

CHURCH LAWTON

October 2021

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

I will start by saying how wonderful it is to have all the students back in school for this Autumn Term. We are all enjoying being in school with full classes and face to face learning. As I walk round school each morning and see the students in their classes it is clear to see they are focused and ready to learn and making the most of being in school with their friends.

Over the summer holidays we were pleased to welcome some of our year 11, 12 and 13 students into school to receive their external examination results. As a school, we are incredibly proud of their amazing achievements. All the students who were submitted for GCSE examinations, in a range of subjects, passed and achieved grade 4 or above. Other students also had brilliant successes with BTEC, functional skills and entry level qualifications. Well done to them all for their achievements. I would like to thank all the teachers who worked with them along the way and those of you who supported them as parents.

There has been some fantastic learning opportunities going on this half term. We have had our Love Music Trust teachers in school delivering a range of peripatetic music lessons. We have a number of pupils learning guitar, keyboards, violin, cello, drumming and brass instruments. We have also had Mr Proctor teaching his creative group drumming. We have a number of very talented students who are writing and composing their own musical pieces. Hopefully, in the New Year, the drumming group will be able to enter the Love Music Trust's Cheshire music competition again. If your child is interested in taking up a musical instrument and having lessons in school the full details and how to register your interest is on the Love Music Trust website <https://lovemusictrust.com/tuition>

Our year 11 students are continuing their vocational courses at Reaseheath college each Thursday. Each Wednesday we also have a group year 10 students starting their first year at Reaseheath. The courses include animal care, equine, construction and mechanics. We have sixth form pupils accessing higher IT courses at Alsager High school and catering at Cheshire College South and West. We are delighted that our students can access these courses which support them towards independence and future careers. Well done to them all for their fantastic efforts.

Middle and Primary students have been visiting Crewe and Knutsford Leisure Centres for swimming as part of their Adventure Learning curriculum and these lessons will continue up to Christmas.

One of the highlights this half term has been the return of our fundraising event to support Macmillan. We ran two similar events, which allowed us to invite all our families but ensured we were safe by keeping the numbers at each event a little lower. There was an amazing cake stall, which a number of our students ran, along with a raffle. Thank you so much if you sent in cakes or donated to the raffle. It was so lovely to meet parents and family members face to face again. Those families I managed to speak to, agreed and hoped this was the start of many familiar events returning such as a Halloween Disco and Christmas Fayre. We have taken these comments on board and are only too pleased to reinstate these gatherings. The students thoroughly enjoyed running the stalls and socialising at the Macmillan fundraiser. The event raised a massive £715 for the Macmillan charity, which included a large donation from a member of staff and their family who have recently had a close connection with Macmillan. Thank you all so much for your support and we look forward to the Christmas Fayre on Friday 3rd December.

I hope you all have fun over the October holidays and we look forward to another busy half term as we approach Christmas.

Karen Woodall
Interim Principal





Here are some of the topics for classes and subjects for the half term from November to Christmas so you can begin some preparations, research or reading if you wish over the holidays.

Karen Woodall, Interim Principal.

Class	Subject and topic area
Churchill Primary	<p>Topic - Michael Rosen Rhyme & poetry featuring his most popular stories.</p> <p>Science - Seasons & weather. History – The great Fire of London.</p> <p>Maths - Number, shape & pattern</p>
Franklin Primary	<p>English- Non-fiction (explanation text and letters) Maths- Shape, Space and Measurements Science- States of Matter Humanities- Significant events and religious festivals</p>
Thompson and Darwin Middle School	<p>English - reading and writing non-fiction texts. Maths- types of number, fractions, area and perimeter. Measures, time & money History- Tudors Computing- Coding (Scratch and Python) Science- DNA Food Tech - Healthy eating – the eat-well guide, sourcing ingredients, nutritional values. Recipes will include dips & fruit layered dessert.</p>
English	<p>Gamma: Shakespeare Twelfth Night Taster Delta: Myths & Legends Epsilon: The Natural World Non-Fiction unit Omega: Gothic Horror Sigma: Continued work based on Dystopian Fiction: Fiction & Non-Fiction extracts Theta: Crime – Fiction & Non-Fiction Pi: Power & Conflict Poetry; Propaganda; News articles, Leaflets, Autobiography & Literature extracts.</p>
Science	<p>Delta & Omega – Biology - Keeping healthy. Chemistry- Materials from the earth, States of matter, Separation techniques (with lots of experiments). Gamma - Physics Pressure, Speed, Heating & cooling, Electromagnets, Magnetism. Epsilon and Sigma - Physics particle matter, Atomic structure, Radioactivity, Fission & Fusion, Atoms, elements and compounds. Theta - Chemical trends and bonds, The Atom, The Periodic table, Elements of the Periodic table, Alkali metals, The halogens, Ionic and covalent bonding. Pi - Physics Energy, Forces, Power, Efficiency, Speed, Acceleration, Mass, Weight, Pressure, Levers and gears.</p>
Maths	<p>Gamma - Standard form, Angles. Delta - Standard form. Epsilon – Decimals, Coordinates and Graphs, Rounding and Estimation. Sigma – Rounding and Estimation, Statistics, Sequences. Omega – functional numeracy skills. Theta – 2D and 3D shapes, Pythagoras' Theorem, Area and Volume. Pi – Equations of Circles, Simultaneous Equations.</p>



