



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11
October
2024

Hello Yellow Day

Yesterday, the children came into school dressed in something yellow to recognise 'Hello Yellow Day' - otherwise known as World Mental Health Day. It was so lovely to see the children looking so colourful and bright! During the day, each class completed some poetry in English based around feelings. In Maths, the children took part in different financial literacy activities. During the afternoon, classes created a 'Zones of Regulation' book to assist with the self-regulating of different emotions. The Zones of Regulation is an important tool that we use as a school to help the children recognise their different emotions and consider the most appropriate ways of managing these. Our pupil's mental wellbeing remains a priority in school and we will continue working with the children throughout the year in our weekly PSHE lessons. Here is a link to further information about the Zones of Regulation: <https://zonesofregulation.com/how-it-works/>

The **ZONES** of Regulation™

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| BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly | GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Relaxed | YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control | RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Elated/Ecstatic Devastated Out of Control |



Dates for the diary...

October

Friday 18th
Harvest Assemblies

Friday 25th
ZOE's Place
NON UNIFORM DAY
School finishes 3:15

Thursday 31st
National Closing Date for
Secondary school
applications

W/c Monday 28th
HALF TERM

November

Monday 11th
Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th
Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th
Parents Evening

Healthy Habits Workshop - Year 2

As part of their science and PSHE work, Year 2 have been learning about the benefits of a healthy, balanced diet. Patrick from Active Sefton came into class for a workshop where the children looked at the Eatwell Guide and the other things that we can do to stay healthy e.g. getting plenty of sleep, brushing our teeth and being active for an hour a day. We finished the session by tasting a fruit smoothie made by Patrick! The children really impressed us with the knowledge they already had about how to stay healthy and we are sure they want to try making their own smoothies at home!



Boys' Football Match - Aintree Davenhill v Northway Primary

The boys played Northway Primary last Tuesday after school. The game started at a frenetic pace, with both teams looking to impose themselves in the early stages. It was Aintree Davenhill who managed to score the first goal, and this helped to set the tempo and desire for the match. Aintree Davenhill took quick control of the game scoring goals from a range of angles over the course of the match. Many of the goals came from excellent team play which showed fantastic communication. A huge well done to the boys on their 7-nil victory. As always thank you again to the adults for your ongoing support.



Dodgeball Tournament

Last Wednesday, a group of Year 4 children represented Aintree Davenhill at the MADCOS Dodgeball Tournament. The children played 9 matches against a range of schools and they competed well as a team and showed real skill and determination in all of their matches. Overall, the team finished joint 5th which is an excellent achievement.

Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to the parents who helped transport the pupils to the event.



Home Reading Challenge



This week, **2M** won our Home Reading Challenge! Well done!

Please hear your child read as often as you possibly can.



Reporting Concerns

We understand that at times your child might talk to you about incidents that happen with other children at school. Despite close supervision from school staff, this may be something that they are unaware of and you also may not have the full details of the incident. We do understand that it is upsetting for a parent to see their child distressed about something that has happened in school but we would like to resolve the matter fairly. We will always respond promptly to any concerns that you raise.

- **We would ask that you raise your concerns to the class teacher by arranging a meeting or requesting a phone call.**
- **Please do not approach the parent of the child on the playground to discuss the matter.**
- **Please do not discuss another child with other parents in the class.** We are very concerned that children are being discussed amongst a group of parents sometimes on WhatsApp groups and this is not acceptable. Young children are coming into school and openly talking about other children's parents talking about another child in class. This is totally inappropriate.
- **When speaking to a member of school staff, please do not reference what other parents think.** If other parents share this concern, they can contact school personally to discuss the matter.

Harvest Assemblies

Our Harvest assemblies will take place on Friday 18 October. On the day of the assemblies, it would be great if the children could bring in some items of food that we will send to the South Sefton Food Bank. We are aware that they are short of tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes and bottles of diet cordials.



House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was **VALLEY!** Well done!



1. **VALLEY** (2589 points)
2. **ROSE** (2586 points)
3. **ABBEY** (2572 points)
4. **MILL** (2562 points)



Parents' Evening - 11 and 13 November 2024

Next week you will receive a letter about Parents' Evening which will be held on Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 November from 3:30pm-6:15pm. Please make sure that you contact your child's class teacher for an appointment time.

It is vital that teachers are able to speak every parent about their child's attendance and progress this term.

Year 6 Secondary Admissions Applications

For all children in Year 6, it is now time for parents and carers to apply for their child's place at secondary school for Year 7 2025 entry. Parents and carers who live in the Sefton area must make the application online using the Citizen Portal (Sefton's online application facility).

The national closing date for secondary school applications is 31 October 2024.

Parents and carers living outside of Sefton will need to apply for a secondary school place for your child via the local authority in which you live.

