

CHURCH LAWTON

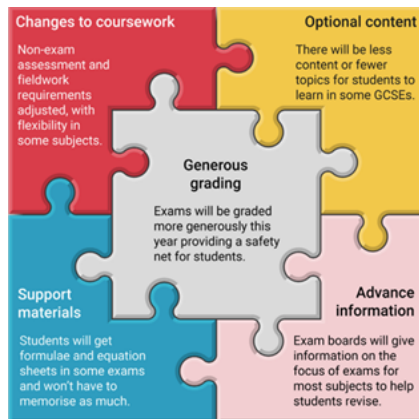
February Half-Term, 2022

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Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

It has been a very interesting start to 2022 as we continue to adjust to Covid-19 and the Omicron variant. Fingers crossed we are emerging from this with a new breath of optimism for the future.

Our Year 11 and Sixth Form students have sat their mock exams. Students certainly performed to the best of their ability. Teachers and students are working hard to ensure everything is in place for the Summer Term exams.



Please can all parents, carers and pupils visit the school website for the most up-to-date information from Ofqual. Summer exams for GCSEs, AS and A levels will be taking place in 2022 for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Ofqual and the Department for Education recognise the difficulties students may have faced during the pandemic and changes have been made to this year's arrangements to help students. An unprecedented package of support has been put in place for students. Advance information will help them focus their revision. Exam boards have provided advance information for exams in most subjects.

Although it was several weeks ago now, I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. Your efforts helped us to raise over £800 for school funds, which I think is an amazing effort. We will continue to re-invest the money into implementing our vision of 'providing our pupils with a wide range of experiences' which will include the funding of visiting groups, resources and other education activities.

The first week in February was Children's Mental Health Week. We have been working with our students to promote positive well-being and resilience. This year's theme was 'Growing Together'. We encouraged our students to consider how they have grown and how they can help others to grow.

Covid-19 update. We are expecting updated guidance from the Government regarding Covid-19 and self-isolation at some point this month. We will update you as soon as we have further information.

In the meantime, as we move into the new term with the challenges of coughs and colds, I will take this opportunity to remind you all of the following:

If parents, carers or students have any of the [Covid 19 Symptoms](#) please **DO NOT** come into school. Stay at home and isolate and get a [test](#).

The current advice for people who have a positive lateral flow device (LFD) test result and have **NO SYMPTOMS** has changed. They are no longer required to have a follow-up PCR test, and they should stay at home and self-isolate immediately.

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- they wish to claim the **Test and Trace Support Payment**
- they have a health condition that means they may be suitable for new coronavirus (COVID-19) treatments

Please contact the school Tel: 01270 877601 or email admin@naschurchlawton.cheshire.sch.uk should you have a positive test result.

Please can we remind all parents of secondary aged students to continue to complete lateral flow testing at home twice weekly.

Covid-19 vaccines. Who can get a COVID-19 vaccine:

Everyone aged 12 and over can get a 1st and 2nd dose of the vaccine.

[Find out more about who can get a COVID-19 vaccine](#)

How to get a COVID-19 vaccine

People aged 16 or over can:

- [book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment online](#) for an appointment at a vaccination centre or pharmacy
- [find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) to get vaccinated without needing an appointment

Should we have to close an area of the school we will revert to our remote learning via Google Classroom. All students in the school have access to a Google Classroom and we have spent time ensuring that all students can access their account.

We will continue to have windows open around school, to encourage the use of hand sanitiser and maintain our additional cleaning process throughout the school.