Topics continued.

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Class	Subject and topic area.
Food Tech	GCSE – completing NEA 1 including a practical exam. BTEC L1 Seasonal food recipes. BTEC L2 Seasonal food recipes. ASDAN - Healthy Eating, Food Safety and cooking recipes that link to this topic.
Life skills	Focusing on the wider community e.g. Harvest, the Christmas shoebox appeal, litter picking, travel training for the older students and cooking life skills.
Media Studies	Group 1 (Mrs Sercombe's group) Continuing Storyboarding and moving on to Animation. Group 2 (Mrs Hext's group) Film Making.
KS3 Geography Delta, Epsilon & Gamma	Rocks weathering and soil. Types of rock. Landscapes and people.
KS4 Geography	Physical Landscapes in the UK
KS3 History	The transatlantic slave trade, its effects and its eventual abolition. Women suffragettes.
Computer Science	Ethical legal cultural and environmental concerns - computers taking jobs and plastic waste. Online safety - refresher for most students, looking at fraud, fake emails and fake websites. Intro to programming - how computers think and store data. Working with dataflow diagrams - using the dataflow diagram and performing calculations.
Careers	CV's, covering letters and applying for jobs.
PE	Secondary PE – Invasion games (Netball/Basketball) Middle PE – Invasion games (Netball/Basketball) Primary – Multi sports – co-ordination
Art and Design	2D skills and moving onto 3D skills such as wire art and wire sculptures.
PSHE Day	Friday 5 th November – positive relationships, well-being and anti-bullying.
Adventure Learning	Middle and Primary – Swimming continuing until Christmas. Secondary Adventure Learning, week beginning 13 th December – Dry Skiing at Festival Park.

Further Information



Free School Meals

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.

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

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?



Find out if you are eligible:
 Visit www.cheshiremeals.gov.uk/FSM
 or call 0300 123 5012
 (quoting FSM2019)
 Cheshire East Council

School Calendar - Term Dates 2020-2021

Half Term holiday	Monday 25th October 2021 — 29th October 2021
Autumn Term, 2nd term	Monday 1st November 2021—Friday 17th December 2021
 Parent Forum	Friday 12th November 2021, 10am to 11.30am
 Christmas Fayre	Friday 3rd December 2021, 12.30pm to 2pm

IMPORTANT - Bringing medication into school?

Students needing medication during school hours both Prescribed and Non-Prescribed need to have a permission slip completed by a parent or guardian. Including pain relief.

Please contact your child's key worker or the school office for the consent form.

Medication needs to be handed in to an adult on arrival at school. If your child arrives by taxi please could you ring or email the school to notify us of medication coming into school.



IMPORTANT



Safeguarding



SAFEGUARDING AT CHURCH LAWTON SCHOOL

Safeguarding DSL – lorraine.clegg@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk



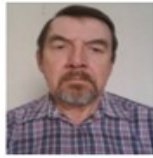
Lorraine Clegg
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Chair of
Governors

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Governor



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Children living in Cheshire East	0300 123 5012	0300 123 5022 (emergency, out of hours)
Children living in Stoke on Trent	01782 235100	01782 234234 (emergency, out of hours)
Children living in Staffordshire	0800 131 3126	0345 604 2886 (emergency, out of hours)
Allegations against an adult working with children	01270 658904 01606 288931	
Adult Safeguarding	0300 123 5010	0300 123 5022 (emergency, out of hours)



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YOU CAN TALK TO US**

Call Childline on 0800 1111
or visit childline.org.uk/kids

Whatever your worry,
you can talk to us. It's free,
you don't have to tell us
your name, and you can
chat about anything.

