

CHURCH LAWTON SCHOOL

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to 2023! This term has already seen a huge number of wonderful events packed into the months of January and February, with more to follow after the half term break.

During the recent wintry weather there were several local schools who unfortunately had to close. We would like to say a big thank you to the fantastic efforts of parents, staff and the local authority transport teams who were able to ensure students could continue to attend school.

As we move into Spring and Summer, we have already noticed an increase in applications for authorised leave of absence. Can I please remind all parents that the school will not authorise family holidays as these are not classified as exceptional circumstances for being absent from school. The school attendance policy is very clear in respect of our duty to inform local authority attendance teams of unauthorised absences and their policy around fixed penalties for non-attendance.

Our Year 11 and Sixth Form students recently completed their programme of mock exams. Students certainly performed to the best of their ability and we are all very proud of the effort they put in. Teachers and students are now working on making sure preparations are in place in time for the Summer Term exams. For the latest information from OFQUAL, please visit the [School website](#). As you will see from our website, the Department for Education and OFQUAL continue to recognise the difficulties students may have faced during the pandemic.

We are also busy preparing our Year 6 students for their SATS. These exams will run from Tuesday 9th May 2023 until Friday 12th May 2023. Please do not hesitate to contact the class teachers: Mrs Wood in Darwin and Mr Lawley in Thompson, if you have any questions or queries about what is happening and what you can do to support your child during this time.

Primary and Middle School Adventure Learning this term has centred around swimming. We have seen some fantastic progress from students, who are clearly enjoying themselves in the water. Secondary and 6th Form recently visited Tegg's Nose to take part in orienteering for their Adventure Learning. The weather was kind on this occasion but there were some very tired looking faces as students and staff alighted from the minibuses at the end of the session!

The school recently provided a warm welcome to the new trustees of the Liberty Academy Trust. Students from across the school were able to meet with trustees and members of the executive team.

We have some fantastic news to share with you in the next half term - a new project which is extremely exciting and we are very fortunate to be in a position to make these new changes.

Finally, I wish all our parents, carers, students and staff a restful February half-term break.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Scales, Principal



Covid-19 update

Covid 19

As we learn to live safely with coronavirus (COVID-19), there are actions we can take to help reduce the risk of catching COVID-19 and passing it on to others. These actions will also help to reduce the spread of other respiratory infections, such as flu, which can spread easily and may cause serious illness in some people.

Symptoms of respiratory infections, including COVID-19

Respiratory infections can spread easily between people. It is important to be aware of symptoms so we can all take action to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to other people. The symptoms of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections are very similar. **If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature** or you do not feel well enough to go to work or carry out normal activities, **you are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- continuous cough
- high temperature, fever or chills
- loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- shortness of breath
- unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19.

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold and COVID-19. For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids. Very few children and young people with respiratory infections become seriously unwell. This is also true for children and young people with long-term conditions. Some children under 2, especially those born prematurely or with a heart condition, can be more seriously unwell from [RSV](#). Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they **no longer have a high temperature** and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues. It can be difficult to know when to seek help if your child is unwell. If you are worried about your child, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help.

Covid-19 update

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

If a child or young person has a **positive COVID-19 test result** they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result **should continue to attend as normal**.

What to do if Parents/Carers have a positive COVID-19 test result

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people

If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, it is very likely that you have COVID-19 even if you do not have any symptoms. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have no symptoms.

Many people with COVID-19 will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days. **If you have a positive COVID-19 test result, try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test.**

The risk of catching or passing on COVID-19 is greatest when someone who is infected is physically close to, or sharing an enclosed and/or poorly ventilated space with, other people. There are simple things we can all do in your daily life that will help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory infections and protect those at highest risk. Things to do are:

Practise good hygiene:

- wash your hands
- cover your coughs and sneezes

If you or your children have **symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as COVID-19, and you have a high temperature** or do not feel well enough to go to work, attend school, **you or your children are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.**

The Government strongly advise people to get vaccinated. The Government state that Vaccines are the best defence against COVID-19 and other respiratory infections such as flu. Vaccines provide good protection. They also reduce the risk of long-term symptoms. The Government have stated that COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and vaccine programmes are continuously monitored. If you or anyone in your family are eligible and you have not yet received your full course of a COVID-19 vaccine, you can [get vaccinated](#). A full course of a COVID-19 vaccine provides protection against severe disease, including against the Omicron variant.

