



Dear all,

Last week's special edition on the culture of our community and on engaging with our children about behaviour in a positive way yielded some very welcome emails from parents and families. Lots of opinions and views, plenty of suggestions as well as families recognising that we need to pull together to help our children recognise how to be the very best version of themselves within an inclusive, welcoming, safe and diverse community. Thanks for your comments and feedback. They are important and valuable.

Today's newsletter is a real bumper celebration edition. I know that that as a busy, thriving school within this very special community, we have so much going on and so much to be thankful and grateful for. Celebrating the many successes of our children openly and widely and with a real sense of pride is so important because it shows that we what we achieve when we are collaborative and social whether this is in sports, the arts or as part of a club or group. A comment was raised some weeks ago that our newsletter took way too long to read and had too much content. Personally, I feel really pleased that there is so much to feel good about because it represents a proportion of what our children do and enjoy and are involved in. It's important to celebrate this especially when there are sometimes other forces and influences at play that might make us feel less positive.

The end of a half term should always be a point of reflection and a chance for our children to enjoy some time being 'just' children. To have some fun and do what they do and spend some time living in the moment and making good memories. One thing is for sure, time moves quickly. One of my nephews and his twin sister, my niece, will soon start year 11. They've grown up so fast and are suddenly reaching a point in their lives where they are making independent choices about their futures. They live in Hull and when I see them over the holiday, I still imagine that they are very young and will want to play and have a story read to them.... The reality is often a teenage grunt and a nod. They're still children but at the same time not quite children and letting them go isn't as easy as I thought, even as an uncle. The point is that the time we spend as families is a very special investment and guiding these young lives so they are happy and fulfilled is our privilege. I'm sure many of you feel the same about the children you care for.

So, Have a great break with your children and family in whatever form that takes and thanks for making this community a great place for our children to grow up in. Let's continue to talk and listen to each other as we live and celebrate the present and move into a more positive future.

Warm regards

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STEM Club Update

STEM club has continued with a massive project on volcanoes. The team designed and built their own volcanoes after studying how they are created and what causes the massive eruptions.

Cally Wheable even 3D printed his own 'volcano' to replicate the inner chamber where magma is stored.



The team then presented their volcano to the rest of the group, and investigated which reaction would produce the best eruption. It was unanimous that diet coke and mentos would be used, so the team headed out to the field to witness the eruptions first hand.

All About **ME** :*Kate Ford*



My name is Kate Ford and I am the **High Ability Learner (HAL) Coordinator (formerly known as Gifted and Talented)**.

My role is to work together with Faculty heads to make sure that all students identified as Highly Able are receiving enough support and challenge throughout the curriculum to ensure that they make the most of their abilities.

Young Voices

On Wednesday, our Young Voices choir had a fantastic day at the huge Young Voices concert in Birmingham Arena. We sang and danced as part of an energetic choir of over 5000 students, and enjoyed performances by Beatbox Collective and street dance group Urban Strides.



Thank you to all of the students involved who were absolutely superb.

Young Voices rehearses on Monday lunchtimes in Music 1 - new members always welcome. Our next challenge will be to prepare for a performance at the Summer Concert.



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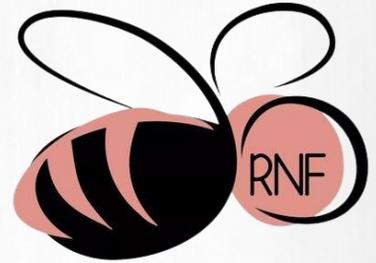
Remembering Nell Creative Writing Competition 2022

Each year, we ask all Year 9 students to submit a short story in honour of Nell Jones, one of our pupils who sadly lost her life in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack. The standards were extremely high - what a talented year group we have! After two rounds of judging the nine finalists were announced:

Freya Wheable ,Emily Butler, Emily Cragg, Ben Beechener, Lizzie Earl, Hannah Shaw, Charlie Ellis, Megan Croxton & Matilda Ward

They have all been invited to a creative writing masterclass with popular author, Tom Palmer.

Congratulations to the top three who won a variety of prizes, including Amazon vouchers and signed copies of the latest Young Adult books.



- 1st - Charlie Ellis (pictured)**
- 2nd - Ben Beechener**
- 3rd - Freya Wheable**

[Click here](#) to read the winning entries.

