



ONE TIN IS ALL IT TAKES! OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL!

'One tin is all it takes' was the catchy slogan for our Harvest Celebration and donation drive this year. We are proud to say that we absolutely smashed it! As usual, we were completely overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown in the donations received. Our annual Harvest celebration assembly was a resounding success, leaving a feel-good buzz around the school for the rest of the day. The children's energetic singing and dancing and thoughtful and reflective poems and prayers were incredible. Through your support, we were able to equally split the massive amount of donations we received, between our own Flo Melly Pantry and the North Liverpool Foodbank in Clubmoor; meaning everything donated went directly back into our own community.

Debate Academy - Bringing Oracy Alive!

Members of our Junior Leadership Team honed their powers of persuasion, competing against other schools from across the city, as part of a debate competition with the Debate Academy. The children were tasked with debating controversial topics using their oracy skills and non-verbal body language. The children represented the school incredibly well and this was noted by the event organisers! We use oracy to empower our pupils to become more confident!

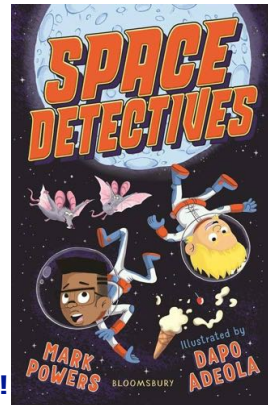
Bookfest with Corum Beanstalk and Mark Powers

This week, a group of avid readers from KS2 attended an author workshop hosted by Corum Beanstalk and Very. We met author, Mark Powers, who shared his novel, 'Space Detectives' with us. First, the children took part in an interactive science fiction quiz. Next, Mark led us in a workshop on what makes a good author. Then, we engaged in a student-led Q & A session. After that, we were able to sit back and listen as Mark read aloud the first chapter from his novel. Finally, each child received a signed copy of the story to take home and enjoy!

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

Inspired by our author workshop earlier this week, this week's book recommendation is [Space Detectives by Mark Powers](#). One minute, Connor and Ethan are serving ice cream - the next, they're wiping purple spit out of their hair as a huge, sharp-fanged slug-monster roars and waves its claws at them. That's what you get for trying to play the hero and return a stolen bag. But secretly, the boys are rather pleased. Although spending the summer aboard the exotic space station, Starville, is fun, what they're really hoping for is a mystery to solve so they can establish themselves as the first Space Detectives. Facing the great Tufted Grotsnobler seems like a good first step, but when Starville is dramatically thrown out of orbit onto a collision course with the moon, do Connor and Ethan have what it takes to save everyone from certain death? If the thought of meeting a Snargletoothed Grizloid or a swarm of Neptunian Bat-Rats doesn't worry you, or if you like the sound of a zero-gravity bouncy castle, a hover scooter or snogleberry drizzle cake then this is a book you'll definitely enjoy!

Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

13/11/23
Odd Socks Day
for the start of
Anti-Bullying
Week

17/11/23
Children in
Need (non-
school uniform
day)

20/11/23
Parents'
evening

For more important
dates, please visit the
'parent zone' of our
school website!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Nursery (98.7%)

Year 1 (96.8%)

Year 5 (96.5%)

Year 2 (95.7%)

Year 4 (94.7%)

Year 3 (94.3%)

Reception (93.3%)

Year 6 (92.6%)

95.0%
Whole-school
attendance this week!





End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 10th November 2023

Year 4 - PE - Dance - Actions, Dynamics and Spacing

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' takes us to a Year 4 PE lesson, focussing on dance. This was the first lesson in the sequence which encourages the children to explore dancing using a range of movement patterns. Throughout this sequence, pupils will focus on creating characters and narrative through movement and gesture. In this particular lesson, the pupils explored the theme 'the Spy' and developed confidence in performing a routine to the James Bond 007 theme music. The children were eager to demonstrate their understanding to Mr Leach, who was a very impressed onlooker. The children were tasked with changing the direction or pathway of their actions to make their performance look interesting; they certainly achieved that!



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Date reminders

- Monday 13th November 2023 - Odd Socks Day for the start of Anti-Bullying Week.
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 - SEND coffee morning with the ASD Training Team.
- Friday 17th November 2023 - Children in Need SPOTacular party.
- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' evening.
- Monday 4th December 2023 - Mental Health Drop Down Day.
- Monday 4th December 2023 - School nurses in school to administer the flu immunisation.
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Christmas Jumper Day.
- Thursday 7th December 2023 - Christmas Dinner Day.
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - Safeguarding coffee morning with Mr Baillie exploring online safety.
- Friday 15th December 2023 - Christmas Fair.
- Thursday 21st December 2023 - The children finish for Christmas at 1:30pm.

Children in Need SPOTacular party!

Next Friday (17th November) marks the annual Children in Need fundraiser at our school. We are inviting the children to come into school wearing spotty and/or Pudsey inspired attire in exchange for a £1 donation. Proceeds will go towards supporting the Children in Need initiative and our very own Flo Melly Pantry.

Absence from school - Keeping parents/carers informed!

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that I will be absent from school from Monday 20th November until after the Christmas break, as I am undergoing an operation. Mr Baillie will deputise in my absence, with the full support of both Mrs O'Keefe, Miss Bear and other leaders across the school. I will be away from school for just over four weeks (plus the holidays) but fully intend on 'working from home' during my recovery. I will be available should parents/carers need to speak with me but Mr Baillie and the team back in school will be your first port of call.

We have some wonderful activities planned in the build up to Christmas and I'm gutted to be missing them. The school is in really safe hands and I am sure that staff will feedback to me the amazing things happening in school on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher