

CHURCH LAWTON

April 2022

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you for your patience, perseverance and support throughout this very difficult time. Covid-19 and the current variant is continuing to rise around the country and sadly both our staff and students are being impacted.

Fortunately, we have been able to continue with our curriculum recovery plans and learning continues at a very good pace. By the time of reading this newsletter we will have sent out your child's Progress Reports and the majority of you will have had a My Progress meeting with your child's teachers.

Easter Eggs

An egg is a symbol of new life. For Christians, Easter eggs are used as a symbol for the resurrection of Jesus. Nowadays, most Easter eggs are made of chocolate and covered in coloured foil. Traditionally though, chicken eggs would be hard boiled and then decorated by hand. I fondly remember receiving hard-boiled eggs from relatives which had been dyed in all manner of different colours and eating Easter eggs for breakfast, dinner and tea. Who can forget the wonderful episode of the Vicar of Dibley with the Vicar, Geraldine, giving up chocolate for Lent and the Easter Bunny debacle, I have attached the link to the episode for those who may wish to watch it later! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b007bkzz/the-vicar-of-dibley-the-easter-bunny>

Clonter Opera

The school recently attended a workshop at Clonter Opera Theatre <https://www.clonter.org/>. The Music Teacher, Mr Stannard penned an immediate email following the visit:

Dear Amanda, Sally, Steve and team,

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for hosting our two groups of students from Church Lawton School today. Your understanding and flexibility enabled all of our children to really explore their creative side today and experience the arts and theatre in ways I don't think they could anywhere else.

Due to their additional needs, our students can sometimes find collaborative work extremely difficult and all of our staff were blown away with what the children achieved, which I believe was entirely because of your supportive environment and inspiring facilities.

The fact that at the end of the workshop one pupil asked "have you any work placements?" says everything! Thank you for allowing us to work at our own pace in such a high quality venue and I particularly appreciated how you helped guide our rehearsal and preparation when we needed support and structure. On our return journey the staff were all commenting on how fantastic you were as practitioners and how lucky we are to live as close as we do to your theatre.

Growing Together to support children's wellbeing

As life post pandemic begins to re-emerge and we begin to slowly return to normality, children's wellbeing may be taking up more of your thoughts than normal. The pandemic world we have all lived in will have meant that children have had to adapt quickly to changes in their immediate surroundings, as well as the wider world.

Children's Mental Health Week commenced on Monday 7 February 2022 for the entire week. The theme of Children's Mental Health Week 2022 was 'growing together'. This explores the ways in which children and adults are encouraged to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow. Here at Church Lawton we believe that a child's wellbeing is crucial to their happiness, whether that is physical or related to children's mental health. The theme of 'growing together' works perfectly alongside our 'can do' ethos, which encourages children to be anything they want to be.

NCS

We have been approached by the NCS Team at Port Vale Football Club Foundation Trust to run a bespoke programme for our Year 11 and Sixth Form students. The NCS has been delivering programmes to Young People in England since its pilot programme back in 2009. With the support of the Department for Digital,

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Continued.

Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) it has since taken over half a million young people on the programme. By participating in NCS, students will work together to take on exciting challenges together. Whether that be in a lake, up a climbing wall, in the local community or practising first aid. All of these activities are just a taste of what NCS offers. The NCS allows young people to get their voices heard and make a difference in the local area.

Covid 19

The Government has updated their guidance in relation to Covid19 and how the country is going to move out of the pandemic. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, has set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April 2022.

I have summarised the information below from Friday 1 April 2022:

COVID-19 symptoms

Pupils, staff and other adults stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have [COVID-19 symptoms](#). The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature in line with the main symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. Parents and carers will agree that a student with the key symptoms or COVID-19 **should not attend** given the potential risk to others.

Avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those with a severely weakened immune system, for the 10 days after your symptoms started

If you have COVID-19, stay at home and avoid contact with other people

If you have COVID-19 you can infect other people from 2 days before your symptoms start, and for up to 10 days after. You can pass on the infection to others, even if you have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all.

In the meantime, please have a wonderful Easter Break and we look forward to seeing you all when school reopens. **PLEASE REMEMBER SCHOOL REOPENS on TUESDAY 19th April 2022.**

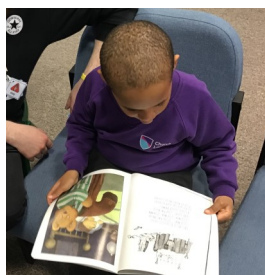
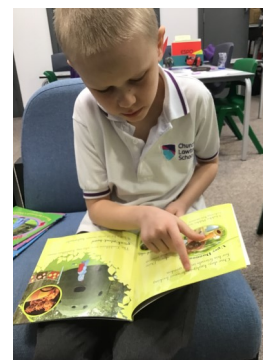
Yours sincerely,

Paul Scales
Principal



World Book Day - Sponsored Read

During World Book Week pupils from Church Lawton School took part in a sponsored read to raise money for new books for our library. Lots of students took part and together we raised over £1,400! The books have been ordered and should arrive in school over the Easter break... watch this space!





Thank you to everyone who purchased a red nose and helped boost funds by donating and purchasing cakes. Together we raised £163.72!

Re-use Re-cycle

Do you have any uniform that no longer fits your child? Please could you consider sending any items into school for our spare clothes box.



Pants, socks and trousers are desperately needed! Thank you in advance.

To order new uniform please visit www.mapac.com or telephone 01923 255525



Easter Bingo

Once again, thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our Easter Bingo and to everyone who joined in on the day. As soon as we know the total amount of money raised we will let you know!



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

School Calendar

Summer Term Dates

Summer Term	Tuesday 19th April 2022 - Friday 27th May 2022
	Tuesday 7th June 2022 - Wednesday 20th July 2022
Bank holidays	Monday 2nd May 2022
Half-Term	30th May 2022 - 3rd June 2022
Inset Day	Monday 6th June 2022



School Lunches - Price increase



From 1st April 2022 there will be a 5p increase in the cost of a school lunch and also on individual snacks. A school meal will therefore rise from £2.25 per day to £2.30 per day and snacks will incur an additional 5p to the current cost.

This is a polite reminder to please pay for all lunches and snacks at the start of the week or on a daily basis. Thank you for your support in this.

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.