You should have received a letter via school containing more detailed information.

Team Around the School

Denise Higgins, a qualified social worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Denise would be more than happy to speak to you. You can also call her on **07816116160**.

Sefton Social Care Advice Line for SEND

In recognition that families of children and young people with complex needs and special educational needs often need a bit more support, Sefton has launched a Social Care Advice Line for SEND.

This advice line is staffed by two experienced social workers with a good knowledge of the Local Offer in Sefton. Parents are invited to use this phone number to find out more about what a Social Care assessment for a child entails to help families make an informed decision before approaching Social Care, and to talk about what other help might be available. Voicemails will be responded to within 7 days at which point the social worker will return the call for a discussion.

The telephone number for our Social Care Advice Line for SEND is **0151 934 2196**.

The social workers will not create a referral or record any family details when families ring for advice using this phone number.

Starting Primary School in September 2025

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

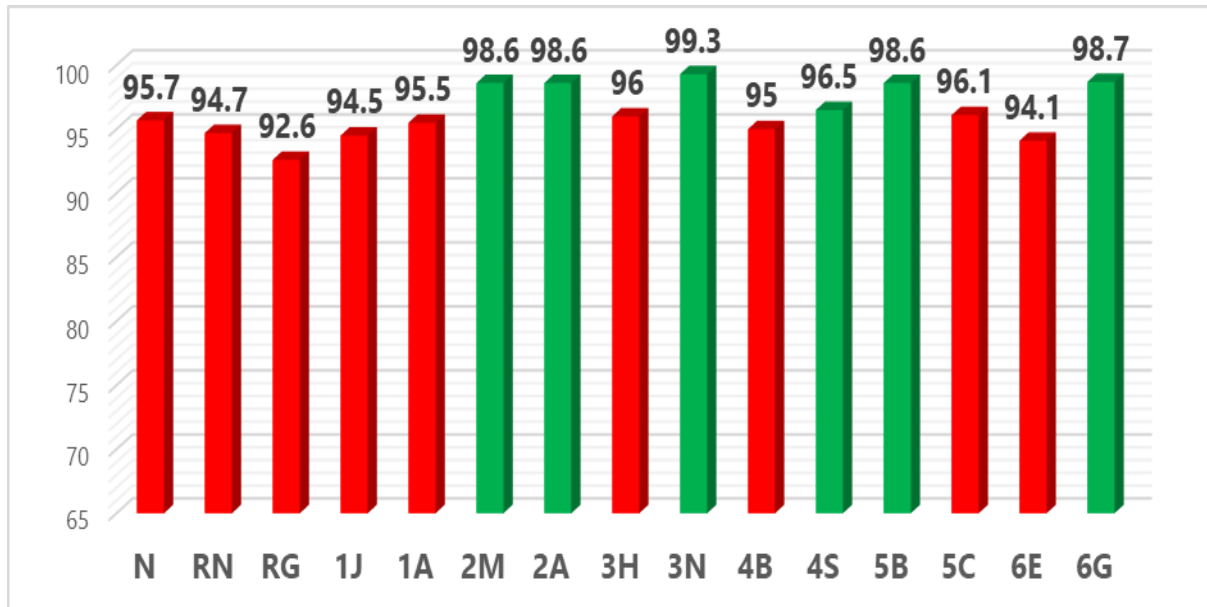
For all children in Nursery it is now time for parents and carers to apply for their child's place at Primary School for Reception 2025. You **MUST** apply through your home Local Authority regardless of where the school you are applying for is located. As long as you live within Sefton, you apply through Sefton even if your preferred school(s) is outside of Sefton.

Closing date for applications to start Primary School is 15 January 2025.

If you do not live within the Sefton area you must apply through your home Local Authority for a Sefton school.

Aintree Davenhill Primary School Attendance

Average school attendance for **07 Oct 2024** — **11 Oct 2024** was **96.3%**. Our school target is **96.5%**



Non-uniform Day to Raise Funds to Save Zoe's Place

Zoe's Place has been providing palliative and end-of-life care to children up to five-years-old in Liverpool for more than 30 years, but unfortunately after failing to secure funds for a new £3.5 million hospice trustees announced it would close for good at the end of 2024. We want to play our part in helping to save the hospice so on **Friday 25 October 2024**, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise funds for Zoe's Place. Children are able to wear their own clothes (and sensible shoes for playtimes) and we would ask parents if they are able to donate to Zoe's Place via the link:

<https://donate.zoes-place.org.uk/index.aspx?site=liverpool>

Lily in 4S has developed a wonderful idea to raise money for Zoe's Place. In a very short time, she has raised over £1000 by making bracelets for her friends and family. Well done, Lily, we are really proud of you!