I hope you have a enjoyable half-term.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Scales
Principal





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

Karen Woodall, Deputy Principal

Class	Subject and topic area.
Churchill Primary	Topic - Safari Animals English - Stories from other cultures. Maths - number including the maths puzzle workshop on 7 th March Science – Habitats including a trip to Blue Planet Aquarium. Geography - place knowledge, starting with London and places in the UK and comparisons with other worldwide places such as Cape Town
Franklin Primary	English- SPAG, Poetry (Humorous), Non-fiction (recount) Maths- Shape, space and measurement (2d, 3d, symmetry, patterns and angles) Science- Plants Humanities- Geography (London), R.E. (Easter)
Darwin Middle School	Maths - Ratio, proportion, statistics, %, geometry, x and divide money and angles. English- World Book Week, Instructions, Shakespeare Science, How humans change with age and the impact of lifestyles. Geography - Rivers and their uses, the water cycle. RE - Sikhism Computing - Computer Representation – How text and images are stored. Art- portraits
Thompson Middle School	Maths- Number patterns, sequences; algebra and equations English- World Book Week, Instructions, Shakespeare Science- Respiration, Breathing. Humanities- Coasts (Geog) and Sikhism (RE) Computing - Computer Representation – How text and images are stored. Art- portraits
English Secondary	Pi – GCSE & Functional Skills Revision Theta – Non Fiction focus on Leisure Texts. Omega – Entry Level Unit on Exploring / Adventure texts. fiction & Non Fiction Sigma – Racism: Comparing viewpoints & Speaking & Listening Focus – debates, discussion and presentations. Gamma – Descriptive & Narrative writing Delta – Entry Level Unit on Leisure Epsilon – Animal Rights: Comparing viewpoints & Speaking & Listening Focus – debates, discussion and presentations
Science Secondary	Pi - Energy changes, Rate and extent of chemical change, Organic chemistry, Chemical analysis, Inheritance, Variation, Evolution. Theta – Energy and our Universe, Radiation, Electric circuits, Solar system. Epsilon & Sigma - Chemical changes, Energy, Electricity, Cell Biology, Organisation Delta & Omega - Energy & Rate of reaction, Earth's atmosphere, Fuels & human impacts on the atmosphere, Digestion, Respiration, Metabolism, Microbes & Disease. Gamma - Wave Effects, Breathing, Digestion, Respiration, Photosynthesis.
Maths Secondary	Pi – Growth & Decay, Vectors, Circle Theorems Theta – Functional skills revision and practice Omega - Geometry and Statistics Sigma – Equations, Indices, Standard Form Delta - Ratio and Proportion, Probability Gamma – Statistical Data, Algebraic Manipulation Epsilon – Real life Graphs, Equations
Food Tech	BTEC L1 - Food from around the world BTEC L2 – Presentation of cookery, food advertisement, presentation and how food is photographed. Food ASDAN cooking on a budget and food preparation and presentation.
Life skills	My environment (Maintenance) and My self-care (Food and Nutrition)
Media Studies	Mrs Sercombe's Group: Research skills and Interactive Presentations Mrs Hext's group: Creating an audio recording



Topics continued.

Karen Woodall, Deputy Principal

Class	Subject and topic area.
Geography	KS3 Delta, Gamma and Epsilon - Pollution, Farming and soil erosion, Location factors, Employment structure changes. GCSE - The Changing Economic World
History	KS3 - Industry and invention. History GCSE- Royal Authority and the right to representation.
RE	Epsilon - Science and Ethics including the conflict between religion and science, IVF and Cloning. Gamma - War and Peace including is it ever right to fight? Can peace defeat war? Delta Different religious stories and their meanings including the Good Samaritan.
German	Topic of Berlin - language used when visiting. Focus on the past tense. KS3 students to identify the differences between the past and present tense and create their own pieces of writing about a visit. FCSE - topic of 'Town and Environment' - language to describe where we live and how we can help the environment.
Computer Science	Completing Entry level projects and creating the Pacman game in Scratch
Careers	Personal finances and budgeting.
PE	Primary: Fundamental Skills (sending and receiving) Middle: Invasion Games - Basketball Secondary: Invasion Games - Tag Rugby Btec: Unit 1: Fitness for Sport and Exercise
Art and Design	1 st Year group ceramics 2 nd Year group externally set brief - range of 2D or 3D projects
PSHE Day	Friday March 4 th - Personal Safety at home and in the community.
Adventure Learning	Middle and Primary – Horse riding at Courses for Horses (each Friday) Secondary Adventure Learning, Stanley Head Outdoor Activity Centre. KS3 groups Monday 28 th March and KS4/5 groups Tuesday 29 th March