There is [more information about the vaccinations available and when you should have them on the NHS website](#).

There is a basic information handout available to download from the Government called [Living Safely with Respiratory infections, including Covid-19](#)



Here are some of the topics for classes and subjects for after the February Half Term holidays so you can begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Deputy Principal

Class	Subject and topic area
Donaldson Primary	English- Fiction – Stories from other cultures Maths- Number and measurement Science- Living things and their habitats Humanities- History - Titanic Themed week- R.E. and PSHE Christianity and Easter Art – African art
Shakespeare Primary	English- Playscripts and Newspaper reports Maths- Number and Statistics Science- Sound Humanities- The Vikings Themed week- R.E. and PSHE Christianity and Easter
Darwin & Thompson Middle School	Maths-Thompson Number and word problems, Darwin Measurement including time English- Macbeth Science- Classification RE- Continue Islam topic Humanities- Space to Earth Computing - Programming variables in games Art- People in action
English Secondary	Y8 Gamma and Zeta – Gothic horror Y9 Epsilon and Delta – Studying drama with 'Blood Brothers' and discussing different viewpoints in the 'Taking a Stand' module Y10 Omega – Reading and writing tasks around the topic of 'hobbies' Y10 Sigma – Drama with 'An Inspector Calls' and poetry KS4/5 Theta – Exam skills and preparation KS4 Pi – Exam skills and preparation
Science Secondary	Gamma, Zeta and Delta – contact and non-contact forces and the Universe Epsilon – pH, acids and alkalis, contact and non-contact forces and the Universe. Omega – Chemistry, Materials from the Earth, the Atmosphere Sigma - Inheritance, electricity and antibiotic resistance Theta Btec - DNA, cell division, cell structure and enzymes. Theta Entry Level – Chemistry, materials from the Earth, the atmosphere PI Entry Level – Biology Keeping Healthy and inheritance, Chemistry Materials from the Earth, the atmosphere Pi GCSE - Inheritance and classification.
Maths Secondary	Gamma & Zeta – Representing data / Algebraic Manipulation Epsilon & Delta – Perimeter and area /Equations Sigma – Simulation Equations / Probability Omega – practise for Entry Level assessments Theta – Algebra Skills / Area and Perimeter Pi – Trigonometry / quadratics
Quality of Life Curriculum and Food Tech	Food BTEC groups 1 and 2 - Preparing for cooking assessments by choosing their own recipes within a certain criteria e.g. cooking on a budget, or healthy eating. Theory work to include presentation of cookery in preparation for their practical cooking assessments in the summer term. QOL KS3 - cooking practical QOL KS4 and KS5 - staying healthy – healthy body and lifestyle