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ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

**LEARN THE PANTS RULES
FOR STAYING SAFE**

P RIVATES ARE PRIVATE
Parts of your body covered by underwear are private. No one should ask to see or touch them. No one should ask you to touch or look at parts of their body that are covered by underwear. Sometimes doctors, nurses or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask if it's OK first.

A LWAYS REMEMBER YOUR BODY BELONGS TO YOU
It's your body, no one else's. No one should make you do things that make you feel embarrassed or uncomfortable. If anyone tries, tell an adult you trust.

N O MEANS NO
You have the right to say 'no' – even to a family member or someone you love. Remember, you're in control of your body, and your feelings are important.

TALK ABOUT SECRETS THAT UPSET YOU
Secrets shouldn't make you feel upset or worried. If they do, tell an adult you trust. You will never get into trouble for sharing a secret that upsets you.

S PEAK UP, SOMEONE CAN HELP
Talk about stuff that makes you worried or upset. An adult you trust will listen, and be able to help. It doesn't have to be a family member. It can be a teacher or a friend's parent – you can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and someone will always be there to listen. If you find it difficult to talk about, you could write it down or draw a picture instead.

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

ADVENTURE LEARNING

This half-term at Adventure Learning Middle School and Primary have been enjoying swimming at Knutsford and Crewe Lifestyle, with some of our children learning how to swim while gaining confidence in water. We will continue with this activity until Christmas.



Secondary pupils have also enjoyed their Adventure Learning Forest Camp this week. They took part in a Norwegian crane activity and low ropes. They worked really hard as a team and showed good listening skills. Everyone had so much fun!



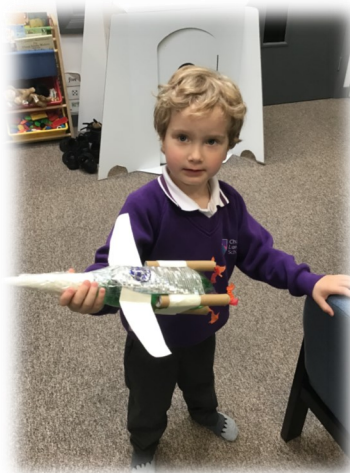
Churchill class

Once upon a time, Churchill class were learning all about fairy tales. They had a splendid time hearing tales about the three little piggy's, Jack and his beanstalk and the three billy goats.



We have created some wonderful artwork depicting well known fairy tale characters. Can you guess who they are?

Students have had great fun collaging self portraits for a new class display. Our therapy dog Lottie tried very hard with hers and even wrote her own name!



In Maths we have been learning about numbers, finding more and less, adding together and making doubles. We love using Numicon in Churchill, it really helps with our number recognition.

Lastly, to celebrate World Space Week, we made playdough aliens and played in our role-play space rocket.



Franklin

In Maths, Franklin class have been learning about place value and using this knowledge to work out column addition and subtraction calculations.



In English we have been using adjectives and similes to describe the story and characters of Snow White.

In Science, Franklin class have learnt about different food groups and what different animals eat. We also had a space themed day for national space week.



Franklin class have been discovering all about Mexico. In Art, they have been drawing self portraits in the style of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. They have also been learning Spanish and have enjoyed sampling Mexican food.



Darwin

Each week we are very lucky to have some visiting tutors, they help us with Careers Education, Music, Food Tech and Adventure Learning. Sometimes it has been tricky having new people with us, but the lessons are always fun and we are learning lots about ourselves and the world around us.

It has been interesting visiting other areas of the school, which for some time we haven't been able to access.



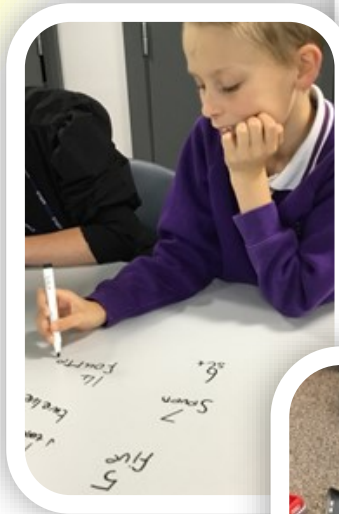
September 2021 saw a brand new group of children coming together in Darwin, and what a start they have had!

There were lots of new routines to learn, new people to get to know and a new classroom, full of exciting things to get to grips with.

We are so proud of all the boys and the way they have settled into the new school year.