Special Events and Curriculum Days - Dates for the diary

Monday 28 th February	Clonter Opera workshop in school - Set and lighting design, Music composition. Music Tech Btec group and year 9 music groups (Epsilon and Delta)
Monday 7 th March	Maths Puzzle Day for Churchill, Franklin and Darwin classes.
Monday 14 th March	Trip out to Clonter Opera workshop – performance and costume design. Music Tech Btec group and year 9 music groups (Epsilon and Delta)
Tuesday 15 th March	Churchill and Franklin classes trip to the Blue Planet.
Monday 4 th July	Whole school Languages Day.

My progress parent meetings

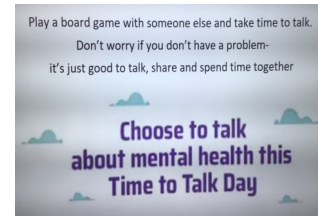
Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March 2022.



Children's Mental Health Week Fundraiser

Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise £83.50 for the charity Visyon. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Here are a few photos from our non-uniform fundraising day.



School Uniform



What uniform does my child need? Please visit:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/our-schools/church-lawton/about-us/key-information>

Please make sure all of your child's uniform is labelled including shoes and bags, thank you.

To order new school uniform please visit:

www.mapac.com

Click Login/Register at the top of the page, then click register. Follow the online instructions.

You can telephone Mapac on 01923 255525.

You can also email them at:

parentcustomerservices@mapac.net

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.



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 - Term Dates

Spring Term, 1st term Tuesday 4th January 2022 - Friday 18th February 2022

Pupils Photos Tuesday 15th March 2022

Spring Term, 2nd term Monday 28th February 2022 - Friday 1st April 2022

My Progress Parent Meetings Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March 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

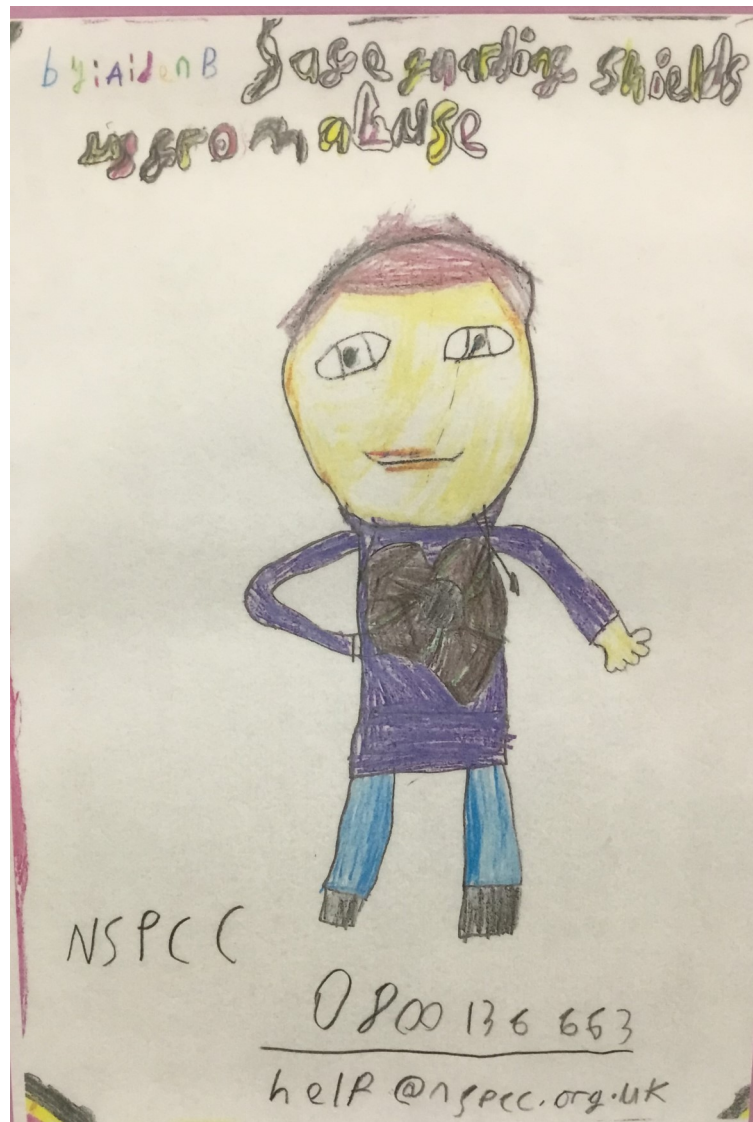
Please telephone school by 8.30 a.m. **every morning** your child is absent, and state the reason for the absence. Where possible, please make any Doctor, Dentist or Medical appointments either before or after school hours. If appointments are during the school day please hand in a copy of your appointment card or letter to the school office, thank you.



