

# Clare Mount Specialist Sports College

No. 158

*GCSE Geography Fieldtrip to Osmington Bay, Dorset*



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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks this has been, as you will see in this newsletter, which is packed with news of pupil trips, achievements and opportunities.

Children celebrated an enjoyable British Science week this term, taking part in some exciting experiments, and the English Department organised a brilliant Literacy week when we shared the joy of reading and children received a book to take home. The week culminated in World Book day, with pupils and staff dressing up in some amazing costumes.

Our first residential trip in quite some time saw a number of GCSE Geography students visiting Osmington Bay, Dorset. The write up later in this issue shows what a fun and informative time they had. Our Year 7 team are planning a visit to Barnstondale in May, so we look forward to reading about their residential trip in our next newsletter.

Year 11 pupils and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have continued their visits to local colleges this term, in readiness for the next stage of their education. Also, parents/carers of children Year 9 and above attended a hugely successful Preparation for Adulthood Information Evening with guest speakers from Adult Social Care, Supported living, EWP amongst others. In addition, our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students have, as always, taken part in so many **activities it's hard to keep up with them!**

Our Drama department has been very busy working with LIPA in preparation the performance in May, whilst Year 7 pupils have visited the Performing Arts Studio at The Hive to take part in Inclusive Dance and pupils from Year 8 represented the Wirral in the Merseyside Panathalon Festival. It has been lovely to welcome local primary school pupils into Clare Mount to take part in our fantastic Fit Fun Fest!

We have welcomed Mr Freeman and Mr Ritchie to the PE department and said a fond farewell to Mr Atkins, who has retired after a remarkable 28 years in the PE department. Teaching Assistant Mrs Delamere and Lab Technician, Mrs Maycox, will also be leaving us this term. We wish them all well.

I hope you enjoy reading all we have been up to and wish you and your family a relaxing Easter break.

Kim Webster, Head Teacher  
March 2022





The sixth form have enjoyed visiting 1<sup>st</sup> Enable in Ellesmere Port this term. It has allowed them to demonstrate their practical skills. They worked in teams building bug houses, bird houses and hedgehog homes. Phil gave use a vintage trolley to renovate for him. The team are going to dismantle the trolley, clean and renovate it

Mrs McBurney





The Year 11 team have been busy designing and building bird houses. They have built several different types to attract a variety of birds. These are going to places around the school grounds to attract more birds. The team have a few orders from staff so will be busy making next term manufacturing.

Mrs McBurney





This term Year 9 have been exploring the use of plastic and how we can recycle plastic into quality products. This is something I have been working on for a few years and love having the opportunity to share it with my pupils. They have been busy collecting the plastic and cutting into small pieces and heating into a sheets enabling them to cut and shape. The eco group is producing clocks that will go on sale in the school café and the Soul Café in Wallasey Village.

Mrs McBurney





## Beat the Goalie

8GO organised a 'Beat the Goalie' competition for Red Nose Day and raised money for Comic Relief. It was fun watching the students trying to score goals against the teachers!

Mr Gore



## Literacy Week 2022

Pupils and Staff celebrated Literacy Week in style by taking part in several competitions and dressing up for World Book Day. The variety of costumes was fantastic and the creativity shown by pupils in creating characters from toilet roll tubes or designing book covers was a fantastic demonstration of how brilliant they all are. After being unable to run it last year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the school was delighted to bring back the Free Book Shop this year: Pupils were able to choose from a wide selection of novels and take home a book completely free of charge. A huge “thank you” to all staff, pupils and parents for their support this year.





## Half Term Science Update

### Science Club (Friday Lunchtimes)

This half term we have been practicing our basic Science skills by doing lots of different experiments.

We used our Bunsen burner skills to test for hydrogen gas (this is commonly referred to as the 'squeaky pop test' and made everyone giggle.

The microscope session was a big hit as we looked at lots of weird and wonderful slides including a human tooth!

We also had a request to have the radio kits out again which was great fun!

After Easter we will be looking at outdoor experiments and demonstrations...weather permitting!

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Maycox for all her support with Science Club this year, she has been a huge help both behind the scenes and during the sessions.

Mrs Fogarty



# Horticulture

As part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Life Skills programme, a group of students have been working alongside an outside agency to tidy up and use the allotment space at the CLC. The group have worked hard to dig over, weed and plant up the raised beds and will be creating a herb garden and potato planter after Easter. It has been lovely working in the sunshine these past few weeks and the whole group have got stuck in.