We have been focussing on core skills this half term, how to use a story scaffold to write a narrative and then improving it, whilst in Maths we have been working with the four operations to embed our skills and knowledge.





History

We have begun our topic *The Tudors* and as we all know Henry VIII had 6 wives.

Can you name them?



And to find out what happened to each of them

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRiF_kIJFC0

Maths

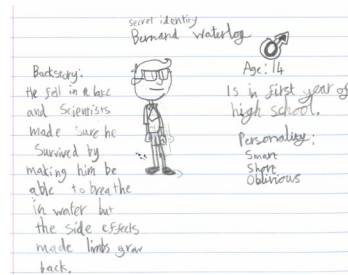
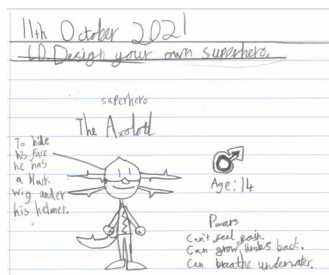
In Maths we began the term revising the number system and the 4 operations. We are currently looking at fractions.

English

Our work has been focused on 2 short videos. The first was a mystery called Road's End. Who is the man in the red scarf?



The second was a music video for Titanium by David Guetta. The boy seems to have a supernatural power. He is super-human. But is he a super hero? Here's a new superhero designed by Billy called The Axolotl.



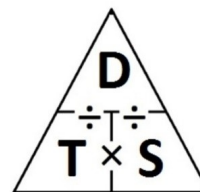
Art

This term we headed out to our local canal and have seen some super art work inspired by Monet's Water Lilies.



Science

NEED for SPEED. Yes, we have learnt the science equation for calculating speed and the forces that help an object accelerate and decelerate. It was such a **DRAG!**



Adventure Learning

Swimming this term has proved easier for some than others. But everyone has gone with the intention of getting in the pool and, just like in PE, there has been good teamwork and kindness supporting each other.

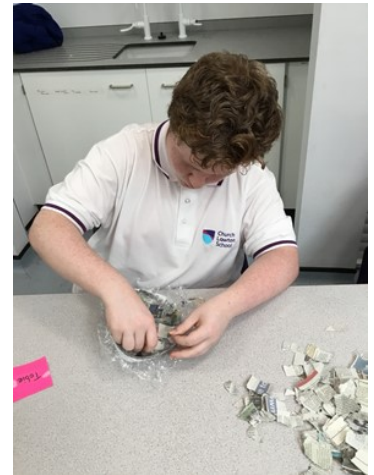
We have lots still to do before Christmas, but it's been an amazing start to the year. Well done Thompson Team! Let's keep adding to the Ball of Knowledge!



Attenborough

Hello and welcome to Attenborough's first newsletter entry of the academic year. It's been a busy and enjoyable half term. I have at times related everyday life to famous films, plays and books. This half term I think 'The Great Escape' (1963) would be appropriate with the lead roles being played out by the forms pupils. The cast would be as follows:

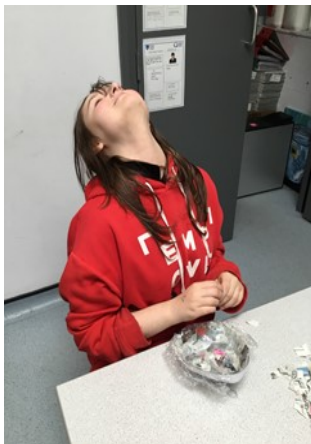
Tobie as Steve McQueen playing Hilts (The Cooler King) a new arrival to the camp who instantly fits in.



Charlie as Charles Bronson playing Danny (The Tunnel King)

George as John Leyton playing Willie (The Tunnel King)

These two have successfully tunnelled out of Middle School only to find themselves in a bigger camp but have fitted in very well and have adapted to the ways of Secondary, which can be daunting with all the room changes and different teachers, so they can be very proud of themselves.

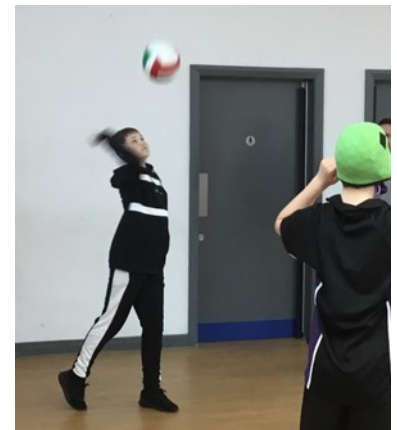


Ebony as David McCallum playing Ashley-Pitt (Dispersal)

It's the way that she always wants to go outside at the same time everyday which makes me feel that perhaps she is up to something!