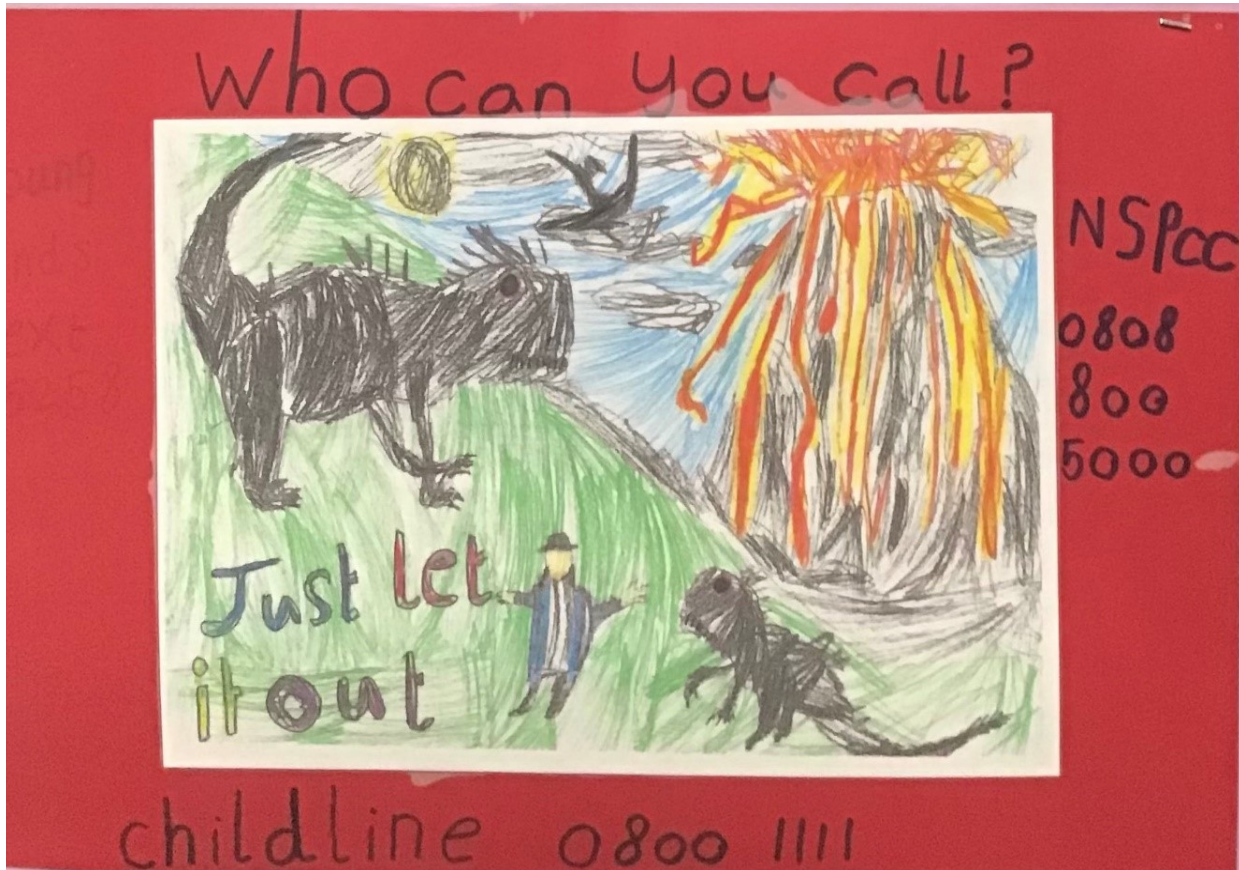


Attendance

Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. **every morning** your child is absent, and state 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.



Safeguarding



By George in KS2

This poster was one of the winning entries in our Safeguarding competition.

The winners were George in KS2; Aiden in KS3; and Reece in KS4.



Adventure Learning

Adventure Learning for students in Primary and Middle School this half-term has been horse riding at Courses for Horses. The students have shown real resilience and enthusiasm during this activity.

Students have learnt how to care for a horse, how to get on a horse and have enjoyed riding around the arena.



Our students in Secondary recently visited Stanley Head for their Adventure Learning this half-term. Students took part in orienteering and learnt the importance of using maps. Students were also given the opportunity to have a go at archery. The students thoroughly enjoyed these activities and have shown their strengths and displayed great team work.



Churchill

In Churchill class we have been learning about animals and their habitats. Part of our learning involved a fabulous trip to Blue Planet Aquarium! We have also been horse riding in Adventure Learning so animals have played a big part in our schooling this term!



Blue Planet Aquarium was a wonderful experience for Churchill class. We had a guided tour of the aquarium, learning about their different inhabitants.

In Art we have created cards for our marvellous Mums. In English, we have been learning about stories from Africa, and in Maths we have focused on subtraction in real world situations.



Lottie has been busy making new friends in Churchill class. She is very calm around us and she listens to us read. We are always excited to see her!

As Summer approaches, we are spending more time on the school field and enjoying all of the amazing equipment we have at school.



Franklin

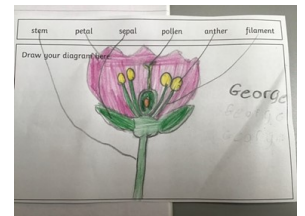
Franklin class have had an action packed term!

In English, students have largely looked at the story of Pinocchio. They have explored play scripts (the final product being a puppet show) and took part in a drama performance (a workshop run by the Northern Ballet Company).

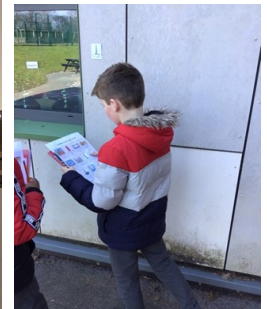
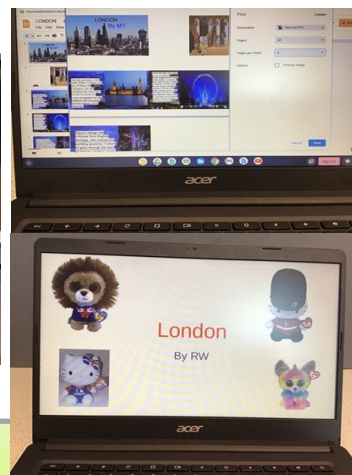
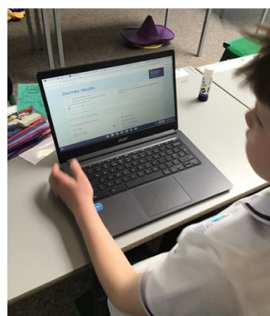
In Maths, students have been learning about fractions and shape and space. Students have been putting their problem-solving skills to the test during a Maths Puzzle Day.