Well done team!

Mrs Fogarty





# Science Week at Clare Mount 2022



The week beginning 14th March saw, once again, Science lessons being taken over by British Science Week. This meant lots of fun mixed in with learning!



Year 7 investigated Chromatography by making flowers and made their own lava lamps!



Year 8 were given a mission of landing a 'egg-like' probe on the surface of Mars and had some fun burning food!





Year 9 and some of year 10 were employed as crime scene investigators to help solve the



Year 10 extracted DNA from Kiwis, made some nylon, and even their own cheese!!



Year 11 learnt about the structure of the heart by doing a heart dissection, had some fun making elephants' toothpaste and looked at some pretty amazing reactions.





Students have been busy preparing for a performance that will take place during the day in New Brighton on Saturday May 7th. They have been working with students from LIPA (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts) to create some community street theatre that will tell the story and history of New Brighton. They have been fantastic and very creative so do come along and support if you can!

Students are also busy working on Clare Mount's latest production 'The Golden Egg' and this will be performed next Half Term. It will be a very exciting performance!

Mr Gore





Year 11 absolutely gripped by Tom and Mike from the Royal Marines who came into school to talk about health, fitness and nutrition through the eyes of a Royal Marines Commando.

Mr Byrne



# Music



Students have been having a focus on World Music this term. They have been playing djembe drums from West Africa, reggae songs from Jamaica, samba rhythms from Brazil and also playing the ukulele from Hawaii.

Mr Gore



Pupils from Year 8 were selected to represent the Wirral in the Merseyside Panathlon Festival at Greenbank Sports Centre. They participated in a variety of activities including table tennis, boccia, football and indoor athletics. Clare Mount was part of a mixed team with pupils from Woodchurch High School. Other areas of Merseyside were also taking part and the team came second over all, taking the silver medal! Well done to all the pupils for a fantastic day out.