Zach as Donald Pleasance playing Blythe (The Forger).

He has recently been asking about using his home printer and purchasing special paper to make dollars as they have fewer security features.



And Sam as Lawrence Montaigne playing Haynes (Diversion)



Sam is the king of tangents and distraction with his many questions so easily fits the role.

But don't worry the Commandant and guards err, I mean Mrs Travis, Mrs Lovelock, Mrs Moran and myself are more than up to keeping them on track. As you can see from the activities in camp (I mean school) they are really doing well and form time/life is full of fun, learning, discussion and fresh air.



Cadbury Form

Cadbury have had a great first term. The boys have settled in to Secondary brilliantly and are working their hardest in every lesson.

We have been using our morning form sessions to learn some basic food skills, such as making hot drinks and toast.



William is now our class representative for School Council. William helped during the recent MacMillan Coffee Morning, selling cakes and handling money.

Harry is continuing with his guitar lessons each week with Mr Stannard and will soon be headlining Glastonbury!

Logan is continuing to improve his footballing skills, and joins in with school matches every day.

Luke has been tasting new fruits and foods in Quality of Life, and he particularly enjoyed the tropical fruits.

Victor has been doing a fantastic job as our lunch menu monitor. He is learning to handle money and take responsibility.

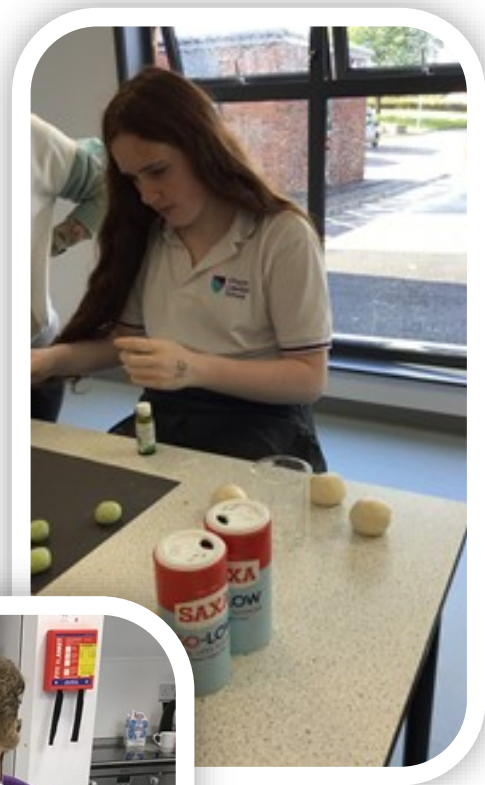


Matthews

Our new Matthews form have settled back in to normal school life very well since September. They have been working hard in all of their subjects and showing great progress. Lots of important life skills are being taught in the Quality of Life sessions and these have already been put into practise at the Macmillan Coffee morning which some of our form helped set up and run.

We've been getting stuck into our various different favourite subjects and interests ranging from Science and English, to everyone's favourite, Maths. We are all gradually agreeing that board games are a great hobby too with plenty of keen and skilled chess players as well as draughts and blokus players too. Nobody can beat Mr Taylor at anything yet though.

Overall, everyone has settled in really well and begun to feel comfortable and confident with the new secondary classes and form groups. We have a great group of students in Matthews again this year and I expect to see great things from them all!





Nightingale

Welcome to Nightingale! Mrs Hardey is the Form Teacher and the Learning Mentors are Mr Smith, Mr Carosy, Mr Hampson, Mrs Lawson and Mrs Welch.

The form have settled in well, and are enjoying playing board games, including Chess!

For our Year 10 students it has been a busy start to the term, many of them beginning their placement at Reaseheath College. They have all done really well and have been coping brilliantly with the change of environment, staff and students.

Our Year 10 students are all working towards a range of qualifications, and have made a super start.

For our Year 11 students, they have made a positive start to what is an important year for them. Well done and keep it up!



BRANSON

Branson form have settled back into school well and we are all getting used to the school routines. It has been really nice to get to know each other.

