



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 (1) Newsletter 2024



We break up on **Friday 9th February**, and this half term seems to have gone in the blink of an eye! We return to school on **Monday 19th February** and at that point will already be halfway through the school year!



School Improvement Plan



We are really proud of the progress we have made towards our key targets over the Autumn term as we strive to improve, and be the best we can for your wonderful children.

Our key target areas are -

- 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 sent a letter home in our first week back, sharing the key developments from the introduction of leadership roles, reading buddies and school council to charity fundraising, recruitment and visits across the community.

We look forward to continuing our achievement into the Spring Term as we grow.
Thank you, as always, for your support and commitment to this journey.



Time for You!



Last week we held our first 'Coffee Catch Up' at Runcorn Library, and it was lovely! The time is put aside for you to come along and chat, getting to meet other parents and share your stories. Nicky (Head of School) and Liv Hope (school therapist) will be offering these, every four weeks.

The next session is at the end of the month on **Thursday 29th February, at 9.45am - 11.15am**. It will take place in **Runcorn Library** again (in Old Town, Granville Street, not to be confused with Halton Lea).

The following sessions (dates for the diary) will be on -

Thursday 21st March 9.45am - 11.15am and Thursday 25th April 9.45am - 11.15am.

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

The time is yours to spend as you wish, with a friendly face and a cuppa!

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 Tracey at tdwyer@poppyfieldschool.co.uk.

Due to the space in school, we request that you book ahead, so we can manage time and space appropriately.



This half term we have launched – Poppy Field 50. They are fun, special, opportunities that we look forward to offering our students during their time with us. All of which should bring a smile to their face, and offer shared experiences and making memories.

The Poppy Field 50 sits in all students Record of Achievement folders along with photos and dates as we tick them off. There are medals available as students achieve 20, 35 and then 50 experiences.

We are also well 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.



Home Learning



Last week, we sent home with all students an updated pack of activities and challenges to support with their current IEP targets.

This centres on maths and English skills. We have also included your child's log ins for the different websites and learning platforms we access in school. Please feel free to log in at home.

Your child will know how to access the websites, or simply google them and then 'log in'.

These are designed to be used as support and are **not** in any way to cause stress.

We are keen our students have access to opportunities to enhance their learning where possible. It **does not** need to be returned to school, rather it is to allow practice and conversation around learning, building confidence.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, or chat through with your child's class teacher in the weekly phone call.



Where have we been?



We have enjoyed a jam packed half term with trips a plenty across school to enhance our learning – and even some unplanned trips! We have visited – The Liverpool Museum, Spike Island, Wigg Island, Crossing Point Food Bank (with donations), Safety Central, the local Library, Bon Pan Asia (on the train) and the local park. We have continued to enjoy horse-riding and trampolining with our PE and also added swimming to the list. Furthermore, we have continued to seize opportunities to develop our social skills with shopping trips, and café visits.

One of the most positive trips offsite this half term actually came out of an unplanned fire evacuation... While school was being checked over by the fire service, all students and staff headed to Tesco Cafe for a drink and some toast. As always behaviour was excellent – and this attracted feedback from numerous members of the public!

Four customers went out of their way to praise the students (and staff) while there, and we have then received a card sent in from a couple who felt they needed to share how impressed they were. We could not be prouder!



Facebook – Following our News!



A reminder that we have a brilliant Facebook closed group that shares updates and photo's 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.

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

