



SMITHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Together We Grow

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Message from the Head Teacher

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to this mornings meeting to discuss the way Smithdown teach Personal, Social and Emotional Development which includes Relationships and Health Education. It was great to be able to clarify some misunderstandings that have arisen, largely due to the misinformation shared on Facebook, internet forums and fake news sites.

If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint which explains what is taught and when, as well as how some of the curriculum objectives are taught is available on our website.

If you have any further questions, please do ask as it is important to us that you receive the correct information about how we teach the subject, focusing on keeping children safe and supporting their mental and physical health.

Safeguarding

Smithdown school ensures children learn in a safe, caring and enriching environment. Children are taught how to keep themselves safe, to develop positive and healthy relationships and how to avoid situations where they might be at risk, including by being exploited.

We also have a statutory responsibility to share any concerns it might have about a child in need of protection with other agencies and in particular; police, health and children's services. Schools are not able to investigate child protection concerns but have a legal duty to refer them. In most instances the school will be able to inform the parents/carers of its need to make a referral. However, sometimes the school can, in certain circumstances, share information without the consent of the family and may be advised by children's services or police that the parent/carer cannot be informed whilst they investigate the matter or make enquires. We understand the anxiety parents/carers may feel when they are not told about any concerns from the outset but must follow the legislation that aims to act in the interests of the child.

School will always seek to work in partnership with parents and other agencies to ensure the best possible outcomes for the child and family.



ATTENDANCE AT- TENDANCE NEWS AUTUMN TERM

Nursery A: 100%

Nursery B: 93%

RLMc: 91%

RAG: 88%

Year 1 RMc: 93%

Year 1CP: 87%

Year 2GH: 91%

Year 2 TD: 91%

Year 3 LA: 96%

Year 3 EHD: 100%

Year 4 JS:92%

Year 4 KM: 99%

Year 5NA: 96%

Year 5TS: 99%

Year 6AD: 98%

Year 6RC: 100%

Well Done to this weeks winners,

Nursery A, Y3EHD and Y6RC with 100% attendance.

School starts at 8.55am

Children can come into school from 8.45am and should be in class by 8.55am.

Nursery opens at 9.00am and closes and 3.10pm.

Dates for your diary:

SEPTEMBER:

22nd—Parent and Toddler Group 9am (then every Wednesday)

22nd—Year 6 Swimming

24th—**INSET DAY. SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS.**

27th—30th—New Food Week—children trying a new recipe each day for lunch.

29th—Parent and Toddler Group 9am

29th—Year 6 Swimming

29th—Flu vaccinations for those children whose parents have given permission.

OCTOBER:

1st—Mersey Mavericks (Basketball) working with Year 6

4th—8th— Y5NA visiting the KIND Centre

6th—Visit from Mayor

6th—Parent and Toddler Group 9am

6th—Year 6 Swimming

8th—Mersey Mavericks (Basketball) working with Year 6

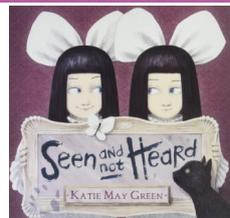
11th—15th— Y5TS visiting the KIND centre.

12th—Y1CP visiting Sefton Park

13th—Y1RMc visiting Sefton Park

Parent and Toddler Group

Our popular Parent and Toddler group with Mrs Ireland and Mrs Cawthorne is back meeting face to face. Come along on each Wednesday at 9am for a chance to meet other parents as well as all the lovely activities and singing.



Year 3

Last week Year 3 visited Sefton Park as part of their Science work, exploring the play area to look at different movements. Mrs Carpenter was really proud of how well the children behaved and took turns, particularly allowing younger children in the park to go first.

They also visited Sudley House in Mossley Hill which is really similar to the stately home in their book, 'Seen and Not Heard'.



Save Our Bees

During the summer break, a number of Smithdown children took part in Save Our Bees, an environmental beekeeping project with workshops held at Merseyside Caribbean Centre.

Last week, some of them met Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram and were interviewed on Granada reports. We're hoping to have it on our website shortly, but until then, copy this link <https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2021-09-14/theyre-all-buzzing-about-bees-in-toxteth> or search 'Granada reports Smithdown Bees'.