There is now a Literacy Google Classroom with all the latest news and competitions. Please ask your child to join using this code **7folloj**



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Reading material



Colleen Hoover's book has become very popular through TikTok and many of our pupils are reading it. It's great to see them reading but this book is an adult contemporary romance that contains graphic domestic and sexual violence. As some of our younger pupils are reading it, could you please check if you are happy with the content before they bring it into school?

It's Back! Tuesday 5th July, 6pm



Battle of the Bands



Any style of music, as long as it's live! Cover versions or original, it's up to you. Soloists, duos, whatever!

£100 prize for the winner, £50 for the runner up, £25 3rd place and other prizes available.

Sign up on the noticeboard in the Music Department.



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Learning Resource Centre News

Latest Arrivals Available in the LRC



Check out our 'Latest Arrivals' display in the LRC for more of our new arrivals.

Dyslexia Friendly Texts Available in the LRC



Please speak to Miss Moores if you would like to find more of our available Dyslexia friendly texts



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BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION



Win a haul of bookish goodies for your school library AND a £10 book token for yourself!

Deadline: Friday 24th June

Email your review to educationlibraryservice@cheshiresharedservices.gov.uk



LAUNCH! YOU CAN DRAW TOM GATES WITH LIZ PICHON



On Thursday 19th May, 30 of our students signed up to take part in a Scholastic Schools Live session with author Liz Pichon. Students had the opportunity to hear all about Liz's influences for her popular Tom Gates series, learn how to draw Tom Gates himself and partake in a Q&A session.



HORRIBLE HISTORIES WITH ILLUSTRATOR MARTIN BROWN



Students joined Miss Moores in the library for another fantastic illustrator session this week. This time, students tuned in to Scholastics Schools Live to see Horrible Histories illustrator Martin Brown. Celebrating the Jubilee, students learnt all about the great and gruesome monarchs, drew their very own corgi and joined Martin for a selection of silly stories and foul facts!





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Barcelona Study Visit – Monday 26th September to Friday 30th September 2022

The MFL department are planning a residential field trip to Barcelona for MFL students. Students will be able to focus on learning useful language skills in a stimulating and relevant way. They will also have the opportunity to explore cultural and historical venues in the beautiful city of Barcelona.

[Click here](#) for more information



HOLMES CHAPEL COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS



 **23rd JUNE 2022** 

4pm – 6.30pm

The School will be closing early at 2.15pm to students on this day.

[Click here](#) for more information



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Maths Star of this Half Term

The maths department has been nominating students for a special Star of the Half Term award, for diligence, perseverance and a positive attitude to maths.

Nominees and winners for this term were as follows:



Year 7:

Lily Jukes
Joe Phelps
Nell Walsh
Asa Goldsmith
Jasper Graham
Maria Goode
Brooke Taylor
Harriette Wardle
Oscar Wyman

Winner:
Lily Jukes

Year 8:

Ben Aitken
Lily Wood
Dasha Ritchie
Max Derbyshire
Holly Thompson
Ciara Breen

Winner:
Ben Aitken

Year 9:

Zoe Sanders
Lucas McGifford
Millie Allen
Phoebe Cousins
Mai-Sze Jukes
Erin van Tonder
Bobby Knipe

Winner:
Phoebe Cousins

Year 10:

Kate Burgess
Neive Driscoll
Isabelle Cruttenden
Alex Bolton
Emily Preece
Neve Heal
Keana Lewis
Maisie Frith

Winner:
Isabelle Cruttenden

Year 11:

Matthew Youatt
Callum Withnell
Charlotte Braka
Molly Bradley
Poppy Kyneston-Perez
Holly Kay
Heather Barry
Harrison Thomas
Ellie Naylor
Liliana Hamer

Winner:
Matthew Youatt

Huge congratulations to all the nominees and the lucky winners. **Happy Half Term holiday!!**





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Cheshire Athletics Championships 14th/15th May

Congratulations to Charlotte Braka, year 11, who took part in the Discus at the County Championships on Saturday 14th May, coming 1st in the women U17, with a throw of over 36 meters. She also out threw the Senior women. Well Done Charlotte



Jack Davies, 10AH

Following 24 weeks of coaching and training with the Cheshire Cricket Board, Jack has been selected to play in the Cheshire District U15's squad.

