

Whitby Heath Primary School Newsletter

25th November 2022



'Excellence in a Caring Community'

KS2 had some special visitors for their assembly this week. They got to meet some players from the Cheshire Pheonix Basketball team. They were treated to a few tricks and tips and were really excited to see the players' skills. They all brought home a letter about an exciting opportunity to have a coaching session and then have courtside seats for the game on Sunday 4th December. We hope some of the children will be able to take advantage of this chance and cheer them on at the match.



Mrs C Williams and two children from Year 5 had an exciting morning on Tuesday. They were invited to the award presentation ceremony to receive the Silver School Games Mark which we achieved at the end of last year - a great achievement!



Year 6 had a great trip to the Crucial Crew event this week. It was a great opportunity to hear a whole range of safety advice from the experts. They met with a School Nurse, HGV drivers, police officers, electrical engineers and even members of the Dog Trust to learn all about how to keep themselves safe in a wide variety of different situations that they may find themselves in as they grow up and enjoy more freedom. They even tried their detective skills on a crime scene to look for clues about road safety. The children behaved brilliantly, as always when we are out on a trip, and represented the school well.



Year 5 had an exciting morning on Wednesday when they were visited by Sarah from URENCO. She taught the children all about what they do there and helped them to understand how to separate different materials. They were able to try lots of different activities such as separating, chromatography, and looking closely at different substances before testing if they were acids or alkalines.



Year 4 also enjoyed a Science workshop with Mr Lewis from Ellesmere Port Catholic High in which they learnt about the digestive system using everyday items to represent the organs such as a funnel for the mouth and tights for the intestines! All children really enjoyed this and it really helped develop their scientific knowledge of what happens in our bodies!

Well done to all those children who participated in the Eco Team recycling competition. We were blown away by the effort, thoughtfulness and creativity the children put into their entries. Mr Spann and Miss Mayhew had a very difficult decision to make! Congratulations to the overall Key Stage winners!

EYFS - Milly J
KS1 - Violet R
LKS2 - Lyla R-S
UKS2 - Melisa A



Well done to all of our Shining Superstars this week:

Oak Class - Gray J
Elm Class - Charlie S
Ash Class - Florence B
Beech Class - Max F

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Fir Class - Esmé T
Cherry Class - Aaliyah S
Poplar Class - Esme D
Rowan Class - Poppy-Summer H
Cedar Class - Lily R
Holly Class - Grace R-P
Sycamore Class - Amelia D
Willow Class - Ivy J
Birch Class - Autumn C
Maple Class - Olivia W

Congratulations to you all!

This week's Top Three classes for attendance are:

First: Maple and Holly 99%
Second: Birch and Fir 97%
Third: Elm 96%



Whole school attendance: 97%

This is a great figure for our whole school attendance! We thank you for your continued support with attendance.

Trees

Over the past couple of weeks, the Eco-Team have been planting trees in the outdoor classroom and the on the school field. They have worked extremely hard and have used different gardening equipment to help them plant the trees.



As we have some trees spare, we are asking if anyone would like a tree to plant in their own garden? There is no charge and all we ask is for you to take a picture of your child planting the tree; then either bring the picture into school or upload it to Seesaw. The trees will be given out on a first come, first served basis. If you would like a tree to plant at home, please speak to Mr Spann, Miss Mayhew or enquire at the school office.

Lunch Payments

Please could all parents/carers ensure that dinner money is paid for and all payments are up to date via their ParentPay account. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office.

PE Kits

Please can we remind parents/carers about our PE uniform. Children should wear their PE on their PE days and on a day they have a sporting activity either before or after school. PE kits should consist of:

Black Pumps for indoor PE
Trainers for outdoor PE
Plain white t-shirt
Plain black shorts

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Black, blue or grey tracksuit for outdoor and/or
PE school fleeces for outdoor

ChatHealth

The Starting Well 0-19 Service has recently launched ChatHealth offering text support to Parents and Carers within our locality.

STARTING
www.startingwell.org.uk

Are you a Parent or Carer?
This text number is for parents or carers who live or have children attending education in Cheshire West and Chester

Text us on:
07312 263156
For confidential advice
and support for all your
parenting needs.

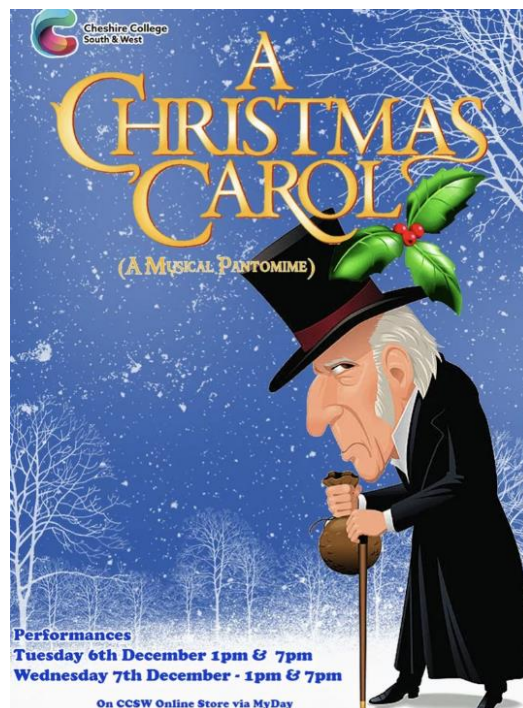
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NHS
Cheshire and
Wirral Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The advertisement features a background image of a young boy in a green shirt sitting at a desk, looking at a book.

A Christmas Carol

The Performing Arts students at Cheshire College (Ellesmere Port Campus, Off Sutton Way) are putting on a pantomime this Christmas - A Christmas Carol. See the leaflet below for further information.



Mrs E Williams