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1st Nov 2021

Our Vision...

Strong Catholic ethos.

Our Vision...

Ensuring every child is known.

Our Vision...

High expectations of everyone.

Our Vision...
Excellent teaching.

Dear Lord,

Fill our lives with joy.
Fill our lives with love.
Fill our lives with peace.

We give thanks to you for the gift of life. Gi<mark>ve us the courage to live it</mark> to the f<mark>u</mark>ll.

Amen.

Our Vision...

Excellent leadership at all levels.

Our Vision...

Exemplary behaviour and personal standards.

Our Vision...

At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...

Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

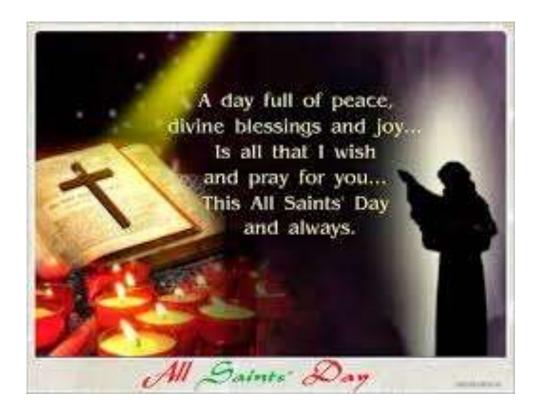
Thank you for all your support this half term. We were delighted with all the positive feedback that came through at yesterday's year 7 settling in evening and were pleased to hear how much our students are enjoying the extra-curricular activities.

Wishing you all a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 1st November.

MrsVíle

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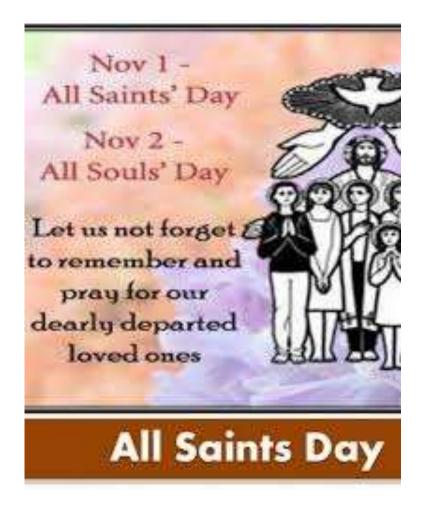




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COVID-19 New Guidance – Schools

Along with this bulletin, please also find attached to the email a letter from the Director of Public Health and a vaccination information leaflet for parents.

Below is an extract from the letter:

...we are now making the general recommendation that if one individual in a household tests positive, any children and young people in that household who attend school or college should:

- Take a PCR test (ideally on Day 3-5 after first exposure), and
- Take a daily LFD test for 10 consecutive days from the date of first exposure
- Continue to attend school provided that their test results (PCR and LFD) are negative
- Self-isolate for 10 full days from the date of the test if any of their test results are positive
- In the event of a positive LFD test result, obtain a confirmatory PCR test
- If the confirmatory PCR test is taken within the two days following the positive LFD result and the PCR result is negative, the young person can return to school/college.

COVID-19 Home Testing

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing. We know how important it is for you to be able to send your children to school. Please encourage your child to continue testing and report results twice a week, at home, throughout the October half-term school holiday and take a test before returning to school. All results should be reported, even if your result is negative or void.

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• The next supply of home test kits will be given to your child on Friday 22nd October 2021. Your children should collect home test kits from school and bring them home with them. Please check if your child has received enough of these test kits to continue testing over the half term break. You can help them to take the test and report their results. Testing is free of charge. If you do still require more home testing kits to continue testing over half term, you can also order more online through gov.uk or collect from your local pharmacy.

Please note that these are new test kits, which should be performed using a **nose sample only.**

The step-by-step guide is attached, please read this carefully before using the test kit.