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Media Studies	Year 1 Group: Creating a personal progression plan Year 2 Group: Creating an advert
Geography	KS3 - Gamma, Zeta, Delta, Epsilon – Weather and Climate KS4 GCSE - Physical Landscapes in the UK
History	Gamma & Zeta - Church, state and society in Medieval Britain 1066-1509 Delta & Epsilon - Industry and Empire - The Slave Trade Year 10 - Russia 1894-1945 Year 11- Entry level work and GCSE revision
RE	Gamma & Zeta - Poverty, War and Peace Delta & Epsilon - Science and Ethics - The Sanctity of Life Philosophy, Religion & Ethics - Year 10 Religion Peace and Conflict
Music	Primary and Middle school – Playing the Ukuleles. Secondary KS3 – Introduction to music production using Logic on the Apple Macs Btec Music Technology – Unit on working in the music industry, recording studios and a visit from the musicians union.
German	KS3: Topic of holidays and planning your ideal holiday. KS4: Holidays and a coursework translation piece.
Computer Science	GCSE students- revision for exams - How to identify what the question is asking and where the marks are. Entry level students - completing entry project evidence. Followed by ethical, legal, cultural and environmental concerns within IT.
Careers	Personal finance and budgeting for Careers next term. Visit to Reaseheath – Xplore programme , year 10s – 7 th March '23. Possible visit for KS4/5 to UA92 in Manchester – date to be confirmed. Possible apprenticeship event in Birmingham – to be confirmed.
PE	Primary - Fundamental movement skills – running, jumping, co-ordination, throwing catching, kicking, striking. Middle - Striking and fielding games. Secondary KS3 / KS4 core PE - invasion games. Btec PE group - Unit 3: Applying the principles of personal training.
Art & Design	1 st Year group - 2D mixed media techniques 2 nd Year group – External Assessment
KS3 Creative	Groups rotate between Gardening, Art, 3D and Construction.
PSHE Day	Friday 3 rd March – visit from the Loudmouth Theatre
Adventure Learning	Tuesday am - Middle school continuing swimming at Sandbach Leisure Centre Friday pm - Primary continuing swimming at Crewe Leisure Centre Secondary KS3 Cheshire Outdoors Wednesday 22 nd March Secondary KS4/5 Cheshire Outdoors Monday 20 th March



Attendance

Reporting an absence

The absence line: 01270 877601, option 1








Church Lawton School monitors pupil absence on a daily basis. **Therefore, parents/carers are expected to telephone school by 8.30 a.m. every morning your child is absent, clearly stating the reason for the absence.**

Where possible, please make any doctor, dentist or medical appointments either before or after school hours. If appointments are during the school day please hand in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, thank you.

Applications for other types of absence in term time must be made in advance but will be granted only in exceptional circumstances.

Special Events and Curriculum Days - Dates for the diary



Friday 3 rd March 	World Book Day – details to follow
Friday 3 rd March 	Secondary PSHE Day – visit from the Loudmouth Theatre
Friday 17 th March 	Red Nose Day – Wear your favourite colour donate £1
Friday 24 th March 	Easter Coffee Morning 11am-12noon. All parents and carers welcome.
Monday 20 th March & Wednesday 22 nd March 	KS3 (Attenborough, Matthews & Cadbury) Adventure Learning— Cheshire Outdoors—22/03/23 KS4/5 (Nightingale, Branson, Newton & Austen) Adventure Learning— Cheshire Outdoors—20/03/23
Tuesday 28 th and Wednesday 29 th March 	Primary, Middle school and Secondary Parent meetings. 3.30pm-5pm Appointment letters will be sent nearer the time.

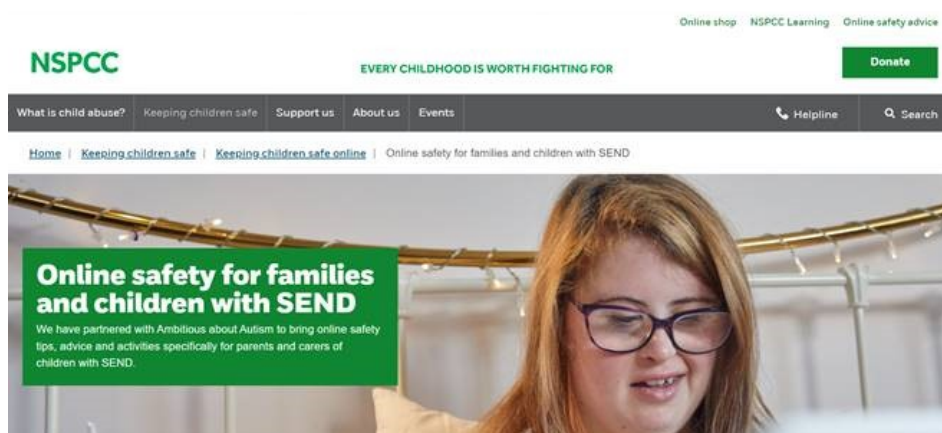
Safeguarding



How you can help keep your child safe online?

