



Pupil Champions Newsletter

Spring Term 2026



This term we have been really busy working with our subject leaders to create exciting opportunities for learning across school.

On Monday 16th March and Monday 23rd March, Y6 pupil champions met with Mrs Whitney our chair of governors and Mrs Hitchen, our deputy head teacher. We discussed our pupil champion and pupil chaplains' development plans; we talked about actions that had been completed and identified the actions that we would work on during the Summer Term.

Mrs Whitney was really impressed to see all of our Pupil Champion / Pupil Chaplain discussing their actions with confidence and taking full ownership of their Champion Folders. We will be meeting Mrs Whitney again on Monday 29th June to share the work we have completed during the Summer Term.

We continue to enjoy sharing our topic work and awarding certificates half-termly during our Friday celebration assembly.

History Champions with Mrs Mitchell

Year 2 are currently enjoying taking part in a lunchtime History club. They are learning lots of fun facts about history outside of our curriculum.

Over the course of the Spring Term, all classes will be either enjoying a visit in school from History Alive or visiting the Wigan Life Museum. These visitors and trips really help to bring history alive for the children and give them practical, hands-on experience of real artefacts!

Maths Champions with Mrs Hitchen

We are enjoying helping with the Friday maths lunchtime club. , The children in Y3 and Y4 will be able to drop into the Y3 classroom and use iPad to access TTRockstars and Mathletics.

We took part in World Maths Day on Wednesday 25th March and will be competing to earn as many points as possible on Mathletics .

We are looking forward to creating a maths questionnaire to find out what children like about maths in school.

Music Champions with Mrs O'Neill

Our weekly lunch time clubs are continuing. It's Choir on Tuesday and we are looking forward to Recorder club which will start after the Easter break. The Music Champions decided to create a floor book which details our responses to a different genre of music each week, which each class listens to during their weekly Music lesson. One of our champions created a beautiful cover for this! We have also started a small display near the instruments which shows what we are listening to, and we are hoping to add in special musical achievements! The children are also preparing to create posters advertising the choir and have discussed the possibility of performing for KS1 during their hymn assembly.

Geography Champions with Mrs Woods

All classes enjoyed taking part in CAFODs Big Lent Walk as part of our Live Simply actions. We are proud to have stopped using single use plastic bottles in school packed lunches. We are looking forward to doing litter picks in the Summer term.



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Literacy Champions with Mr Atherton

We really enjoyed World Book Day. All classes met with a different year group in the hall and enjoyed a story together. We talked about our favourite books and reading to each other. We loved dressing up in our pyjamas as well! We all enjoyed completing work from the same book '*Along came a different*' in all our year groups. We also enjoyed having the book fair in school where we all had the opportunity to buy lots of new books and earn new books for our school.

We are going to organise an extreme reading challenge for over the Easter holidays.

We would like to run a 'book cover' competition in the Summer term for all pupils where the winners can buy a book of their choice.

School/council/R.S.H.E –with Mr Atherton

We presented speeches and posters alongside Mabs Cross school council to local MPs and counsellors about trying to improve the areas around school. We focused on litter, car idling, one-way systems and pollution. We hope that this will lead to a change to our local area.

All classes have the opportunity to write kindness messages about their friends, and these are read out during our celebration assemblies.

We are looking forward to our Spring charity walk to both Haigh Hall and Wigan Park. The CAFOD Big Lent walk supported our Live Simply and Live in Solidarity actions for this year.

MFL Champions with Miss Hynes

As we have been learning about the festival of 'Carnaval' around the world in our Spanish lessons, we are again looking forward to receiving entries for the Carnival Mask competition, which will end just in time for the Easter holidays.

We will also be looking forward to supporting Miss Hynes with a Languages lunchtime club during the Summer Term.

D&T Champions with Miss Gregory

Tinkercad club has been a great success again this year. As part of World Book Day, the children completed a bookmark design challenge, and their creations were incredibly impressive. They used our 3D printer to print them and the results were incredible.

We loved our Architecture workshop this year and the structures each class made were fantastic. We used our subject knowledge, design skills and had fun making them.

Science Champions with Mr Noy

We have enjoyed taking part in lots of amazing Science this term, particularly during British Science week. We welcomed 'The Wonderdome' into school and each class took part in an amazing workshop learning about the Solar system.

Pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the RSPB Great British Bird Watch and KS2 welcomed MAD Science into school.

Science Champions are now in the process of organising our Science poster competition for this term.



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We look forward to Enterprise week in June this year as a whole school project for Haighfield care home. We will be thinking about community and design to spread love and light.

RE / Pupil Chaplains with Mrs Hitchen

We share the Wednesday Word with classes in school and celebrate the Gospel messages shared in church.

We have organised display areas around school dedicated to the Liturgical year and the season of Lent.

We have carried out Prayer and Liturgy checks in all classes, and we are pleased with everyone's prayer table and displays!

PE Champions with Mr Orrell

All of our KS2 pupils have really enjoyed taking part in intra-school competition during our PE sessions and we have also successfully competed against other schools in inter-school events.

We took part in a very competitive sports hall athletics event in Leigh and, in our swimming gala with local Aspall schools, we won lots of individual races and the trophy for being the winning school within the relay section.

Meanwhile, girls from our Y5 and 6 classes represented the school at a Wigan Athletic Ladies fixture to celebrate International Women's Day. We were narrowly beaten on penalties in the first-ever Brenda Spencer Trophy.

Finally, we took part in the recent cross-country event with local schools. In the girls' race, one of our pupils came second overall whilst boys from SMSJ came both first and second in their event. We finished second overall.

We look forward to a busy summer term including lots of intra and inter-school events and, of course, Sports Day.

Computing Champions with Mr Gilbertson

In February, we invited Altru Theatre into school to show us their performance which focussed on Online Gaming. All of KS2 thoroughly enjoyed the interactive show, and Year 6 were then invited to participate in a workshop which went into a little more detail.

Our Computing awards were handed out in assembly, celebrating the amazing computing work being done in each class.

We look forward to starting our second micro:bit club for another group of children.

At our Summer meeting, Mrs Whitney will be meeting school champions, we are looking forward to writing our Summer term newsletter after the meeting has taken place.



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