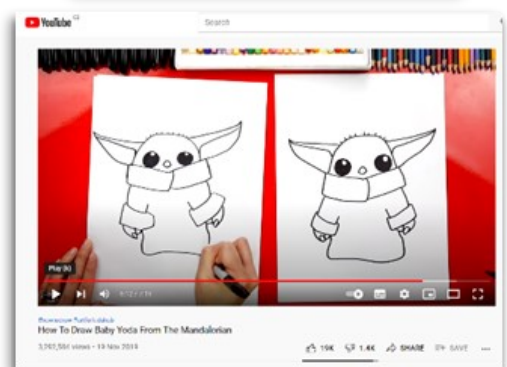
Most of our students have been to Reaseheath this term and the year 10s have settled in really well and have represented Church Lawton superbly. They have all learnt a lot and have enjoyed their experiences. We have students studying Equine, Animal Care and Mechanical Engineering.



The students have been working really hard in their lessons and the year 10s have especially enjoyed their option subjects. The year 11s are continuing to work through the courses with enthusiasm.

We have been thinking about our own well-being in Branson form and each week we have been thinking about what makes us happy. We have been trying different well-being techniques each week for example: yoga: guided meditation; and a particular favourite of the form, draw along videos.

It has been good getting back to a bit of normality this school year and we are all enjoying the extra- curricular activities on offer. For example the Halloween Disco and Adventure Learning.





Newton

The form have settled in extremely well into this academic year and have been complimented on their standard of appearance, with all wearing the appropriate uniform.

The form have worked hard on their Quality of Life projects. They have kept them up to date and have documented their Managing Belongings topic extensively.

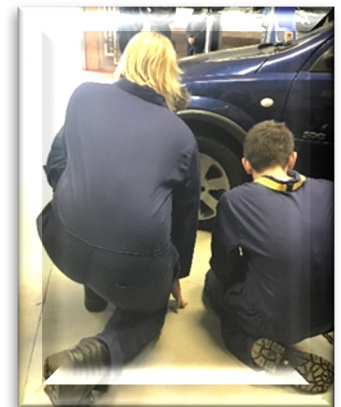
Cerys has been working hard in her core subjects and has applied herself with dedication and commitment to her GCSE Food Project. The Year 10 and 11 groups have enjoyed a productive time at Reaseheath College so far this term. In the Year 10 group, Zak, Aiden, Mackenzie and George are all on different courses. Zak has started the Construction course, Mackenzie attends the Equine Management course and George the Animal Management course.

Zak's course comprises three parts: Plastering, Bricklaying and Joinery, and he has started with plastering. He has shown great enthusiasm in performing these tasks so far. Alfie, who has done a fantastic job supporting in PE, has now joined Zak on the Construction course.

Mackenzie and George have settled well into their respective courses and relish the opportunity to have experience outside the normal curriculum subjects.

Harley, is continuing to enjoy the Motor Mechanic course at Reaseheath and is now in his second year.

A brilliant start Newton! Keep Going!



In Sixth Form this half term some of our pupils have either re-commenced or started their work experience. Others have attended either Reaseheath College or Alsager School.

In **Life Skills**, Pi and Theta groups have been looking at First Aid. This has included: CPR; recovery position; allergies; bleeding and shock. They have also been looking at healthy eating and well-being.

In **Science**, Theta have been working on their BTEC Science, looking at mixtures and compounds, etc. Pi are looking at The Newton's 3 Law (to apply the formula $F=MA$)

In **English**, Pi are studying the natural world, non-fiction and fictional animals. Theta are looking at sports and leisure, presentations and group discussions. They are also working on a presentation about how to hold a sports day event.

This term the whole school enjoyed our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see families coming back into school after a strange year.





Apprenticeships Live Event: An opportunity to get an insight into what an apprenticeship at Unilever could look like. The event will take place on **Thursday 28th October 2021, from 18:00-20:00.**

To find out more and to register please visit:

<https://unilever.ratemyplacement.co.uk/schoolsevent/>



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Looking for information on Apprenticeships in Northern England?

Attend and hear from over 40 organisations about their apprenticeship via live video, voice or text.

To register please visit:

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<https://www.candwoopportunities.co.uk/>



College Open Evenings

Cheshire College South and West Open Evenings/ Events <https://www.ccs.w.ac.uk/events/>

Macclesfield College Open Event <https://macclesfield.ac.uk/events/october-open-event-21st/>

Reaseheath College Open Event <https://www.reaseheath.ac.uk/course-open-days/>

Warrington and Vale Royal College Open Events <https://www.wvr.ac.uk/>

Newcastle College Open Events <https://nscg.ac.uk/newcastle-campus>

Buxton and Leek College Open Events <https://www.blc.ac.uk/>

Stoke College Open Events <https://www.stokecoll.ac.uk/open-events/>