

CONIFERS PRIMARY SCHOOL



30th April 2021

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. With some restrictions being relaxed, in addition to some fairly decent weather, at least opportunities to go further afield and away from the 'four walls' were available.

The children have settled back to school very well and I am immensely proud of their resolve and enthusiasm - maybe enthusiasm is a slight exaggeration, but they genuinely look happy to be back! We are aware that collectively, they would have had differing experiences of lockdown but we are assessing their needs and gaps in learning and tailoring the curriculum to meet these.

As a school committed to Learning Outside the Classroom (LOT) we will take every opportunity to utilise our outdoor areas to both support and enhance the children's learning opportunities. This method of teaching and learning helps with levels of engagement, makes the learning relevant whilst nurturing creativity and children's imagination in addition to keeping them healthy. I hope they share their experiences with you and mirror their excitement at participating in these opportunities.

Looking forward, with a sense of optimism and yet guarded cautiousness, we are all aware of the Government's 'Roadmap to Recovery' in respect of COVID restrictions being eased. As a school, we obviously want to ensure you feel part of our immediate community and that involvement is established through, Parent Evenings, Open Evenings, Sports Days, Summer Fairs and various Shows, produced by the children of the school. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, none of these have been available in their usual formats, or at all, and even though the 'magic' date of June 21st is embossed on our brains, we all know from bitter experience, that nothing is certain. The Department of Education has advised that schools remain steadfast with their social distancing protocols and even the wearing of masks. To this end, we are, unfortunately, not making any concrete plans which involve large groups of adults congregating on school grounds during this final Summer term. To use a Governmental phrase, I heard for the first time this week, 'Schools must be mindful not to generate an illegal gathering'. That reminded me of open fields, glow-sticks, and subwoofers blasting from the boots of old escorts, but seriously, we will, as we have always done over the past year or so, do what we must, to ensure the continued safety of our children and the wider community.

Thank you as ever for your continued support - enjoy the long weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Johnson

HEADTEACHER

Asda 'easy on easy wear' school clothes range

Please google George at Asda and check out their new range of 'easy on easy wear' school clothes.



School Saviours

Easy On Easy Wear. School uniform that helps with independent dressing and is sensory kind for extra comfort.

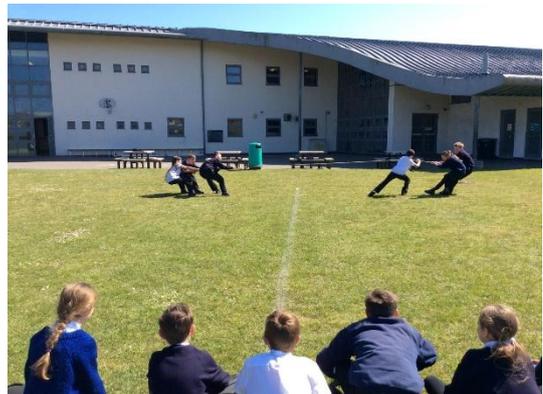
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Lost Property

We also have a plea from Mrs Taylor, the lady in charge of lost property at Conifers. Although some people are naming their children's clothes there are still a lot of parents that do not. When children lose things it makes Mrs Taylor's job so much easier when items are named, as she knows who to give the lost property back to at her earliest opportunity. Especially coats, as children wear them out to play and then take them off in the playground and forget to bring them in. Many of these are unlabelled.

Year 5

Year 5, had a super time learning about forces in science. We learnt about gravity, friction and the pull force through playing tug of war.



Year 6 - Impact Day

Year 6 had lots of fun on their recent impact day exploring the indigenous tribes of Brazil. This is correlation with our "Carnival ~ topic. The children enjoyed exploring the meanings behind tribal masks, learning about everyday life in a tribe, painting tribal body art and tasting some tropical fruit!

The least liked fruits were definitely the figs and dates!



Courtesy Reminder

Could we please remind parents and carers of the following

- Do not park directly in front of the school gates. Adults and children now frequently pass through this area and obstructing it, not only represents a danger to them, it also causes difficulty for cars entering and leaving the car park.
- Do not park on the double yellow lines or the zig-zag lines either side of the pedestrian crossing - for obvious safety reasons.
- New signage has been placed in the car park demarking Disabled bays - these drivers have priority and other motorists must keep them clear.
- Although COVID restrictions are slowly being eased - social distancing protocols are still in place. Allow others space when entering and exiting the school grounds.

- Be mindful of your verbal communications whilst on school grounds and within ear-shot of children. They should not be subjected to offensive or vulgar language.

Thank you.