



NEWSLETTER

XII Apostles RCPS, Nel Pan Lane, Leigh, Wigan WN7 5JS School Web Site: www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs T. Whitton BA QTS

22nd September 2023

Inspirational Speaker Bart Gee

On Monday 11th September we had a very special visitor called Bart Gee who came to talk about turning disability into possibility. Bart himself was born with a condition that effects his muscles and his parents were told that he would never walk. However, he refused to give up and not only did he learn to walk, but also swim, cycle, run and complete triathlons. Today, he also plays the piano and ping pong...amongst other things!

When we face challenges or find things difficult, Bart told the children to not think it's 'hard' but instead, think it's 'possible'. What an inspiring person and what an enjoyable afternoon!



Friends Meeting – Thursday 14th September 2023

Thank you so much to all those that were able to attend this meeting. It was lovely to see you all.

It was a productive meeting and fundraising plans were put in place for this term.

I can only reiterate that **all** the children benefit greatly from the funds raised by the friends. Over the past 12 months we have used this money to pay for visitors to school and subsidise trips. These experiences really enhance the curriculum.

The next meeting will be Thursday 18th January at 9:00 am. Please come along and share your ideas.

Friends fund raising events for the Autumn term.

Please make a note in your diary.

Sponsored Bounce – Friday 13th October at 1:00 pm

This is a favourite event for our school. The children will be challenged to bounce as many times as they can in a minute. They will ask family and friends to sponsor them for each bounce so that the more they bounce the more money they will raise! This event will take place during the school day.

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 17th November

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their toys out. Please send into school week beginning 13th November.



Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 1st December

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.

More information to follow.....

Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Decoration Competition Monday 18th December at 9:00 am.

This is a chance for everyone to get together. The children will be invited to make a Christmas tree decoration for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 19th December

The cost of the event will be £2.50 to cover the cost of food and a present.

Reception Intake – September 2024

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. should come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Thursday 2nd November at 6:00 pm and an Open Afternoon for parents and children on Friday 24th November at 2:00 pm

Parents Workshops and Meetings

Throughout this term teachers will be inviting parents to information sessions and meetings about the curriculum so please watch out for a letter that your child will bring home or messages on class dojos.

Year 1 Early Reading Tuesday 26th September at 9:00 am

Year 2 Parental Workshop Tuesday 3rd October at 2:30 pm

Parent Governor Vacancy

The closing date for nominations for parent governor is **Monday 25th September at 12 pm**. If you are interested and would like to discuss the role of parent governor, please contact me to arrange an informal chat.

Year 4 – Harvest Assembly

Friday 29th September at 9:00 am in the School Hall

Miss Phoenix and the children in Year 4 would like to invite parents, relatives and friends to join them for this special Harvest assembly.



As part of their work on Harvest, Year 4 will be thinking about people who are less fortunate than themselves and how we can help to make the world a fairer place.

Food Bank Donations

We are collecting donations to give to our local community. If you can spare anything, please could you send it into school with your child. Some ideas include:

- Tinned goods such as soup, fruits and vegetables
- Toiletries such as soaps, shampoo and body wash
- Tea and coffee
- Pasta and rice or any other dried foods

Anything that is donated will be made into hampers and taken to those living locally who really need it.

Raising Money for CAFOD - Brighten UP

We are also supporting our global community by taking part in CAFOD's initiative, 'Brighten Up'. On **Friday the 29th of September**, we are asking children for a **donation of £1** so that they can come to school in their brightest clothes to spread a little joy!

School Photographer - Thursday 5th October

The photographer will be in school from 9:00 am taking individual portraits and siblings in school.

Friday 6th October Class Mass St Joseph's Church @ 10:00 am

On Friday 6th October, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 will travel by coach to St Joseph's Church in Leigh to celebrate mass with Father Kieran. Parents, carers and relatives are warmly invited to join us at St Joseph's Church at 10:00 am.

Stay and Pray with Year 6 on Friday 6th October at 3:00 pm

Parents are invited to join Mr Rowlands and the children in Prayer and liturgy at 3:00pm

Parents of Year 5 and Year 6 Children – St Mary's Question and Answer Session

At Twelve Apostles on Monday 9th October at 3:15 pm in the school hall – all welcome!

Parent Evenings – Face to Face Appointments in School

Reception/Year 1/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 will be on Tuesday 10th October and Thursday 12th October from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Year 2 will be on Tuesday 10th October and Wednesday 11th October from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm.

You will be able to book an appointment via Parentmail - more information to follow....

Back To School Banquet Theme Day School Dinner – Thursday 5th October 2023

If your child currently has a packed lunch but would like to have a school dinner on this theme day, please let the school office know so your child can be added to the dinner system. The cost is £2.45 and all payments must be made online via Evolve by Friday 29th September.

Menu	Chicken Curry and Rice
	Chicken Goujons, Chips and Beans
Dessert	Individual Ice Cream Tub

Dogs on School Premises

Please can we remind parents/carers that no dogs should be brought onto school premises. This also includes carrying them onto school property. Should you wish to bring your dog, please can we ask that you remain at the school gates.



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not SUCCESSFUL
because We are Smart.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.



Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Friday 15th September 2023

Year 1 – Hallie S

Year 2 – Olivia W

Year 3 – Archie KB

Year 4 – Hailey B

Year 5 – Harry G

Year 6 – Thomas M

Friday 22nd September 2023

Reception – Evie B and Oliver M

Year 1 – Louis G

Year 2 – Ethan B

Year 3 – Sienna A

Year 4 – Isla McC

Year 5 – Isaac M

Year 6 – Micah S

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time

Week Commencing: 18th September 2023

Reception	98.33%%	Year 1	93.75%%
Year 2	97.08%	Year 3	94.17%
Year 4	98.33%	Year 5	91.94%
Year 6	99.58%		



**Congratulations
Year 6**

Sponsor

9th–15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group

Cubs Group – Ages 8 to 10.5 years

Monday 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Beaver Group – Ages 6.5 plus

Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Boys & Girls Welcome

Contact: Jane Riley

On 07714417263

Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.



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9th–15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group - Jane Riley - 07714417263

ABC Domestic - Ian McGowan - 01942 730468 or 07715986396

Feet First - Chiropodist - Nicola - 07767696014

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers - Jane - 07877619237