The NSPCC have a variety of online safety tips, advice and activities to help keep your child safe online. Please visit their website for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>



Contact numbers for Safeguarding of Children Concerns

Children living in Cheshire East	0300 123 5012	0300 123 5022 (emergency, out of hours)
Children living in Cheshire West	0300 123 7047	01244 977277
Children living in Stoke on Trent	01782 235100	01782 234234 (emergency, out of hours)
Children living in Staffordshire	0300 1118007	0345 604 2886 (emergency, out of hours)
Children living in Manchester	0161 234 5001	In an emergency dial 999
Children living in Stockport	0161 217 6028 opt 1	0161 217 6029
Allegations against an adult working with children	01270 658904 01606 288931	
Adult Safeguarding	0300 123 5010	0300 123 5022 (emergency, out of hours)



Menus from Mellors Catering

After February half-term, week commencing 27th February 2023, we will be on the week 2 menu.

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Main Dish	Ham & Pineapple Pizza	Chicken Curry	Roast of The Week	Chicken Burger	Battered Fish
Vegetarian Main Dish	Pasta in tomato sauce	Cheese & Vegetable Quesadilla	Veggie Sausages	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegan Nuggets
Accompaniments	Seasonal Vegetables Potato Wedges	Seasonal Vegetables Rice	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Loaded Potatoes	Baked Beans Peas Chips
Desserts	Jelly	Cook's Biscuit and custard	Strawberry Mousse	Chocolate Sponge	Vanilla Muffin
Other Daily Choices	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar
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Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Main Dish	All Day Breakfast	Chicken and leek pie	Roast of The Week	Beef burger in a bun	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Main Dish	Veggie Breakfast	Quorn Sausages	Meat Free Sausage Ragù	Vegetable Chilli	Pizza Naan
Accompaniments	Hash Browns Toast Baked Beans	Seasonal Vegetables Hash Potato	Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Potato Wedges	Baked Beans Peas Chips
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Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Main Dish	Hot Dog	Pepperoni Pizza	Roast of the week	Barbeque Chicken	Fishcake
Vegetarian Main Dish	Spanish Omelette	Cheese & Sweet Potato Pie	Quorn Sausages	Vegetable Curry	Quorn burger in a bun
Accompaniments	Seasonal Vegetables Hash Browns	Seasonal Vegetables Potato Wedges	Seasonal Vegetables Roast potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables Rice	Baked Beans Peas Chips
Desserts	Jelly	Cook's biscuit and custard	Butterscotch Mousse	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Lemon Muffin
Other Daily Choices	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar	Fresh fruit and Salad Bar
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Mellors also have a good selection of snacks available to purchase every day during morning break.

All snack items cost 40p each.

Snack menu:

toast * teacakes * crumpets
cheese oatcakes * pancakes
waffles * pots of fruit milkshakes
juice * milk



School dinner and snack payments should be made through your MCAS (My Child at School) account.

The current charge for a school meal is £2.30.

www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin

School ID: 12295

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My Child at School (MCAS)



or visit www.mychildatschool.com



Are you entitled?

Have your circumstances changed?

Whichever local authority you reside in, you can check your eligibility by contacting Cheshire East Local Authority:

Email: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 123 5012

Even if you're not sure whether you are eligible or not, we urge you to check, as not only will it benefit your child, it also benefits school.



ADVENTURE LEARNING

It's been a really fun start to 2023! The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the leisure centres over the past 6 weeks! All our pupils have continued to build confidence in the water, improving their swimming strokes and most of all... they have enjoyed being in the water! We have some excellent, strong swimmers!

Well done to all the children who got 'Swimmer of the Week' this half term!



Our pupils in Secondary really enjoyed their orienteering session at Tegg's Nose this half term. Next half term they will be going to Cheshire Outdoors for a multi-activity day including archery, mini golf, low ropes and falconry!



Donaldson



The children have all settled well into their new Donaldson Class after the Christmas Holidays.

Our focus in English this half term has been both fiction and non fiction books. We have practised our literacy skills learning about parts of a castle, who lives in castles and their job. We have also enjoyed some stories about knights.