By testing your child twice a week over half term, you will help us to reduce transmission of Coronavirus and minimise any disruption to education.

Please contact our reception if you have any questions or concerns about home testing.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Jones

• Live Well E-news

Please see below the October E-news for Live Well Cheshire West:

October E-news for Live Well Cheshire West

In this e-news you can find:

- Childcare Search Filters If you haven't had your say yet, help us improve search filters for parents who are looking for childcare for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Transition to Adulthood The Information, Advice and Support Service held their first virtual Transition to Adulthood event. They had a range of speakers who shared information about their services and how they can support you and your young person as they make the transition to adulthood. All the presentations that were given on the day are

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now included on Live Well Cheshire West. We have also added a new virtual market place with a range of services.

- Young Carers Information about our commissioned service Young Carers Crossroads together and how they can be involved in improving our information on the site.
- Are there Gaps in Services Tell us what the gaps in services are, we want to change our annual report to be every 6 months to be able to provide you with more timely responses to your feedback.

As always if you can't find what you are looking for or require any further information about Live Well Cheshire West please contact me: emma.walker@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Youth Services Provision during Operation Treacle

Youth Clubs in the local area have reopened. Please see below the list of provisions being provided by CWAC Youth Services and Youth Federation in the Ellesmere Port area this year during the Operation Treacle period.



Consequences of anti-social behaviour

- · Arrest and prosecution with the possibility of custodial sentences
- Being made subject to a Criminal Behaviour Order
- · Action taken against tenancy of the family home
- · All these could impact on future education and employment opportunities.

Youth Provisions locations

Thelwall Youth Club

Thelwall Rd, Ellesmere Port, CH66 3JT

Oasis Youth Zone

Tuesday / 6.30pm-8.30pm Coronation Road, Ellesmere Port, CH66 3NS

Westminster Youth Club

Thursday / 6.30pm-8.30pm Church Parade, Ellesmere Port, CH65 2ER

Choices SEND Youth Project

Thursday / 6.30pm-8.30pm Salvation Army, Whitby Road, Ellesmere Port, CH65 6RS

















Ellesmere Port

Mon 25 Oct Safety Messages

Thelwall Youth Club - Youth Fed Hallowe'en decorations, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tue 26 Oct Safety Messages

Oasis Youth Zone
'Alternatives to ASB' and Celebrating Black History Month- Rap & Photography Workshops.
Motivational Guest Speaker -TV Personality Kevin
Duala 'From Toxteth to TV'
6.30-8.30pm

Thur 28 Oct Safety Messages

estminster Youth Club - Youth Fed Hallowe'en decorations, 6,30pm-8,30pm

Choices SEND Youth Project

Halloween Party, Karaoke, fancy dress disco, spooky bingo, games & face painting 6.30-8.30pm

Look out for the youth workers with hot chocolate

Fri 29 Oct Safety Messages

Detached Team
Look out for the Youth Service youth workers with
hot chocolate and detached workers from the Youth Federation

Sat 30 Oct Safety Messages

Detached Team

Look out for the Youth Service youth workers with

Mon 1 Nov Safety Messages

Thelwall Youth Club - Youth Fed

Hallowe'en party. Young people can enjoy Hallowe'en off the streets, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Tue 2 Nov Safety Messages

Oasis Youth Zone

Alternatives to ASB' and Celebrating Black History Month-Rap & Photography Workshops Don't be Fearless with Fireworks- Fire Safety Workshop

6.30-8.30pm

Thur 4 Nov Safety Messages

Westminster Youth Club Youth Fed Hallowe'en. Young people can enjoy Hallowe'en off the streets, 6.30pm-8.30pm

Choices SEND Youth Project Bonfire Art/Craft Healthy Relationships Session-Relationship Rockets and Friendship Fireworks Plus- Karaoke, Cookery -Baked Potatoes & Toasted Marshmallows 6.30-8.30pm

Detached Team
Look out for the Youth Service youth workers with hot chocolate

Fri 5 Nov Safety Messages

Detached Team Look out for the Youth Service youth workers with hot chocolate

Provided by: Cheshire West & Chester Council Early Help & Prevention Youth Service

SIXTH FORM INFORMATION & GUIDANCE

What Career? And What University? Live, 12th and 13th November

What Career? And What University? Live is a free virtual event taking place on Friday 12th November, 10am until 3pm and Saturday 13th November, 11am-3pm. For more information or to book free tickets, please go to https://www.whatcareerlive.co.uk/virtual- november-2021.