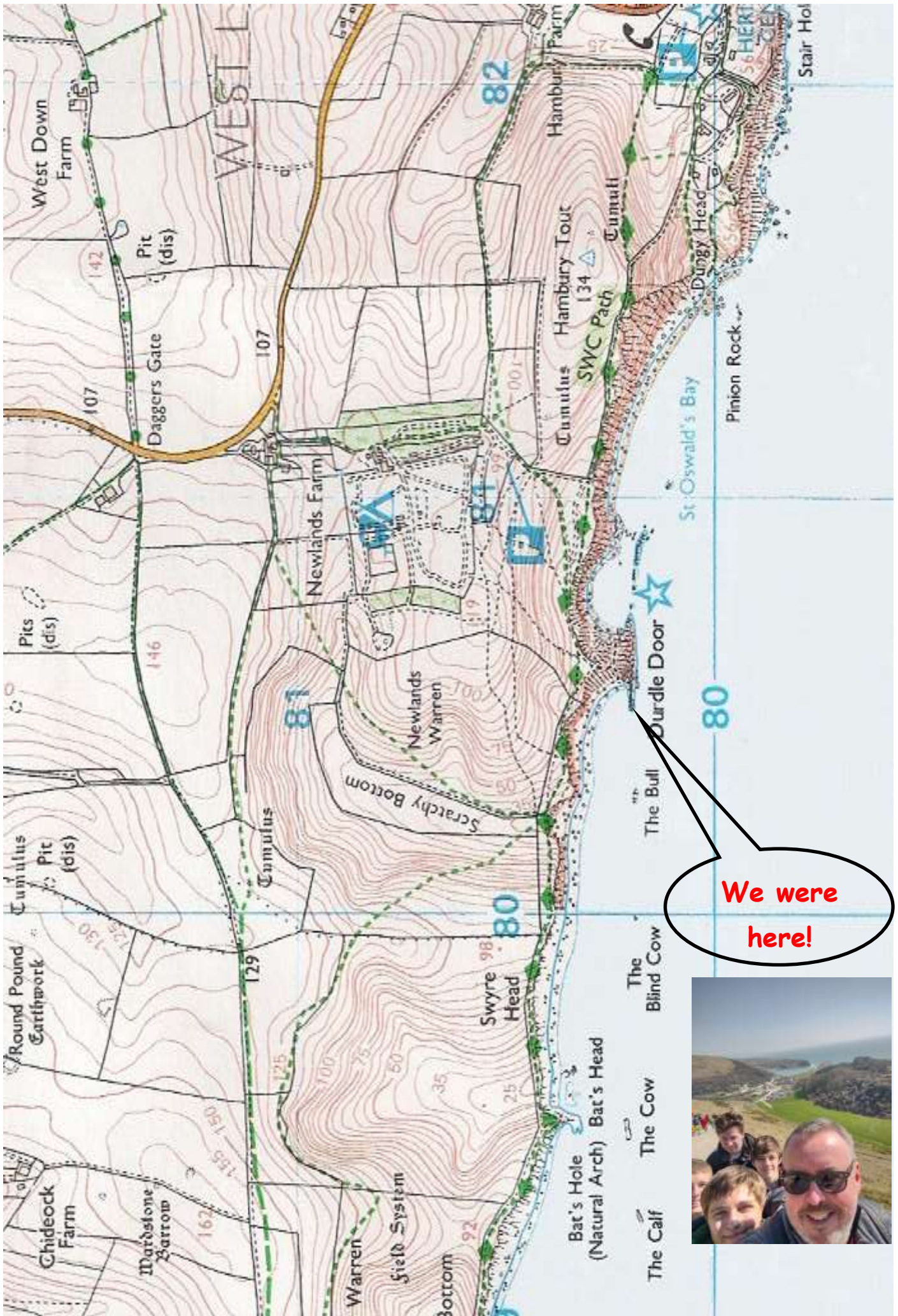
Mr Stanley



# GCSE Geography

Thirteen Year 10 and 11 GCSE geography pupils had a fantastic time on their Geography fieldwork trip to sunny Dorset. The pupils looked at coastal features including the spectacular Durdle Door and looked at the impact of tourism in Weymouth and Lyme Regis. They stayed at a PGL centre and had enjoyed activities including orienteering and rifle shooting. On the Monday we went fossil hunting and had lots of great finds including 150 million year old ammonites !





We were here!



# CARD CRAFT

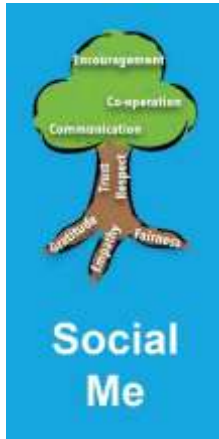
Card Craft Club have been busy making and selling Easter cards to raise money for Ukraine.

Mrs Booth & Mrs Stephenson

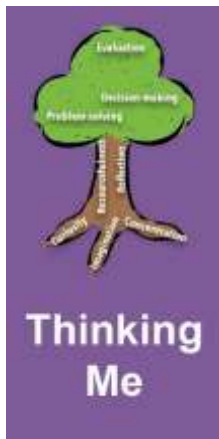




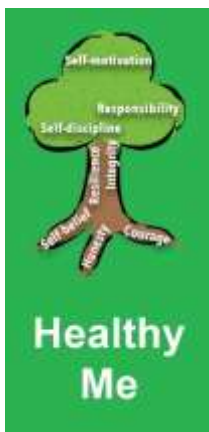
Celebrating our students  
**Who have excelled at this term's  
'My Personal Best' values**



Empathy



Respect



Gratitude

Trust



Fairness

# FORM



6th form have been busy with their laundry and card-sorting exercises. Well done all!!

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Photos from a recent visit to our local Aldi store. This is part of the Peer Mentors lesson where they are learning money skills , social interaction awareness of others and independent skills. They have visited a number of local stores and are comparing prices in order to develop their budgeting skills

Mrs McLeod

# FO<sup>6</sup>RM



Our 6th form group have been learning about mosaics today. They have discovered how to prepare their surface and apply the tiles. Great work.

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Michael at work experience in Oulton Park. He helped bleed the brakes on the car and change tyres.



# FORM



A great work experience visit to Tam O Shanter's this term. Lots of My Personal Best and 5 ways to well being skills used too. Connecting with others, walking, respect and kindness.

We had some lovely donations of fruit and veg to feed to the pigs. Thanks to Mrs Evans, Mrs Williams and Katy H who brought in a huge feast of sprouts, mushrooms and bananas for the pigs to eat.

Our 6th form used functional maths skills in the cafe and ordered their hot drinks so politely.

Mrs Vicars

# FORM



Our 6th form went to Woodchurch High School to gain work experience in their farm. Everyone mucked in and helped each other out. We fed Alpachas, sheep and pigs Vivienne and Florence! Students were taught how much food was necessary for 3 Guinea pigs and lots of beautiful rabbits. They washed water bowls and bottles and found out how to attach the bottles back on to



Our new addition to Sixth Form is going down a storm!!!! Thank you so much to Gavin Shone who bought this for us to use for our leisure sessions. There are now 3 tournaments taking place on a Friday, Wii bowling, table football and Connect 4 !