In Science, Franklin class have been junior palaeontologists learning all about fossils and rocks. Students are currently learning about plants and caring for their class Venus fly-trap. Students have also welcomed some stick insects to their class and more recently they experienced a wonderful educational visit to the Blue Planet Aquarium.



Franklin have also been learning about significant historical figures. Students have started learning about London in their humanities lessons. In our I.C.T. lessons, students have all produced excellent slide shows on topics of interest to them.



Geography

Our topic on rivers has continued this term and we are drawing down on our geography skills and knowledge. We have looked at the water cycle and considered how water is important to us.



Maths

In Maths, we have continued to look at a range of skills, ratio and proportion and have tested our multiplication skills. We have also realised that knowing our times tables can help in other areas of Maths.

Sponsored Read

This term we all took part in a sponsored read and have earned lots of new books for ourselves and the school library. We have been stunned by everyone's support, thank you!



Science

We have moved on from plants to humans this half term. We have considered how we change as we grow. We have also been learning about healthy lifestyles and the impact of diet, exercise and drugs on our bodies.

Art

In Art we are learning how to draw portraits. We have learnt some new skills and are now applying those to self portraits and portraits of each other.

English

We have been looking at Shakespeare this half term. We have been studying Romeo and Juliette, a romantic tragedy. The students have explored the language of Shakespeare's time as well as more contemporary versions of the play. We have written our own blurbs... what do you think of this extract?

The glum despair and misery and romanticness that will never last, are you brave enough for the gruesome story and what misadventure it gives...

Coming Up:

An English topic called "The Moon". There will be lots of focus on core writing skills next term. Number skills will be the focus in Maths and we will be introducing algebra. Humanities will be a local study. We hope to get out and about as much as we can next term to support this study.

Adventure Learning

Our students have been enjoying their horse riding sessions this term. We are beginning to see some confident riders.





Geography

We have started our topic on Weather and have been looking at how the World is divided by lines of longitude, latitude, time zones, climate zones and biomes.

Science

Respiration. It's like breathing, but it's not breathing.

It's a process in living organisms involving the production of energy, typically with the intake of oxygen and the release of carbon dioxide

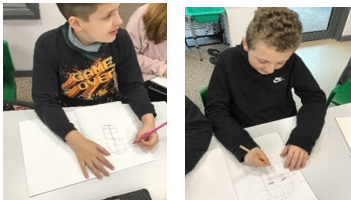
It can be shown like this:



(Glucose + Oxygen = Carbon Dioxide and Water)

Art

We have begun our work on portraits by understanding the 'thirds of the face' technique. Here are a couple of our sketches:



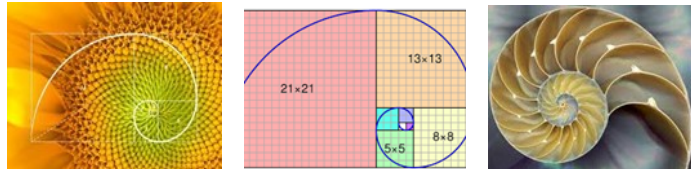
Maths

We have been exploring number sequences, missing numbers, unknown values and ALGEBRA!

This is called the Fibonacci sequence.

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13

And it is seen in nature.



English

Multi-sensory locational writing. What's that? Using all your senses to describe a scene.

We also celebrated **World Book Day** with a trip to Nantwich Library. We also made our own books.



Coming Up:

Maths: Properties of shapes, including symmetry and transformations and data handling.

English: Instructions, work based on a particular novel or author or theme i.e. The Moon, poetry.

Science: Digestion, Heating and Cooling.

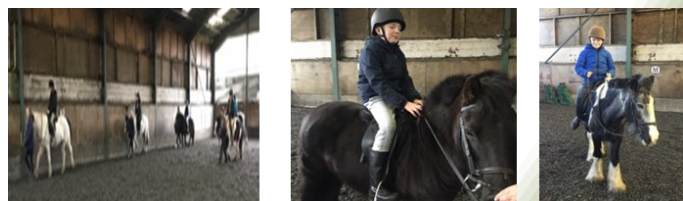
Humanities: Civil War, Climate Change, The Environment.

Art: Portraits.

Adventure Learning: Outdoor Education at Astbury Mere.

Adventure Learning

We have been surprised by how much we enjoyed being around horses and horse riding.