Safeguarding



Safeguarding - It's everyone's responsibility



by Aiden in KS3

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.



Children's Mental Health Week

Over the past couple of weeks we have been raising awareness around Children's Mental Health and taking part in activities during Childrens' Mental Health Week.

This year's topic is loneliness, how to reach out if you are lonely or support others that may be lonely.

We have raised awareness by watching assemblies and having discussions around loneliness.

Just a simple hello or how are you can lighten someone's day. Go for a walk for 5 minutes to get some fresh air and stretch your legs can really help.

Place 2 Be is a good source of information surrounding mental health and if you would like to find out more please visit their website: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/> or click on the relevant link below.

The link for Primary aged students is: <https://youtu.be/dySvIIAuiEk>

The link for Secondary aged students is: <https://youtu.be/4WlyGEIWuDo>

It is important to be mindful of our own mental health and just taking part in a short simple activity during the day can raise our mood. In school we encourage students to positively interact, working on friendships and social interactions. This week we are going to have a board game and card game afternoon to work together. Set yourself a small goal to help your mental health.

WELLBEING CHALLENGE

Make wellbeing a priority during Children's Mental Health Week and take on a Wellbeing Challenge. How many wellbeing actions can you tick off in a week?

<p>Get 8hrs of sleep</p>	<p>Do a deep breathing exercise</p>	<p>Go for a walk</p>	<p>Wear something that makes you feel good</p>
<p>Take time out to read a book</p>	<p>Eat your favourite food</p>	<p>Go for a walk in your local park</p>	<p>Drink 2L of water</p>
<p>Do 30 minutes of yoga</p>	<p>Give someone a compliment</p>	<p>Have a 'no social media' day</p>	<p>Catch up with a friend</p>
<p>Try a 5 minute meditation</p>	<p>Listen to a podcast</p>	<p>Go to bed 30 minutes earlier than usual</p>	<p>Write down 3 things you're grateful for</p>

Adventure Learning

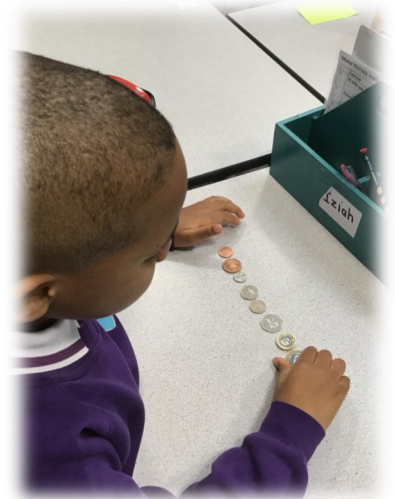
Middle School and Primary students have continued their Adventure Learning at Stoke Ski Centre. The children have really enjoyed this activity and have gained so much confidence this half-term.

