

On Monday, 11 children represented the school in a local SEN Bowling tournament organised by the Panathlon charity. The children engaged brilliantly as well as enjoying the opportunity to take part in such a great event. We are so proud of them all! They were awarded certificates as well as their own medal each. We also had a winning score by Archie in Y2 who was awarded the Panathlon 100 Club certificate. Well done to all of the team!



This week we have been focusing on E-Safety as it was international E-Safety day on the 7th March. Our theme this year was 'Making space for conversations about life online'. In our E-Safety Assembly, the pupils shared their favourite game, their character and what they like to do on their iPads or computers. We then discussed the importance of talking about the things they do on iPads and computers because sharing is important and it's all safe. We also considered why it is important to share what we do online. We had some examples, to learn from our friends and to learn new, exciting information about other things we were interested in.

In addition, we launched an E-Safety poster competition. Children can create a poster which displays key messages about E-Safety. There will be a special prize for a winner in: EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The competition will close on Friday 3rd of March. Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 10th March.



On Thursday, we also had a Year 6 workshop to discuss how to ensure we are being friendly online. Furthermore, we discussed that it is important to be kind even when we're online and that it is important to think before you click.



On Thursday, some of our Year 6 girls represented our school at a basketball competition. The team played to a very high standard showing excellent team effort by encouraging each other. They also showed great respect to the other teams there. Well done girls!

Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:



Oak Class - Pixie C-C
Elm Class - Theo D
Ash Class - Theo M
Beech Class - Keion W
Fir Class - Daisy H
Cherry Class - Joseph S
Poplar Class - Libby R
Rowan Class - Jessica B
Cedar Class - Frankie D
Holly Class - Jason I
Sycamore Class - Emily B
Willow Class - Paige S
Birch Class - Noah W
Maple Class - Mia R

Congratulations to you all!

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This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

- First: Cherry 100%
- Second: Fir and Holly 99%
- Third: Ash 98%



Whole school attendance: 97%

The whole school attendance is above our target of 96%, well done everyone! We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

Safety on Railways

I have been asked to share the following information with parents/carers from the British Transport Police as they have seen a rise in the number of children who have been trespassing on railways.

The railway is experiencing an increasing number of trespass, vandalism, and dangerous incidents on the network in the area of Ellesmere Port.

These incidents involve children and young people:

- Hanging around on station platforms and crossing the tracks.
- Walking along the railway lines.
- Throwing stones at trains.
- Placing objects on the railway lines.
- Playing chicken on the railway line when trains are approaching.
- Setting fires to the bins and causing other damage to the station and cars in the car park.

I am sure you agree that all the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the help of parents and guardians to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child.

- Switched On! - www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk
- Educational resources for children - Network Rail - www.networkrail.co.uk/stories/educational-resources-for-children/
- You vs. Train - www.youvstrain.co.uk
- Stay Safe with Thomas - Network Rail - www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/railway-safety-campaigns/stay-safe-with-thomas/

Key Messages

Trains are always running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass. The Electricity is ALWAYS switched on around the railway.

Always Stop, Look and Listen before using a Level Crossing. DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?

Trespassing on the railway is also a criminal offence which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000. If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016.

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Car Safety

In support of the National think campaign, the council's Road Safety team are carrying out child car seat checks along with the nationally approved car seat experts 'Car Seat Safety Ltd' at Morrisons Winsford car park between 11am and 3pm on Tuesday 28th February.

They also offer a free guide to in-car child safety is available on their website <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/transport-and-roads/road-safety/drivers> for anyone who cannot make it to the supermarket.

Finally

I hope you all have a lovely half-term. We will see the children back in school on Tuesday 28th February, with the exception of those children in Poplar, Willow and Sycamore classes. Due to the strike action, we will see those three classes on Wednesday 1st March.

We wish Mrs Batey and Miss Ohri the best of luck on their maternity leave.

Mrs E Williams