



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.

Summer (1) Newsletter 2024

What a super half term it has been! With lots taking place every day across the school as we continue to welcome more new students and ensure we are delivering an exciting and engaging curriculum - we are all ready for a well-earned rest over the half term break.

We finish on **Friday 24th May** for one week and return to school on **Monday 3rd June**.



Community Links



We have been and visited the local fire station to meet Graham and his team. Classes went and had a tour of the station, understanding the different jobs that take place and how the equipment works. They then got to tour one of the engines and have a go with the fire hose.

We have also welcomed Geoff back to school, one of our community engagement officers, for our second whole school litter pick! Geoff was again super impressed with our brilliant students and the difference that they are keen to make to the local environment.



Summer Concert



We are all looking forward to sharing the first Poppy Field Summer Concert with you, which is taking place on **Friday 21st June 2024**.

Our students are all busy practicing performances for the event and working on items for their stalls.



The plan for the event is as follows –



Gates open 12.45pm, admission is ticket only (see below)

Performances start 1pm on school playground (cross fingers for sunshine!)

Performances finish approx. 1.45pm, with time for you to collect your child and enjoy browsing the class stalls together. Classes are all making items for their class stalls, and all monies raised will be donated to our chosen charity – **MIND Halton**.

There will also be snacks and refreshments available for you to purchase.

When you feel ready to go, you are then welcome to take your child home with you – but **must** ensure you have notified your child's class teacher that is what you are doing.

Should you need to leave and prefer your child to come home in their taxi, as they usually would, please ensure you have handed them over to a member of the staff team before going.

The event is open to parents, carers and close family.

Please email the office (office@poppyfieldschool.co.uk) to request your tickets stating how many, and who they are for. These are initially limited to 2 per child. But we will advise if this increases.

These will be issued on a first come, first served basis. As you will be aware, space is at a premium and so we must insist on tickets only, so that we can manage numbers accordingly.



School Improvement Plan



We like to keep you informed each term on the progress we are making against our four key targets.

1. **To embed a love of reading for all pupils**
2. **To ensure that behaviour is positively managed and has minimum impact on others**
3. **To provide opportunities for pupils to enhance their cultural capital**
4. **To engage in School Council ideas to improve the school and environment to enhance pupils' experience.**

We are delighted with the continued progress made against all four areas in the Spring Term; from excellent progress for all pupils working on phonics, reading interventions supporting students, to author visits and World Book Day celebrations, all contributing to good progress in reading.

We have a growing collection of fantastic feedback from visitors to school, other professionals and the public on the excellent behaviour of Poppy Field students and the relationships they have with the staff team.

We have enhanced cultural capital through workshops with our local Fire Team, PCSO, visits to Safety Central, and community litter picking which have been whole school events. We have also seen students volunteering at the local food bank and continued to explore local sites to enhance learning.

Finally, our brilliant School Councillors have had a super term having a positive impact on school including a revised menu, and driving the purchase of recycling bins ensuring that we are recycling as much waste as possible as a school.

We will continue to work on these throughout the summer term as we strive to be the best we can for all our students and families.



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 events booked for **Thursday 13th June 9.45am - 11.15am** and **Thursday 11th July 9.15am - 11.15am**.

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.

Feedback – Who are we?

At our last coffee morning it was shared that it would be beneficial to share photos with you, of the Poppy Field team.

This is a great idea, as we fully appreciate many of you don't come to the school gates and so hear lots of names, but then don't know who we all are!

Please see below pictures of Team Poppy Field with names sharing who is who.

Great feedback, and hopefully this will help.





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Executive Head



Nicky
Head of School



Flic
Deputy Head

Leadership Team



Tracey
Office
Administrator



Chris
Maintenance



Sue
Chef

Poppy Field Support Team



Class Sutherland



Katie



Adelle



Louise



Tanya



Class Hopkin



Ashley



Kelly



Ollie



Class Deaville



Dawn



Laura



Debbie



Shannon



Class Armitage



Flic



Sophie



Nicky



Tanya
Relaxation and
Massage



Chris
Hobby Craft



Paul
Music

Alternative Therapy Team

Who's Who at Poppy Field?

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