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UCAS Hub Live - Wednesdays at 2pm

UCAS Hub Live sessions are happening every Wednesday from 3rd November at 2pm. They feature UCAS experts, Careers Advisers, Universities and Employers. Each session lasts approximately 40 minutes and there is plenty of time for Q&As. For more information, go to https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/ucas-hub-live. To take part in the live sessions, all you need to do is sign into your own UCAS Hub on the day. If you don't have a UCAS Hub, please go to https://www.ucas.com/what-are-my-options/create-your-ucas-hub-today to create one. The next session is called 'Deciding your career path'.

Receive a lower conditional offer to study at Newcastle University via the PARTNERS Programme

The **Partners Programme** is run by **Newcastle University** and is one of the most well established supported entry routes to Higher Education of its kind. Over 6,500 students have studied at Newcastle University via the Partners Programme. It offers a range of support and opportunities to help you make a successful application to Newcastle University. Through the Partners Programme, you could:

- receive a lower conditional offer to Newcastle University
- attend the PARTNERS Academic Summer School
- develop skills necessary to be a successful student
- meet other students and increase your confidence
- receive support through the application process, on results day and after entering the university.

If applicants are successful in receiving a PARTNERS offer for their chosen course, they must complete the **PARTNERS Academic Summer School (PASS)**. The dates of the event are dependent upon several variable factors, including the ongoing public health situation, exam timetables and academic semesters. However, the event is likely to take place during **27 June – 8 July 2022.**

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As soon as Newcastle University are in a position to confirm the exact dates of PASS 2022, they will notify applicants via email. This information will also be confirmed on their website at the earliest opportunity.

For more information. please go to: https://www.ncl.ac.uk/partners/

Medical Work Experience Week - 24th to 30th October - London

Organised by 'Medical Projects', this work experience week will give you the opportunity to gain insight into the profession of Medicine, ready for personal statement writing and interviews. It will take place in London and include:

- NHS Doctor & medical student teaching.
- A & E hands-on simulations using Medical Manikins.
- Simulations to develop skills for medical school e.g. teamwork / communication skills / decision making / working under pressure.
- Practical clinical skills i.e. cannulation / taking blood.
- Application advice for Personal statements, entrance examinations, medical school insight.
- Mock MMI Interviews with personal feedback.
- Accommodation with breakfast and dinner in London

They have spaces on their October work experience week, taking place from 24th-30th October. **Please note that you have to pay to attend.**

For more information, please go to https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/uk-medical-work-experience-course/

Ward Round Live - Virtual Hospital Work Experience - 7th November

'Medical Projects' are again hosting 'Ward Round Live' where you can experience virtual hospital work. This is for students 15 years and over, who may be aspiring Medics and Healthcare workers. It is a great way for students to get interactive work experience if they are considering study or a career in the Medical and Healthcare sectors. This event is taking place on Sunday 7th November, 10am-4pm. Please note that there is a charge for this course. For more information or to register, please go to