Our Secondary students enjoyed their trip to Teggs Nose in Macclesfield this week. They took part in orienteering using maps and compasses. The students were put into small groups, and despite the testing weather, they managed to cover a great deal of the area. There were some amazing some personal achievements, well done to you all.



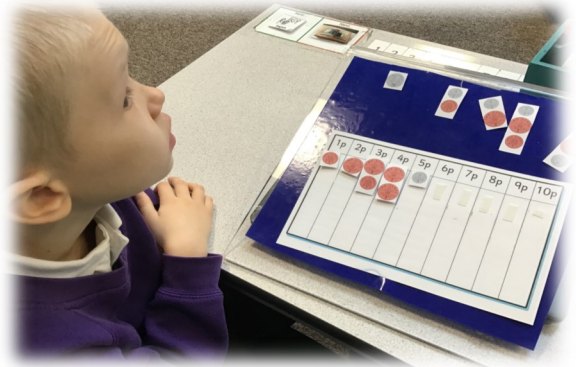
Churchill

In our Topic lessons, Churchill class have been learning about Florence Nightingale. We have made paper lanterns and have learnt about the impact that Florence had on the nursing profession and in hospitals. More recently we've been learning about Chinese New Year!



In Art, we have been exploring a therapeutic approach to the materials we use in school. We have been creating some wonderfully messy artwork!

Students have enjoyed learning about time and money in Maths, although I'm not sure inflation has properly impacted our class shop, the beans only cost 5p!



In English, students have been learning about people who help us, firefighters, police officers, nurses and doctors amongst others! We have learnt about their equipment, vehicles and how each can help in different situations.



As Spring approaches Churchill class will be looking forward to flowers popping up on our sensory field.

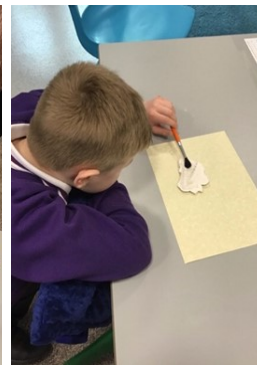
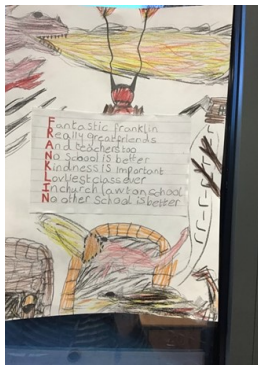
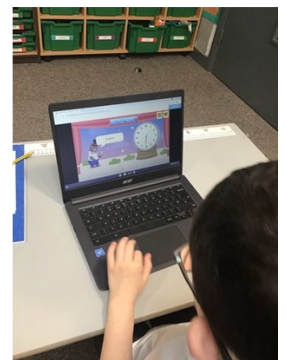


Franklin

In Maths, Franklin class have looked at the fractions of shapes and fractions of number values. We have now moved onto looking at time.

In English, Franklin class have looked at acrostic poems and classic poetry. Pupils have also written explanation texts describing how they made their very own operation games!

In Science, we have been looking at rocks and learning about how fossils are formed. Pupils have even made their very own replica fossils out of salt dough!



In Humanities, we are learning about significant individuals. To date, we have studied Stephen Hawking, Julius Caesar, Florence Nightingale and William Shakespeare. The children practiced their bandaging skills like Florence!



Franklin class have recently been learning all about traditions and ways in which Chinese people celebrate Chinese New Year. Pupils wrote their names in Chinese on their handmade Chinese lanterns. They also learnt how to eat using chopsticks!





Geography

We have started a new topic this half-term, Coasts.
Do you know which country has the longest coastline?
Here is a clue:



Science

Where would we be without Reproduction? But what about other animals and organisms?
Did you know Starfish have **Asexual reproduction** or cloning. It involves the starfish dividing itself into two or more parts, after which the new parts regenerate.