Matches take place in half term week and Jack is very excited at the prospect of playing with the best from the whole of Cheshire.

Cricket is his passion and he works so hard at it.



Congratulations to Joe Wood in 10MH for his sporting success

Joe Wood has played for the U15 Greater Manchester boys team this season. They won every game to become North West Champions and then, last Sunday, in the finals tournament won every game again to become North of England Champions!

Well done Joe!



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Year 7/8 Interhouse Rounders

The Interhouse Rounders tournament for years 7 and 8 took place on Tuesday 10th May. It was a sunny afternoon and the students turned out in great spirits.

The competition was fiercely contested, as Arley and Capesthorne finished tied at the top of the table. However, Arley pipped them to the post, finishing in first place based on most rounders scored.

Well done to everyone who attended and demonstrated ambition and teamwork for their house.

Rounders fixtures are coming up later this term so we look forward to selecting the top performers to represent the school.





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Year 10 Inter Tutor 2022!!!

Well what can we say what a fantastic afternoon of sport we were able to lead on Thursday. All of our year 10's were able to compete in an afternoon of fun competing to be the best tutor group in their year. All the students participated in one of three different sports, volleyball, rounders and football. It was great to see so much participation, all students enjoying a fun packed afternoon. It was a highly competitive afternoon from all students involved. Well done to you all, we had a great time!!

To finish the day we had some close scores from the tutor groups - see results below ...




10CC - Football
10TC - Rounders
10AC - Volleyball
10TC - Overall winners

Well done to all our year 10 students who participated. It was great to see you all have so much fun and enjoyment. Congratulations to 10TC. What a great win!!! - PE Department

HCCS South Cheshire Athletics Trials

On WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY we took a group of students from years 7 - 10 to the South Cheshire Athletics Trials. It was a fantastic afternoon of great competitors. Our students were outstanding and really did themselves, their parents and the school proud. It was great to get back out after Covid restrictions and compete again against other schools. The students had an amazing time competing and cheering on other athletes. We had some fantastic results including lots of first positions meaning they can be selected to represent Cheshire. This is such an amazing opportunity and experience for some of our students and we could not be more proud of all the competitors today who gave up their evening to compete for the school. We showed fantastic character, determination and resilience. Well done once again from the PE team we could not be more proud of you all. Congratulations to all the winners and good luck representing Cheshire. **Go Team HCCS!!!!**



Our Winners for Cheshire Selection:

100m - Matilda Harrison, Josh Goostrey, 200m - Freya Wadsworth, Izzy Whalley and Macie Parkinson - Sykes, 300m - Archie Fallows, Louise Bates, Jenson Swain and Emily Edger, 1500m - Alice Mendham and Sofia Preece.



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Year 8 Football Girls Meet Steph Houghton

What a fantastic experience for two of our talented year 8 students, Holly Thompson and Amelie Jones. They had the pleasure of meeting England and Manchester City Captain Steph Houghton at Sandbach United Football Club. The girls were overwhelmed meeting an idol of theirs and such a role model for any budding footballers. Holly said "It was so good to listen to her talking about girls playing sports and especially football"



At the weekend Holly and some of our other girls competed for Holmes Chapel Hurricanes Girls Under 14's team and won the Frodsham Champions Cup against 7 other teams. What a fantastic achievement.

They played 9v9 and the team consisted of the following girls, Megan Farmer, Holly Thompson (Yr8), Lizzie Earl, Macie Parkinson-Sykes (Yr8), Megan Croxton, Darcie Whiles, Elizabeth Smith, Emily Cragg and Millie Rutter, also another girl from another school.

Holly said "It was a great day, we topped the group undefeated and in the final, it went to penalties, where we all took a penalty! It was so close, but we won!, we're so pleased, especially after we've had a tough season!!"

Well done girls on your amazing achievement!!
Mrs Mee

Wondering what to do at half-term why not have a BLAST this summer with a FREE kids Lancashire Cricket ticket

Lancashire Cricket Foundation is pleased to be able to offer our school community the opportunity to purchase tickets for the T20 Cricket match on **WEDNESDAY 1st JUNE** at a discounted rate.