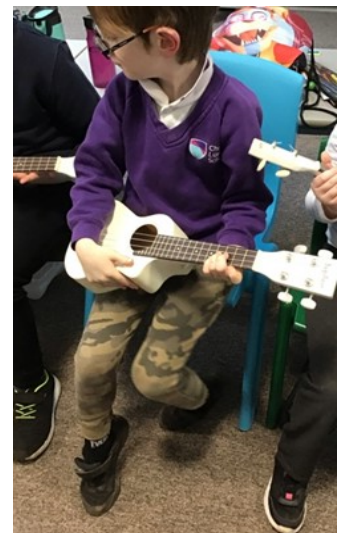


In Maths our focus has been money and problem solving using coins of different values as well as counting in 2's, 4's 5's, 8's and 10's.

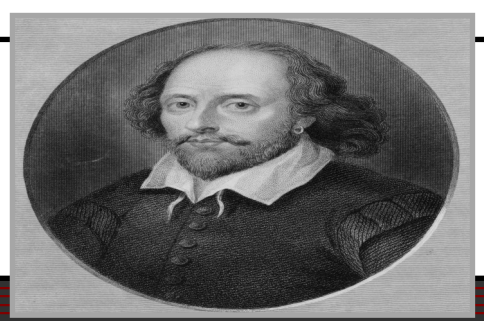
In Science we have been studying materials and forces.

In PE the children are becoming more confident on the balance bikes and we are beginning to move on to the pedal bikes and manoeuvring with control.

Other lessons we have enjoyed are making maps and using compasses in Topic, ukuleles in Music and weaving in Art.

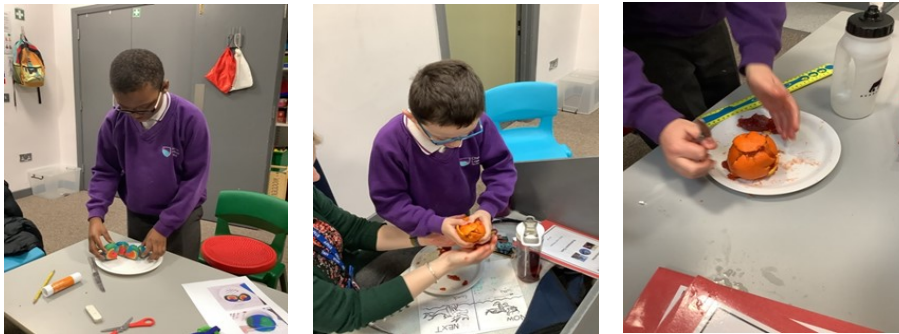


Shakespeare

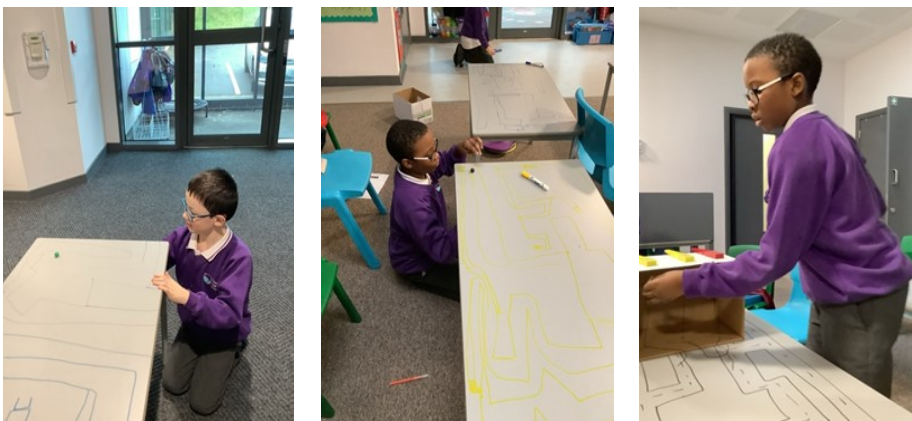
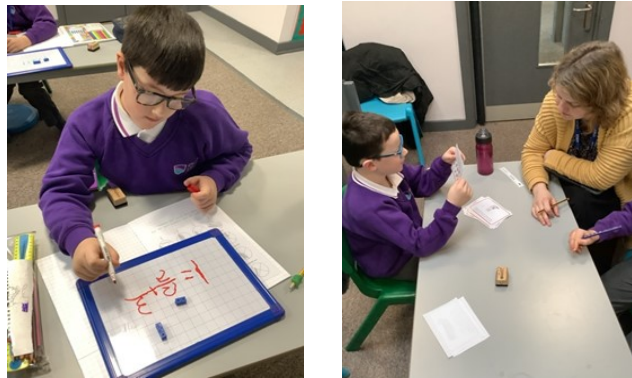