Art

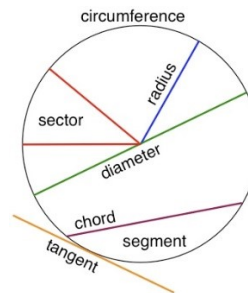
Work inspired by Matisse



Maths

Thompson class have really been getting into the KS3 curriculum this term. We have been exploring different types of number (Prime, Square, Triangular) and different ways of expressing numbers (Ordinary and Standard form).

We have also revised the types of triangles and looked at corresponding and alternate angles. We learned the interior angles of common polygons and the formulae for calculating the circumference and area of a circle.



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Did someone mention Pi?

English

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Do children need a mobile phone?

Are brands worth it?

Should animals be kept in a zoo?

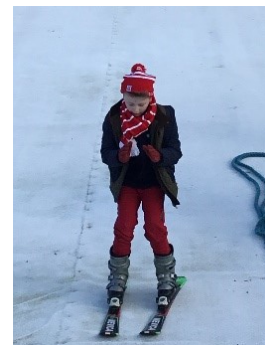
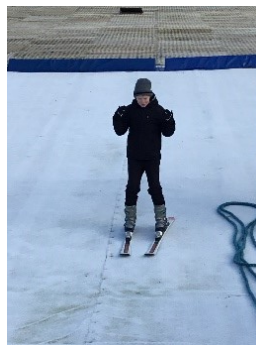
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Adventure Learning

For Adventure Learning this half-term Thompson class have continued their skiing on Friday mornings and the children have loved it! Let's not forget Eddie the Eagle started somewhere!

Coming Up:
Algebra and Data Handling,
Instructions; Respiration and
Digestion; Portraits;
and Horse Riding!

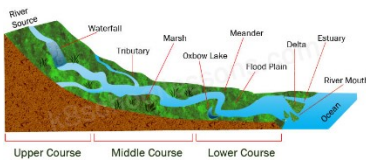


Darwin



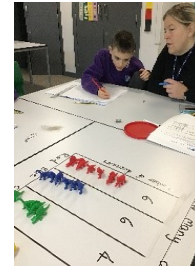
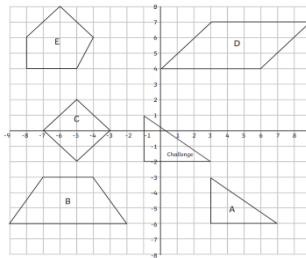
Geography

We have started a new topic this half-term, Rivers and Coasts. We have been learning about the way rivers are formed and how they travel to the sea.



Maths

We have welcomed new students to Darwin this term and they are really settling into their new class. Our maths work has been creative and practical where it can be. We have learned about fractions, shape; including perimeter and area as well as symmetry. Some of us have been exploring coordinates in all four quadrants.



Science

We have been learning about plants and how they reproduce. We have talked about seeds and bulbs and cloning through cuttings and runners. We have planted some of our own and are excited to see what happens.



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Some of us have been working on our language skills and our focus has been who? When? Where? And What happened. We have noticed lots of improvement in our spoken and written language.

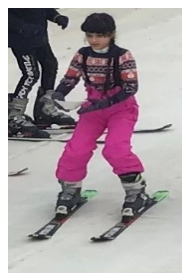
Art

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Ratio and Proportion, instructions;
how mammals change with age;
Portraits; and Horse riding!

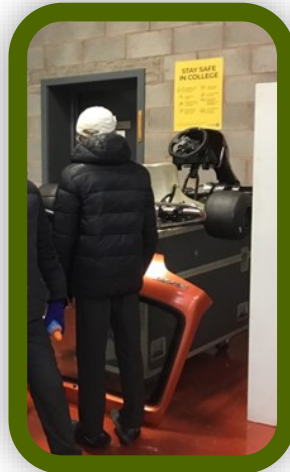


Attenborough

As the days begin to lengthen we in Attenborough are reflecting on a tough half-term. Many debates have been held over daily news, with some radical if not implementable suggestions from the students on how we can fix the economy, government and the Ukraine. Every day we look at the front pages of our national newspapers and have a competition on what will be on the front of the local press.