https://educationprojects.co.uk/medical-projects/ward-round-live/

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• Mrs McHugh's Library News



Mrs McHugh's Library News, 15th October 2021





Welcome to this week's edition of Library News. It has been another busy week in the library with students across all year groups borrowing books across all genres. It is wonderful to see members of staff borrowing books too. Mrs Woolmer is reading The Supreme Lie by Geraldine McCaughrean, Mrs Fearon is reading A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini, Mr Holt is reading Ghost by Jason Reynolds, Mr Parrin is reading Windrush Child by Benjamin Zephaniah, Mrs Abbinett is reading Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas and Mrs Williams has finished reading and successfully quizzed (100% pass!) on The Giver by Lois Lowry and is now reading Piglettes by Clemintine Beauvais! As for me, I've read Pax and its sequel Journey Home by Sara Pennypacker and thoroughly enjoyed both! Both books tell the emotional story of the extraordinary friendship between a boy and his fox and their epic journey to be reunited. This story really makes you reflect on our own impact on family, friendship, the environment and nature. I was moved beyond words by these two books and would strongly suggest everyone reads them no matter what their age! It's reported that Pax is 'destined to become a classic in the vein of 'Charlotte's Web' and 'Watership Down'.



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Congratulations to the following students who have read and successfully quizzed.

Regan-Lee S, Ava McM, Aleksandra O, George B, Olivia P, Kaysi F, Kira Mc N, Lacey D, Ashling P, Rosalie J. Jake E, Flourish U, Chloe C, Aussie S, Esme L, Stanley S, Elise T, India-May F, Holly C, Beth R, Polat M, Lucas C, Liam A, Leila T, Lily T, Esteban I, Ash L, Kasparas B, Favour I, Caitlin H, Denis D, Antek M, Amelia C, Corey D, Errin Mc L, Kyra-Marie T, Conor Mc C, Millie H, Alucia E, Joshua J, Billy Mc C, Darcy M, Alicia P, Harry W, Evie D, Evie-Rose D, Alfie M, Dylan H, Freya S, Katie J, Charlie L, Hannah Mc L, Reegan L, Jay S, Susan H, Megan S.





Congratulations to our Accelerated Reader Super Stars!

Just take a look at how many words students have been banked in recent days!

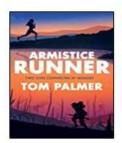
Ava M 381,929, Austin M 226,262, Joseph B 187,906, Juliette G 183,511, Noah C 123,250, Esme L 75,906, Aiden O 75,906, Madison F 70,226, Katie R 65,876, Joshua J 64,607, Ash Le 61,766, Ashling P 59,332, Holly C58,982, Stephen M 54,940, Sienna B 54,822, Jake C 54,822, Denis D 54,822, Sebastien K 54,822, Millie O 54,822, Dan R 54,822, Mia R 54,822, Katie S 54,822, Kacey S 54,822, Kyrah-Marie T 54,822, Jayden W 54,822, Oliver W 54,822, Sofia P 39,847, Abbie H 30,348, Isabelle S 25,080, A Swift, 23,035, Regan-Lee 19,525, Skye B18,580, Dylan B 18,410, Susan H 18,137, Beth R 15,143, Damian G 13,779, Lauren B 12,059, Max O 10,117, Emily-Kate L 9,994, Stanley S8,182, Max H 7,460, Riley Pollitt 6,435, Logan Couper 6,062, Mai-Louise S 5,352, Bethany N 4,571.

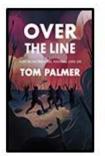
Happy Half Term Reading to students, staff and parents alike!

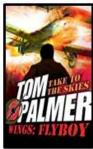


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Why not visit the Imperial War Museum North, (Manchester) this Half Term. You will be able to meet the children's author, Tom Palmer! He is hosting a FREE drop in event at the museum with veterans and eyewitnesses of World War One and World War Two.

It is the "We Were There" event, Friday 29 October and Saturday 30 October 2021 10am-3pm. https://www.iwm.org.uk/events/we-were-there-iwm-north

Tom will be bringing scrapbooks of photographs and research documents and artefacts to show and answer questions about both his First World War books – "Armistice Runner", "Flyboy" and "Over the Line" – and his Second World War books "D-Day Dog", "Spitfire", "Arctic Star" and "After the War from Auschwitz to Ambleside".