# FORM

Ethan is in Merseyside Police Cadets and has been selected to do a couple of important tasks.

He has been chosen to take part in the challenge 25 knife purchase scheme. This will highlight to shop owners the importance of checking a person's age to keep the community safe.

He has also been selected to present a small talk to young people about why he joined the Police Cadets.

As if this wasn't enough, Ethan is doing a sponsored 12 mile walk in April for the High Sheriff charity.



Miss Vicars



6th form attended 'Flexspace' this term and demonstrated their amazing practical skills building bug houses.



We had a fantastic start to our SEN Football Hub when 27 superstars from Clare Mount, Hayfield and Orrets Meadow schools made new friends, learnt skills and grew in confidence. Thanks to 'Community Capacity Builders' for their support in getting this started!

Mr Byrne

On Friday 4th March we welcomed 25 of our parents/carers to our Community Cafe for a chance to network and hear advice and guidance while enjoying some top-notch refreshments.

The advice came in the form of the team from Involve North West Community Connectors and our parents were especially interested to hear about Personal Independence Payments. Jacqui, one of the Community Connectors collected information about what our parents would like to hear more about in the future and coffee mornings will continue every Friday from 10.00-11.30

Tea, coffee and refreshments were prepared and distributed by our wonderful 6th form students under the guidance of Mrs Badzire.



Mr Byrne



As part of the Champion Mindset programme, Jenna Downing, World Champion inline skater and British Champion, has mentored 15 of our girls in an 8 week long programme. The girls have had a fantastic time and gained invaluable skills along the way.



Mrs Corcoran and Mrs Newman, Wirral School Games Organisers put on a fabulous Learning and Discovery festival for our students and guests from Castleway, Orrets Meadow and Holy Spirit Primaries, helped by our Year 11 Sports Leaders this term.



Mr Byrne

# 'Back Where We Belong'

## Wirral School's Dance Festival 2022



Wednesday June 22nd Matinee 1.30 pm, Evening 6pm

Tickets £4- Purchase from the website - [floralpavilion.com](http://floralpavilion.com)

Our annual Dance Festival will take place on Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Floral Pavilion in New Brighton, in both a matinee and evening performance! This year's festival is set to be the biggest yet! We have three groups of students from Clare Mount who have been very busy in rehearsals, including performances from 'High School Musical', 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory', and also our very first boys only Break Dance crew!

Schools from across the Wirral have also been invited to take part, including our Clare Mount Cluster of primaries, Shadow Dance schools and also Wirral School Games schools! The hour-long show will see many different styles of Dance as we celebrate being able to be back in the Theatre. This is a fantastic opportunity for children on Wirral to perform in such a beautiful space, and we cannot wait to show you all what we have been up to.

Please come along and support our children in their shows! Tickets can be purchased from the floral website for just £4! [floralpavilion.com](http://floralpavilion.com)- Get your tickets quick, before they run out!!

From a very excited, Mrs Poynton.

# inclusive dance

As part of 7P's exciting and varied PE Curriculum, 7P have been attending the Performing Arts Studio at The Hive on Tuesday mornings with Mrs Poynton and Miss Smith. We have been exploring different styles of Dance and also fitting in some wellbeing and relaxation activities. 7P have really thrown themselves into the activities and have been a credit to the school. More plans to go walking and explore Birkenhead Park are also on the agenda for next term! Big Well Done 7P!

Mrs Poynton



# School Uniform

## All Pupils

Navy blue sweatshirt, plain or with school logo

White shirt

White polo shirt

Navy blue skirt or black trousers- skirt not too short or split

Black sensible school shoes - no slippery soles, trainers or high heels

Plain tights or socks in black/blue/white

Optional tie

A warm and waterproof coat

Optional black blazer with school logo

A bag for kit and homework

## NOTES

No logos or patterns on clothes, other than the school logo

## Clare Mount Specialist Sports College P.E. Kit

FULL ZIP OR ¼ ZIP TOP



PERFORMANCE



SHORTS



LEGGINGS



TRACKPANTS

No make-up or nail polish, extreme haircuts, styles or colours

# Sixth Form Dress Code

Sixth Form students should be dressed smartly as though they were going to work in an office:

Smart suit or dress in black, navy blue or grey

Trousers or skirt in black, navy blue or grey

Smart shirt, polo shirt or blouse

Smart Shoes (no trainers, high heels or flip flops)

Jumper or cardigan in black, navy blue or grey

Coat as appropriate

Natural hair colour

No jewellery, except for watches and plain ear studs (1 stud in each ear)

(No jeans, leggings, t-shirts, shorts, football tops, hoodies or tracksuits)



The Dress Code is to ensure the safety of our sixth formers and to promote the importance of being role models for our school.