It has also been a time of covering difficult to talk about subjects with both puberty and mental health being addressed. A virtual assembly was also held to deal with these subjects

Academically, Attenborough is achieving amazing things and soon it will be time for the majority to choose their options. To aid this the school took a trip to Reaseheath College to show the form the courses that are available and to spark discussion and thoughts.



Our QOL work is on a steady path, with pupils gardening or sewing during creative lessons.

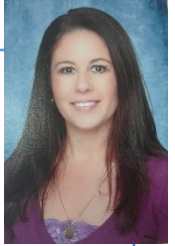
We are now looking forward to a restful half-term to recharge the batteries and come back afresh.

Mr Shaw, Mr Price, Mrs Travis and Miss Caddy

Cadbury Form

PSHE / FORM TIME

Building relationships. We have been working on our social and conversational skills during form time. We have particularly enjoyed playing Uno.



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Moran and am delighted to be form teacher for Cadbury. I have recently emigrated from South Africa and have been working at Church Lawton since September 2021. I am so honoured to be part of this school and even more proud at how well the class has settled despite all the changes that took place in January.

THEY ARE SUPER STARS!!



We get treats for doing great during the week.



SCIENCE

Focused on our magnet experiment and chemical reactions.



SCIENCE

Making cells using flour, salt and colouring.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



AWARDS



During this half-term Cadbury form has done so well and received nominations for **Form of the Week** and **Star Achievements**.

QOL

We covered topics relating to our Environment. How to find accommodation, cleaning and the importance of recycling.

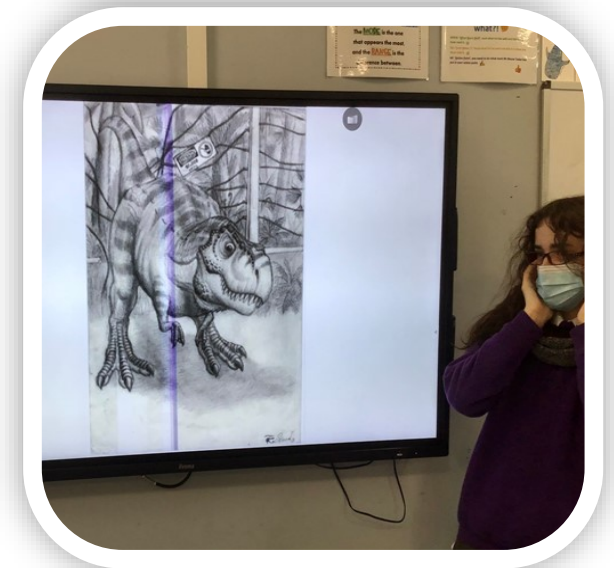




Our students have been going from strength to strength this term. Many of the students from Matthews form have won star and achievement awards every week, this is in addition to us winning form of the week twice! This has been well deserved as all our students have been working really hard in their lessons, growing and developing their understanding of lots of new concepts and skills every day.

In form time, we have been working on our communication and relationships understanding. We have taken part in various activities, games and presentations which were all absolutely fantastic!

Here are some of Matthews students giving their QOL presentations to the class. Each diverse topics and all very interesting.