Shakespeare class have had a wonderful half term. The children have enjoyed exploring the traditional story of Robin Hood and it has inspired some wonderful creative writing pieces.

We have had an explosive time learning about volcanoes and earthquakes in Science. This has included some wonderful (although messy) hands on experiments, using moving tables to simulate earthquakes and an orange and jam to recreate the earth's tectonic plates!



In Maths we have been grappling with fractions. The children started with cutting up pizzas to show halves and quarters and are now working on simplifying and equivalent fractions, which is amazing progress!



In Science we have been looking at forces and magnets. The children had great fun finding out what was magnetic in the classroom - even making magnet mazes!



Darwin & Thompson



English

Poetry. Darwin have focused their attention on just one poem - The Highwayman - a romantic ballad and narrative poem written by Alfred Noyes, first published in 1906. Thompson, on the other hand, have looked at different features used in poetry such as Onomatopoeia, Simile and Personification. You will find a sample of our poetry across the pages.



Through the frosty freezing night, a man came on a horse black as the night sky with a cold, purple gloom upon the man.

The horse galloped, tamely guided by the highwayman holding a gun and a rapier shining pink and purple.

The horse neighed and galloped on, to the old inn yard, galloping, galloping on cobbles tan dirty.

The highwayman chatted and chatted with Bess with Tim the ostler nearby.
The horse waited and waited, neighing twice before it clattered on cobbles grey as stone to move on.

Galloping, galloping and galloping on.

Hours later Bess shoots herself dark as death, as king George's men saw, alerting the highwayman with a red ping.

The horse galloped and galloped a distance to the dark and dead body of Bess, red as blood, scary as sacred death.

Through the freezing frosty night, the highwayman came riding on the horse galloping, galloping and galloping on.

Across the craggy cobbles, a horse galloped to the old inn yard, so the highwayman saw Bess, the landlord's daughter.

By Sam



Darwin & Thompson



Anger looks **red** like
knuckles

Anger sounds like the hulk,

Anger smells like fire

Anger feels like smashing
things

Anger tastes like burning

Anger says

RAHHHHHHH!

Anger lives in the brain

By Connor

Maths

Money, time and data handling have all been covered this term.

Problem for Parents:

Ram divided 15p among 4 small bags.



He labelled each bag with the number of pennies inside it. He could then pay any sum from 1p to 15p without opening a bag. How many pennies in each bag?

Jimmy
the weird shark fire dude

Likes to eat spicy food
Cookin' in the kitchen
in the nude
Some people say
"that's just rude"

Jimmy
the weird shark fire dude

By Macauley



QOL

Quality of Life has focused on making our own breakfast whether it's cereal, toast or eggs and soldiers AND relationship/sex education.

As the famous Greek philosopher, Archimedes, once said "Urethra!"
Er,.....that can't be right?

Science

WOW! SO MUCH SCIENCE THIS TERM. We have been finding out about the human heart and how it works and even holding pig hearts to identify the aorta, right and left ventricle.

We investigated the effect of exercise on the heart and took our pulse. Some people measured their blood pressure too. We looked at diet and counted our calorie intake for a day. To finish the topic we even thought about the effects of alcohol, smoking and drugs on the body.





Attenborough

Those post Christmas blues have faded into the distance and the brighter, and occasionally warmer days, are having a positive effect upon the Attenborough form. It is good to see the form members making positive decisions and using the school time effectively. It is also good to see increasing maturity of some of the members in relation to decision taking and friendship/relationship choices. Nearly all of the form have been a recipient of a weekly award at the end of week assembly and some have even told you their parents/guardians.