## College Open Days & Evenings 2022



### Wirral Met College All Four Campuses

Conway Park, Twelve Quays, The Oval & Wirral Waters Campus

0151 551 7777 [www.wmc.ac.uk](http://www.wmc.ac.uk)

Thursday 22nd June 22



### Cheshire College

Ellesmere Port & Chester Campus

01244 656555 [www.ccs.ac.uk](http://www.ccs.ac.uk)

20th April 2022 5.30pm to 7pm



### Greenbank College

Greenbank Lane , Liverpool, L17 1AG

0151 733 7255 [www.greenbankcollege.org.uk](http://www.greenbankcollege.org.uk)

Monday 9th May 22 4.30pm to 6.30pm



### Coleg Cambria

Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

0300 30 30 007 [www.cambria.ac.uk](http://www.cambria.ac.uk)

Can ring up and make an appointment to visit



# CAFE CREATE

## GRAND OPENING AND PARTY

7PM 29TH APRIL / PILGRIM STREET ARTS CENTRE  
LIVE MUSIC, DJ'S, WORKSHOPS, PARTY AND MORE  
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [ZILLOWIRRAL.CO.UK](http://ZILLOWIRRAL.CO.UK)





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CIC PRESENTS**

**The HAF Easter  
Football Camp**

**11TH - 14TH APRIL 2022**  
**10:00AM - 02:00PM**  
THE MOSSLANDS SCHOOL MOSSLANDS  
DRIVE, WALLASEY, WIRRAL, CH45 8PJ

**FREE\***

LUNCH - WARM MEAL  
PROVIDED, (CHILDREN  
CAN BRING THEIR OWN  
PACKED LUNCHES)

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS WARM CLOTHES, WATERPROOFS & A WATER BOTTLE

**\*THIS HOLIDAY PROVISION IS FOR CHILDREN  
AGED BETWEEN 7 -16 YEARS OLD WHO RECEIVE  
BENEFITS-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.**

For a registration form please contact:  
[communitycapacitybuilders19@gmail.com](mailto:communitycapacitybuilders19@gmail.com)



# COMMUNITY SPORTS NIGHT

SUMMER TERM 2022



**WEDNESDAY 3.15PM - 4.30PM**

**EMAIL MRS GRAYSON FOR DETAILS**

**L.GRAYSON@CLAREMOUNT.WIRRAL.SCH.UK**



# Term Dates 2021-2022

Autumn 1	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021
School closed to pupils	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021
School open for Year 7	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021
School open to all	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021
½ Term	25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Autumn 2	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November-Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
School closed to pupils*	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
Christmas	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December -Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
Spring 1	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
School closed to pupils*	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
½ Term	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring 2	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
School closed to pupils*	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Spring Break	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2022
Summer 1	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May (Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday)
½ term	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022
Summer 2	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June-Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
School closed to pupils*	*Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 & Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
School closes	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022

\*Please note the additional inset day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee**



e-Consent...it's so easy!

Working in partnership with Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, we're delighted to introduce a new way for our parents and carers to consent to their school aged children's vaccinations.

[You can now provide e-Consent for all your child's vaccinations with the click of a button, using your mobile phone, computer, laptop or tablet.](#)

The new e-Consent process is:

- safe and secure
- easy to use
- convenient and saves time
- friendly to the environment - saves paper

How it works:

- you'll receive an email or text from ourselves with a link to the e-Consent form
- the form is simple and easy to complete
- once you've completed the e-Consent form, click 'submit'
- you'll receive an email to confirm the form has been received securely
- the Trust's Immunisation Team will receive your child's form via a secure portal
- if you've consented, your child will have their vaccine here in school

Remember, the new e-Consent process is easy, secure and convenient!

For information of ALL school age vaccinations please visit [wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/](http://wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/)

Each school has a unique code to access the consent, please see your child's school code below.

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College    CODE: : WC105129

If you have any queries about the new e-Consent process, please call the Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

