impressed with our young people and has already been back to say hello over a couple of lunch times.

We have also welcomed two community engagement officers to school, and completed a whole school litter pick! Paul and Geoff helped us understand the impact of litter in the environment and then provided us with the tools to go out and clean up Widnes. We managed to collect 9 bags of rubbish!

Again, we had glowing feedback, and Paul and Geoff said they would love to work with us again as the students were so engaged. This has been booked for the summer term – so watch this space!



Reading Across School



You will be aware that we make the commitment every child learns to read at Poppy Field. We also have 'to embed a love of reading' as one of our school improvement plan targets – not only because it is an essential life skill, but also because it can bring such joy and pleasure.

This half term has seen some fantastic reading opportunities as we have celebrated World Book Day across school (with awesome costumes and participation – **THANK YOU!**). We have welcomed two published authors into school (Simon Adepetun and Josie Vujcic) who have run workshops with every class.

We have then launched the 'reading in random places' challenge, to see all the wonderful places we can be snapped with a book! So far, we have had a police cell, dangling from balance bars, a train toilet and a deep-sea diver to name but a few! Feel free to share any pictures with Nicky if you get the chance over the Easter holidays (nhadfield@poppyfieldschool.co.uk).

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We have loved embracing the Poppy Field 50, with some students getting close to achieving their bronze medals. We have visited a monastery, ridden a train, raced pool sticks, visited a farm, tried needlework and played instruments to name just a few of the activities different classes have engaged in – all making memories and providing experiences to our young people.

We are aware that you may well be participating in these fun activities at home - please share them if you do. You can send photos to Nicky at nhadfield@poppyfieldschool.co.uk.



Fund Raising

A **HUGE** thank you for your support on 15th March as we celebrated Red Nose Day and participated in Comic Relief. The event saw us raise record funds from our fundraisers so far – an amazing **£87.50** for Comic Relief. We are super proud to achieve this just through selling red noses and wearing something red. Awesome!
All monies have gone directly to Comic Relief.



Summer Concert - Date for the Diary!

The summer concert will take place annually and is a special event where the whole school come together to share their talents with you.

The majority of students choose to perform (and are already working away on their masterpieces!), others may choose to design and produce the programmes, or support with the logistics on the day, but the event will be a whole school showcase.

Please save the date for this year's performance, which will be on **Friday 21st June 2024**, at **Poppy Field School**.

It will take place in the afternoon, but exact timings will be confirmed nearer the event. We are proud to invite parents, carers, and associated professionals to come and share the event and so please watch this space, along with our Facebook page for further details. It promises to be a special event and we are excited to bring our whole school family together for the occasion.



Facebook – Following our News!



A reminder that we have a brilliant Facebook closed group that shares updates and photos at least once a week of what we are up to across school. Please email Nicky at nhadfield@poppyfieldschool.co.uk with the email address for your Facebook account, to receive an invitation.



Catching Up and Having a Chat



We continue to hold our lovely coffee catch up mornings at **Runcorn Library** (Old Town, Granville Street) every four weeks with our next event booked for **Thursday 25th April 9.45am - 11.15am** (with more dates to follow).

If you don't fancy meeting with others, and would just like to have a chat, advice or support one to one, we have our school therapy team available every **Wednesday afternoon**.

Slots are available from **1.20pm - 2.35pm**, on site at **Poppy Field School**.

If you feel this would be helpful, please telephone Poppy Field on **0151 332 3000** to arrange a visit, or email the office at office@poppyfieldschool.co.uk.

A small selection of pictures from this half term...