In our English lessons students have been designing theme parks and also learning about women's rights "taking a stand". In Maths they have been learning about sequences, co-ordinates and Linear Functions whilst in Science they have been learning about metals and non-metals and understanding the periodic table. We have also carried out floating, sinking and air pressure experiments.

For our Adventure Learning this half term all of Year 7 & 8 students visited Tegg's Nose and took part in orienteering, using maps and compasses.



In QOL we have been busy with our cooking.

Have a lovely half term break from all Attenborough Class

Cadbury

Cadbury have had a fantastic start to 2023!

All pupils have had many successes this half-term. Lucas, Zach and Aiden have won 'Star of the Week'. Ben won an award for PE and Cadbury students won 'Form of the Week'! Everyone has worked so hard this half-term, we are super proud of them!



Last week Cadbury form were preparing for their assembly on the origins of Valentine's Day. This week they held their assembly in front of all of our Secondary pupils. The students did so well. It takes a lot of courage standing up in front of everyone. A big well done Cadbury!



Riddle me this!

By Ethan S

*What has a face and two hands,
but no arms or legs?*

Riddle me this answer... a clock!

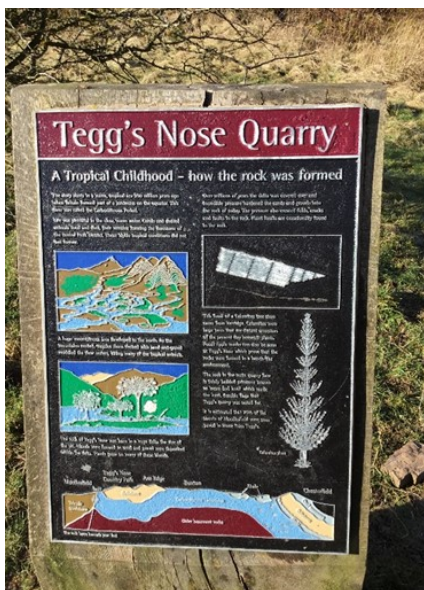
Matthews

Matthews students have been putting in great efforts at school since the new year. Students have produced some fantastic work and overcome many fears and anxieties around situations both in and out of school. As we have welcomed back new students and new form staff members, it has been the amazing efforts and considerations of everyone in the form that have made all the changes manageable and successful.

Our students have recently taken part in Adventure Learning, orienteering at Tegg's Nose. We were fortunate to be blessed with some great weather on day. One of our students took a group on the 'Wilburscote route' which was a bit misdirected but they got there in the end.

A couple of our students have been getting some experience working with our younger students in the Primary end of the school. These students have supported them in Maths, English, PE and Music lessons, gaining some valuable experience but also giving our younger pupils some really excellent teaching support.

All of Matthews have been really trying their hardest to be the best they can be, working on so many areas that are important to them. I hope to see it continue into the rest of the academic year!





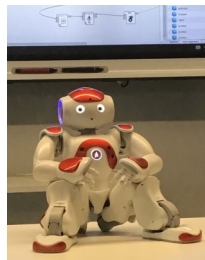
Nightingale

This half term has been a very busy one.

Our students attending Reaseheath College have been progressing really well and passing assessments with flying colours.

We have had students taking mock exams these last few weeks and all students have coped really well.

Our Year 11 students were fortunate enough to visit Edge Hill University where they were shown robotics and were entertained by a robot performing 'Gangnam Style'.



We like to enjoy cake and celebrate our students' birthdays. This half term Tig enjoyed sharing cake with her classmates during form time.

Who doesn't like chocolate cake for breakfast?



BRANSON

Welcome to our Branson form newsletter. It's been a very busy half term for our students. Some of our students have been taking mock exams these last few weeks and all students have coped really well. Two of our year 10 students have been busy at Reaseheath College, making such culinary delights as Apple Pie, Chinese dishes and Ginger biscuits. One of our year 11 students has made some highly praised Brownies on her recent assessment while others have continued to progress really well on their Equine course.