Attenborough

Well it has been a whirlwind term! In fact it's the first 5 week spring term I have experienced in 16 years of teaching. Attenborough Form have managed to pack in lots of activities and learning. We took part in a PSHE day on 'safety on line' and the sharing of personal information. All our pupils took part in drama performance at the Clonter Opera Theatre with music and dialogue created by the pupils themselves.

Most of the class have recently made their option choices for year 10 & 11. It is great to see that most of the pupils have taken up the opportunity to enrol on a course at Reaseheath College.



We have rounded off the term with assessments and had a great day out at Stanley Head Outdoor Education Centre.

So, exhausted, we look forward to a good rest over the Easter holiday. Please make sure to take time to relax and re-charge ready for the Summer Term.



Mr Shaw, Mrs Travis, Miss Caddy and Mr Pryce



Cadbury Form

Our students always enjoy **PE**. They show great team spirit, particularly when playing Rugby.



I can't believe we are at the end of this term! It has been so busy and there has been a lot going on. Besides the hard work we put into our curriculum subjects we have enjoyed a few special occasions too.



A few of Cadbury students have been hard at work on their **Jubilee** posters!



PANCAKE DAY was so much fun. Both pupils and staff really enjoyed the pancake races.



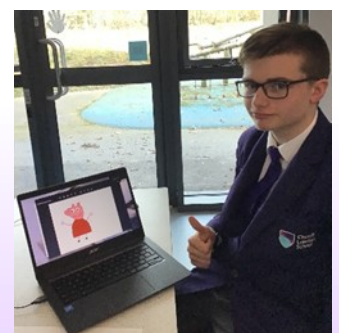
WORLD BOOK DAY

We had an amazing day and the sponsored read was a massive success, raising over £1.400! We really appreciate all your donations and well done to our students for reading throughout the week.

Students thoroughly enjoyed their workshops with **Clonter Opera Theatre**.



CREATIVE – Animation. This has been so interesting to learn, the students have really enjoyed these lessons.



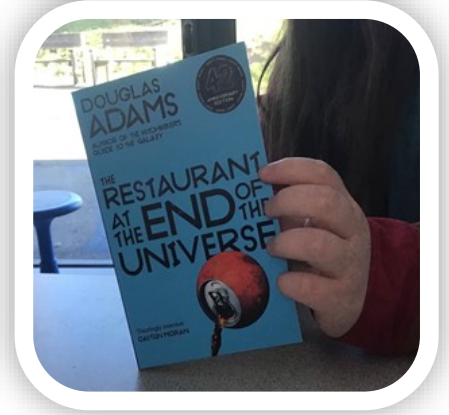
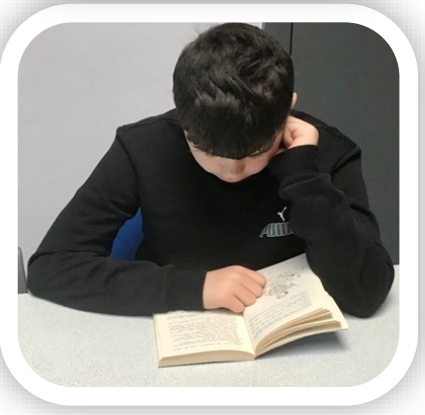
Have a well deserved Easter break. Thank you for a great term!! Cadbury Form



This term Matthews class have thoroughly enjoyed reading to raise money during our sponsored read for World Book Day. A special mention goes out to Charlie for his active participation and enthusiasm around his reading. Well done to all our students!

Every Friday in Mathews we have a quiz. Each of the students has in turn won, but a special mention goes out to Amber as she has won the quiz for several weeks in a row.

Some of the students in Matthews class recently took part in a workshop here at school with staff from the Clonter Opera Theatre. This was followed by a visit to the opera site to experience their wonderful stage.