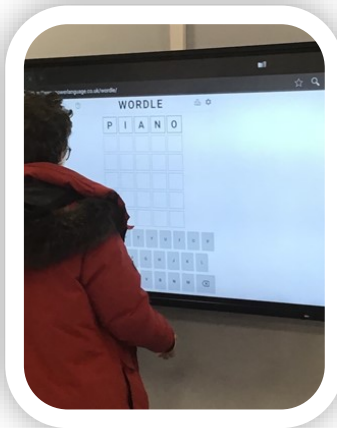


Nightingale

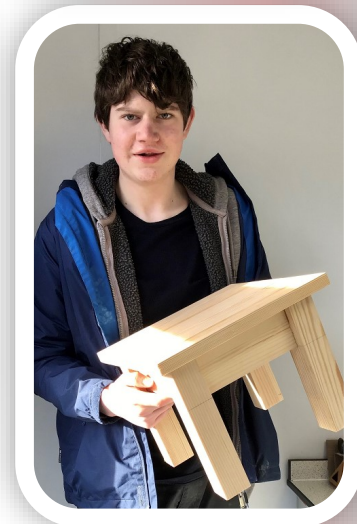
We are now well in to 2022 and it has already been quite eventful for our students.

Chess is still being played regularly and the students are giving the staff a run for their money. All the students in our form play either chess or draughts. We have also introduced Wordle every morning which has proved to be very popular with the pupils.

We have also revamped our quiet room and the students are really enjoying the space.



For our Year 10 and 11 students it has been a busy start to the year. They are continuing to thrive on their courses at Reaseheath College. We have students studying Food Technology, Equine Studies and Construction.



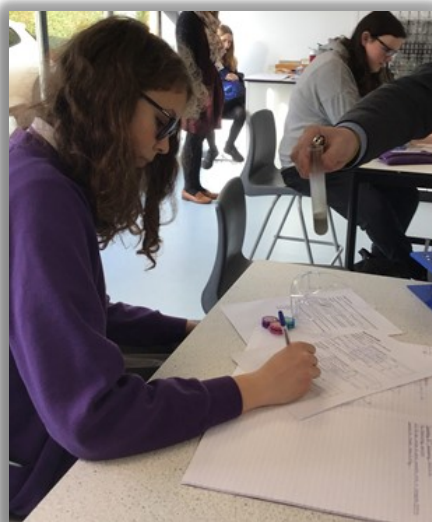
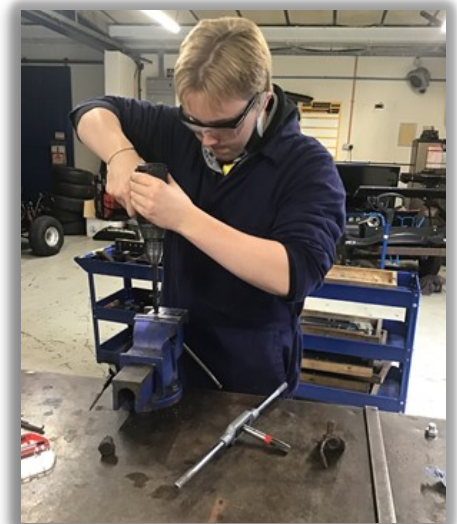
Some of our form have already completed mock exams this year while others have completed internal test papers. We are very proud of all our students and their approach to this challenge.

BRANSON

Branson form have been working really hard this half-term. Some students have been taking their mock exams and others have been working on their coursework pieces.

We have, nevertheless, enjoyed some relaxing times too. We have a range of different interests in our form and we have been discussing topics around Encanto, BTS, memes and the correct shade of toast. Between 5 and 6 has proved to be the most popular with some opting for 9.

The Reaseheath placements have been going well too. The students have been building on skills and working more independently. One student has been carrying out a full vehicle service during his course! Whilst others have been mucking out the horses with a view to getting ready for their assessment and perfecting their grooming and tacking up techniques.





Newton

Students in Newton class have had a busy term. They are working hard on both their main curriculum subjects and also on their options and college courses. Students have studied hard and have been taking exams and assessments on their Reaseheath course work.

The Newton boys are also enjoying their boxing sessions on Thursday mornings. This term they have been working on developing their balance and agility skills.

We have also been looking at marriage, relationships and the law during our PSHE and QOL time this term.

George, Mackenzie and Harley have been cooking up a storm and making some wonderful dishes to take home.