We had a fab time at the Ski Centre with many of the students able to traverse down the slope successfully. Here they are pictured sliding down the slope in a fun session afterwards. The staff enjoyed it too!



Two of our forms students have been designing and making their own pottery and these pots/dishes have just come back from being fired in the kiln. They now require decorating and we will show you the results on next terms newsletter.



Our Year 11 students were fortunate enough to visit Edge Hill University recently. Students saw some robotics and Artificial Intelligence demonstrations and were even entertained by a robot doing the 'Gangnam Style' dance.



Newton

This half term has been a more serious one for Newton form, with everyone having to sit mock exams. They have all coped magnificently with the added stress and we are very proud of how mature they all were throughout the process.

We have also introduced a new form timetable over the last few weeks to add more structure to the beginning of the day. Thursday seems to be the most popular day so far!

Newton Form Timetable

Monday	Reading our own books
Tuesday	My Happy Mind
Wednesday	News catch up
Thursday	Class discussion – the big questions
Friday	Class read

Also this half term, some of our students had a visit to Edge Hill University for the day. As part of their learning, this gave them the opportunity to experience, first hand, what could lay in store for them in the future. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day and I know it has some of them looking at university in a very different light.

There are also many other events to squeeze into this half term before they have a well-earned break. This week there are visits scheduled to both Crewe College South & West and Macclesfield College for some of the Newton students and earlier in the week we also enjoyed Adventure Learning at Tegg's Nose.



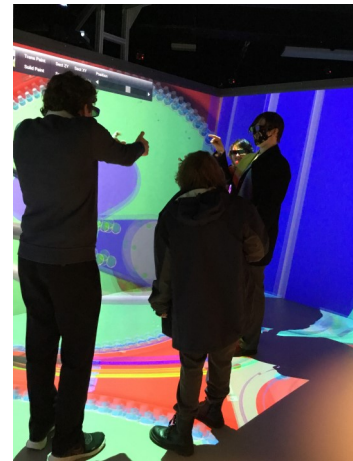


We are delighted to share some exciting news about the recent achievements of our sixth form students.

Firstly, we are proud of the student's perseverance in completing their mock exams. The students faced the challenges of the mocks admirably and have come out of them with more confidence moving towards exams in the future.

We would also like to give a special shout out to Ben who achieved a grade 5 in his GCSE Maths exam. This is a fantastic accomplishment and we are proud of his perseverance and determination.

Recently, our sixth form students had the opportunity to visit Edge Hill University where they gained valuable insight into university life and the courses available to them. This trip was greatly appreciated by the students and we are glad they could take advantage of this opportunity.



We would like to highlight Reece's outstanding performance in presenting an assembly on internet safety to the whole of secondary. His passion and expertise on this topic made a significant impact on his peers and we are proud of his leadership and public speaking skills.

Finally, we are thrilled to see the progress and continued success of our sixth form students and we look forward to seeing their continued growth in the future.





Malteser Cheesecake



Ingredients		Equipment:	
Base: 300g digestive biscuits 75g margarine 1 tbsp. golden syrup	Filling: 300ml double cream 200g soft cheese 3 tbsp. icing sugar 1 box Maltesers	Food Bag Weighing scales Saucepan Mixing spoon Dessert spoon Flan dish Rolling pin	electric whisk mixing bowl knife palette knife

Gather equipment and ingredients.



Add your biscuits into a food bag and crush with your rolling pin.



Add your butter and golden syrup into a saucepan and melt.
Once melted add your biscuits and stir until covered in butter.



Press your biscuits into your dish, so they are flat, and leave to cool.



Add your cream, cheese and icing sugar into your mixing bowl and using an electric whisk mix it all together until thick.



Add in half of your Maltesers and stir them into the cream.



Pour your mixture into your base and level off with a palette knife to make a smooth top.



Decorate with your remaining Maltesers.



Put into the fridge to chill.

What Skills have you used today?



What went Well?

How could you improve this dish or your skills? (EBI)