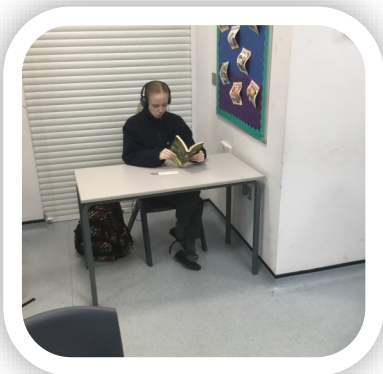
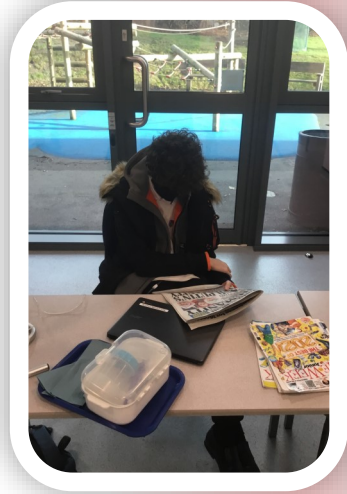
Nightingale

Nightingale Form are still enjoying the Wordle challenge each morning! The students have been successful and their quickest attempt took them only 3 tries!

During the week of our Sponsored Reading Challenge, students read every morning. As well as books, this also included magazines, comics and newspapers.

These photos provide a snapshot of activities which have taken place in Nightingale this half term.

From all of us in Nightingale, we hope you have a lovely break and wish you a Happy Easter!



Adam demonstrating his super plastering skills. Well done!



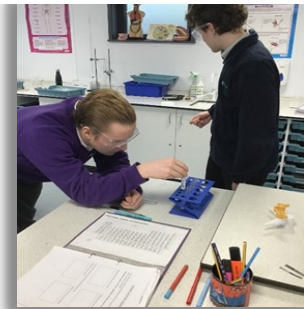
BRANSON

This half term we've supported the school community in lots of ways. We took part in the sponsored read and helped to raise a substantial amount of money during World Book Week. We've also supported Comic Relief by buying and devouring delicious cakes from our fundraising cake sale.

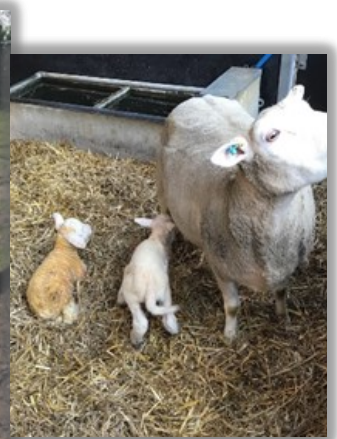
We have continued making cups of tea and toast and now know each other's preferences. We also enjoy spending the mornings together and getting to know each other's music taste.



In Science, students have been learning about rates of reactions and chemical reactions. What makes them faster or slower and how bonds are made between elements and atoms. The students have been very engaged in practical experiments. They really look forward to hands on experiences in the lab.



This half term at Reaseheath, the motor vehicle students have been working on their final written piece of work about completing a vehicle service. They are now revising for their health and safety exam. The students studying Equine have been independently 'mucking out' for their assessment. Students have also learnt about field management and have enjoyed a trip to the farm to see the lambing take place. One of our students studying Animal Care recently got the opportunity to feed the lemurs.





Newton

It has been a short but busy term for the Newton pupils.

Well done to George, Zak and Harley for doing a great job with the sponsored reading fundraising challenge!

We thought we'd include an image of two of the boys on our last Adventure Learning trek, where despite getting soaked, they participated with a very positive attitude.

Alfie has been supporting Mr Oakes in some of our PE lessons. George, Harley, Mackenzie and Zak continue to have great feedback for their work at Reaseheath.

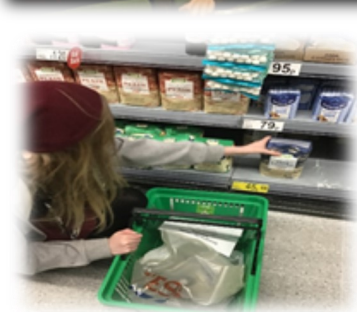
George has really enjoyed taking part in the Clonter Opera Theatre music workshop this term as part of his BTEC Music course.





This half term some of our Sixth Form students have been continuing with their work placements, gaining valuable experience. Also, one of our students has been learning how to put together lighting and sounds for a school performance at Clonter Opera Theatre. A few of our Sixth Form students are currently in the process of looking at further education settings ready for when they leave Sixth Form.

As part of our QOL lessons we took students to Asda and Costa Coffee. This will help students understand some of the processes involved in shopping, including how they need to decide what to make first, then prepare a shopping list, how to find items in store as well as pay for them. We have also introduced further life skills, such as independently laundering our own washing and drying.



From all the staff in Sixth Form, we would like to wish you a Happy Easter!