This fantastic offer will give kids a FREE ticket to the Lancashire Lightning v Derbyshire Falcons and the Lancashire Thunder v Southern Vipers Vitality Blast T20 fixtures at Emirates Old Trafford on Wednesday 1 June when you purchase an **adult ticket reduced to just £5. Additional child tickets are just £1**. This will be a day out packed with plenty of activities and games for the whole family PLUS action-packed cricket, live music and much more... the first game starts at 3pm.

The offer is available for seats in the Family Stand at Emirates Old Trafford, Stand B. To claim tickets and book, please click on the link below and use the code **SCHOOL22**

[Lancashire Cricket Foundation Schools Offer](#)



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Parents Workshop and Courses

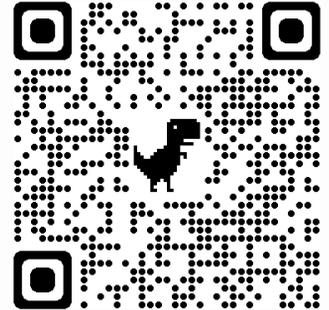
We offer a variety of courses and workshops for parents including an 8 week 'Anxiety programme' where you will get the chance to meet other parents and an in-depth understanding of what anxiety is and how you can support your child with their anxious feelings. We also run workshops on topics including self-harm, family relationships and loss and bereavement. These are opportunities to meet other parents going through similar experiences while discussing topics pertinent to mental health. For more information on these courses please contact Visyon by email on administration@visyon.org.uk

Open Access

We offer Open Access sessions to parents to provide a listening ear, information about Visyon services available for you or your child and if appropriate advice, signposting and safety planning. These are mostly phone calls lasting up to 30 minutes. To book an Open Access session please phone Visyon on 01260 290000.

Webinars on:

- Understanding the teenage brain
- Supporting your child through exam stress
- Building resilience and self-esteem
- ...and so much more!



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FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY TEAM

PARENT WORKSHOPS



Parental Separation – Looking after yourself and your family

Visyon's Family and Community Wellbeing Team are pleased to offer a **90-minute Parent Workshop** which will explore Parental Separation. This workshop will look at how your children may be feeling and ways to support them. We will look at ways to take care of your own wellbeing and how to work together to support the whole family.

This workshop is available to families in **Cheshire East** and will be held at Visyon in Congleton for **face-to-face** delivery.

If you would like to book a place on the Workshop, please contact lynne.fitton@visyon.org.uk, who will contact you with further details.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

Parent Workshop – Parental separation

Wednesday 1st June 2022 at 11:30am – 1pm





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SUMMER BONANZA FREE!!

Multi-activity days for young people aged between 9 and 15

When/Where

2/8 - The Oaks Academy, Crewe - 10-4

3/8 - Sandbach High School - 10-4

4/8 - Congleton High School - 10-4

5/8 - Alsager High School - 10-4

8/8 - Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School - 10-4

9/8 - Middlewich High School - 10-4

Please email salt.wars@cheshire.police.uk for more information.



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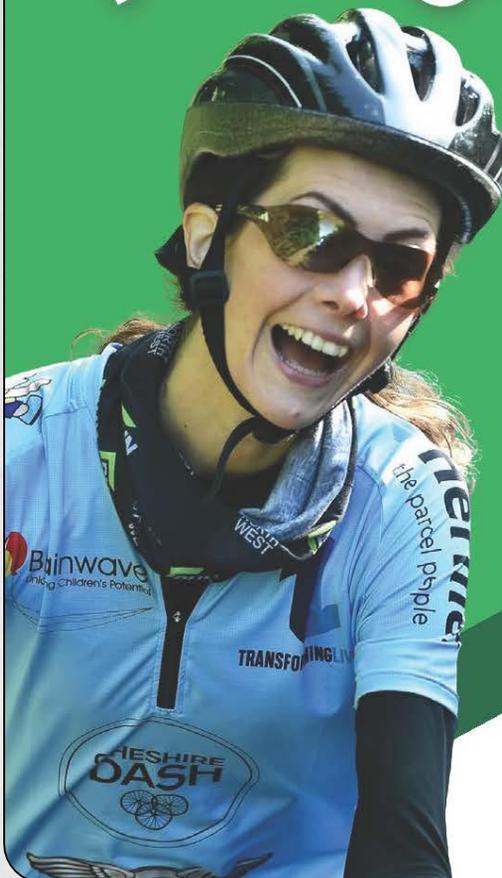
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