

Newsletter



Dear Malvern Families,

As we embark upon another eventful week at Malvern, I wanted to take a moment to remind families of events and activities coming up with week.

Firstly, I'd like to extend my gratitude to all parents who have returned their reply slips for the Teacher Parent Learning Conferences scheduled for Monday and Tuesday. These conferences are invaluable opportunities for us to collaborate on your child's progress and development. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thursday 7th March marks World Book Day, a celebration of literature and imagination. We have a variety of engaging activities planned to ignite our students' love for reading and storytelling.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mr. James

Headteacher

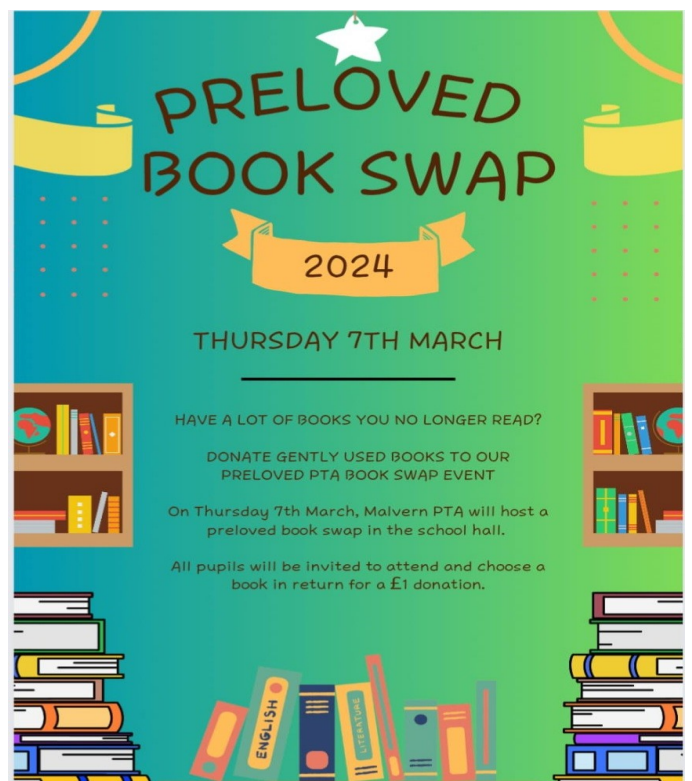


World Book Day

World Book Day takes place next week on **Thursday 7th March**. To celebrate this special day, children throughout school are invited to attend school dressed in their pyjamas or come as their favourite book character.

Children have also been provided with a £1 World Book Day token. The token can be used in book shops and supermarkets or used at our forthcoming Book Fair.

In addition, Malvern's Parent Teacher Association will host a special 'Book Swap' event. To participate, children are asked to donate gently used books to school. Children will then be able to purchase a book for a £1.00 donation. Books can be brought into school from Monday 4th March. Any books that remain after the event will be used to enhance our outdoor reading barn.



Youth Community Fund

The Youth Community Fund and Short Break Small Grants Programme offer opportunities for organisations to provide engaging activities for children and young people in Knowsley, including those with disabilities. These initiatives are part of Knowsley's commitment to enhancing services for young people and families, aligned with the 'Local Offer' for children with disabilities and special needs.

The grant programmes aim to support community-led projects and improve the lives of children and young people in the borough. They are currently preparing for the next round of funding and value the input of children and their families regarding the types of activities they would like to see.

Please share your thoughts and views through the following link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=pR7b3BA7okm_j1_VntzXYgaedv-hh-1CvULkriHgDmZUQldNUVBXVIMyMzg1NEFaUUxVNDU1T1BVWi4u

Local Elections

Elections will be taking place in Knowsley on **Thursday 2 May 2024**. This includes local elections as well as the election of the Combined Authority Mayor and the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner. To vote in these elections, you must be registered to vote by 11.59pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024. If you've never registered, have moved address or changed your name, register to vote online at:

www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Once you are registered, there are a number of different ways you can vote:

Postal vote: If you are not already registered for a postal vote, you need to do so by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024. You can apply online for a postal vote by visiting the Government's website. You will be asked to provide your National Insurance Number. If you are already registered for a postal vote, you don't need to do anything. You will be contacted by the Election Team when your postal vote is due for renewal.

Voting by Proxy: If you are unable to vote in person and would like someone to vote on your behalf, you can apply for a proxy vote. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 17 April. You can request a proxy vote application by contacting Knowsley's Elections Team on 0151 443 2222 or by emailing:

elections@knowsley.gov.uk

Voting in person at a Polling Station: If you are voting in person on Thursday 2 May, please remember to bring a valid photo ID with you. If you don't have a valid ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate up until 5pm on Wednesday 24 April. Apply online on the Government's website.

If you are unable to register to vote online, or need assistance in registering for a postal vote, proxy vote or Voter Authority Certificate please contact Knowsley's Elections team on 0151 443 2222 or by emailing:

elections@knowsley.gov.uk

Further details about voting in the upcoming elections, including a full list of the accepted forms of voter ID, can be found at:

www.knowsleynews.co.uk



Public Health - Measles

Public Health Knowsley has asked school to alert families to the rising cases of measles in England, a concerning issue particularly in Knowsley due to low Measles Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination rates. Measles is a highly contagious and serious illness. MMR vaccination is safe and highly effective in preventing measles. Recent research from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) indicates that Knowsley may face a measles outbreak if vaccination rates don't improve.

Your child should receive the MMR vaccine at 13 months and again at around 3 years and 4 months, before starting school. Older children, teenagers and young adults who missed their vaccinations can still receive the MMR vaccine for free. Measles symptoms include cough, runny nose, red sore eyes and a spotty rash that starts on the face and spreads to the body.

If you suspect your child has measles, contact your GP for advice. Do not visit without calling ahead to prevent spreading the virus. Keep symptomatic individuals away from others and avoid school, nursery or work for 5 days after the rash appears.

For further information, visit: www.nhs.uk/co.uk



Wear Blue for Bobby

Join us in supporting road safety awareness at Malvern by wearing something blue on Wednesday 13th March. This initiative is in solidarity with the 'Bobby Campaign', established in memory of Bobby Colleran, a six-year-old who tragically lost his life after being hit by a vehicle outside his school. Bobby's family created the Bobby Colleran Trust to prevent such tragedies and advocate for safer roads, particularly around schools.

On the designated day, students will engage in various fun activities, including designing road safety posters, t-shirts and heroes. Let's all remember to slow down near schools and consider parking further away to demonstrate our support for the Bobby Colleran Trust.

For more information about the Trust, visit www.thebobbycollerantrust.org.



International Women's Day

We are excited to announce that Friday 8th March marks International Women's Day! As part of our support for the #LetGirlsPlay campaign by the Football Association, Malvern invites all girls from Reception to Year 6 to enjoy a fun-filled day of football activities at school. Girls can wear either a football kit or their school P.E. kit. Led by Miss Doherty, Mr Arnold and Mr Wardell, the girls will participate in football skill sessions and small tournaments.

For more information on improving girls' access to football, visit Englandfootball.com/letgirlsplay or www.girlsfootballinschools.org.



Attendance League Standings

POSITION	TEAM	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	Points
1	Wortho's Originals	13	10	2	38
2	The Pyneapples	13	11	1	36
3	Resilient Reception 2	13	11	1	34
4	Hayes' Heroes	13	8	0	33
5	Resilient Reception 1	13	8	0	26
6	Ferocious Phillips	13	6	0	24
7	Brown's Busy Bees	13	8	0	24
8	The Racing Carrs	13	7	0	23
9	Byrne's Bears	13	7	0	23
10	The Bulldogs	13	6	1	20
11	Davo's Daring Donkeys	13	5	0	19
12	O'Brien's Lions	13	4	1	18
13	Frasers Frogs	13	4	0	14
14	Marvelous Matthews	13	3	0	9

Attendee of the Week

This week we were delighted to award three brothers our Attendee of the Week award. Gabriel, Isaac and Zach have all tried really hard in recent months and have shown great commitment to attending school. We are so proud of you boys, well done!

Keep up all the hard work!



Weekly School Attendance

97%

Overall School Attendance

95%

HOT Winners

(Here On Time)

Orlaith O Nancy G
 Hettie R Arlo O
 Sophia B Alfie E