



04/02/2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the weekly newsletter in what has been a challenging week with the weather. We are pleased to say that all the storm damage has now been repaired and we are really looking forward to spring and better weather.

This week, Year 4 have been working hard on their history topic of Ancient Greece and have been making Greek Urns in Art. They also had the opportunity to take part in a fabulous full day "history makers" workshop on Monday with performers entertaining the classes in full costume. The children played Ancient Greek games, looked at armour and artefacts, made clay coins and then put on their own Greek play and dance.

We use our topics to explore cross curricular subject links and engage the children in their learning.



Our focus next week will be Children's Mental Health Week. Our focus is "Growing Together" and is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. We plan our curriculum to enable children to develop a growth mindset, where challenges, setbacks and trying new things can help us to grow and adapt. Research shows that up to 1.5 million children and young people across the UK need mental health support as a direct consequence of the pandemic and this week will give us an opportunity to help to build further resilience in the children. See later in the newsletter for details of an art competition and "dress to express" day. Please see the attached flyer for an upcoming parenting anxious children webinar.

We love to hear about how our children get on after they've moved on from us. We have heard one of our alumni, James Moore, will be competing in an upcoming CBBC show looking for Britain's Best Young Artist. We have loved art since he painted his fire engine with Mrs Carrol in Reception. We have our fingers crossed for him. If you would like to see how he gets on you can find out more about the show here:

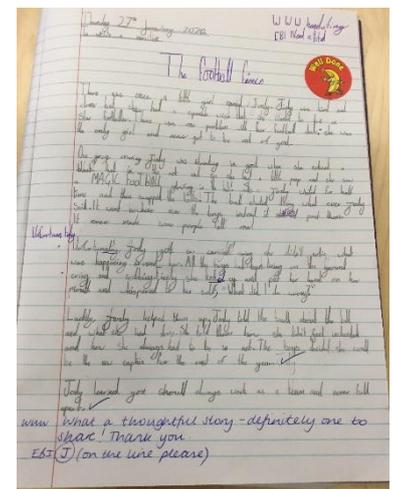
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/mediapacks/britains-best-young-artist>

Term Dates 2022-23

Following this week's Governors meeting term dates for 2022-23 have been confirmed and will be updated on the website shortly. The first day of attendance for children next academic year will be Monday 5th September 2022.

Writer of the Week – Betsey (3SP)

Following on from their retelling of 'The Black Hat' last week, 3SP have innovated and written their own stories. Betsey chose a magic football as the object found inside her black hat, what an interesting idea Betsey! When you read her story, you can see that it also has an important message of inclusion. Well done Betsey for linking your own ideas to our Golden Values, you are a great representative of our Pownall Green team.



Sports Update

A plea from Mr Gray, Mr Kirk and Mr Carrol: As a School we get invited to lots of sports tournaments and these cover all year groups throughout the school. We do all we can to support events as we want as many children as possible to be playing sports as early as possible but we are reliant on parent support transporting children to and from events. This is particularly an issue for the younger children who need car seats as that can reduce car capacity. We will give you as much notice as possible for events but as things are just getting going again some events are happening at short notice.

Upcoming football events for KS1 are:

Wednesday 23rd March. Year 1 squad at Man City Academy.

Wednesday 30th March. Year 2 squad at Cheadle Hulme School.

Thursday 31st March. Year 1 squad at Cheadle Hulme School.

Please consider whether you will be able to support with transport. If your child is selected to play but still needs to use a car seat, you will need to either transport your child yourself, be able to fit your car seat into another car on the day or arrange for someone to do this on your behalf. School cannot provide car seats as they need to be fitted differently for each child.

Dodgeball

The Year 5 and 6 dodgeball team attended a tournament this week at Laurus Cheadle Hulme. They won 12 games out of 12 and qualified for the finals in May. Well done to everyone involved!

Requests for leave

We would like to remind parents that if a child needs to be absent for any reason that school should be notified in advance using the forms that can be found in the school entrance or online on the school website under 'parental forms'. We know it can be difficult but where possible appreciate you making appointments outside of school hours to minimise any disruption to learning. We are unable to authorise holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances so we recommend requesting approval before making firm plans.

Reminder: Dress to Express Day – Friday 11th February (supporting Children's Mental Health Week)

Students and staff can wear their favourite colour or a unique outfit to express how they're feeling, it can be as simple or elaborate as you like! **Dress to Express** is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provide a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community. If you are able to make a £2 donation to Place2Be through our Just Giving page, this will help to support young people across the UK who need mental health support. To make a donation, please follow this [link](#).

Reminder: 'Growing Together' Art Competition

We are inviting children to design their own piece of art work linked to children's mental health week. This art work could represent:

- Growing Together
- different emotions
- expressing ourselves
- importance of taking care of our mental health

You might consider the different tools we use in school to support our mental health and wellbeing, including the five ways to wellbeing, the zones of regulation or the balls of emotions. A winner from each year group will receive a prize and a selection of the art work will be displayed in school. Please send your completed art work in with a £1 donation by **Monday 7th February**.

Half term holiday Camp

NK Camp is back again during the February Half Term Holidays from Monday 14th February to Thursday 17th February.

To reserve your child's place contact Mr Kirk on 07791354877 or via email at nkcamp@mail.com

Clothes swap - St Michael and All Angels church hall, Saturday February 26th

A ladies' clothes swap is taking place in St Michael and All Angels church hall on Saturday February 26th from 2.30pm -4.30pm. Clothes can be dropped off on Friday 25th February from 7pm-9pm at the church hall. The entrance fee of £5 will be collected and a card showing the number of clothes handed in will be given. This card will be your entrance ticket for immediate admission to the Saturday swap. Information on how a clothes swap works can be found on the church website <https://www.bramhall.church/upcoming-events/clotheswap-feb2022>

Diary Dates

Please note that events below are subject to change dependant on Covid prevalence in our area. We very much hope we are able to run all the events below.

7.2.22 – 11.2.22	Children's mental health week
11.2.22	"Dress to Express" day
1.3.22	Open morning for existing parents- 8.30 – 9.00
8.3.22	Poet Visit to school
23.3.22	Parents evening 3.30 – 6.30 (Virtual)
30.3.22	Parents evening 5.00 – 8.00 (Virtual)
31.3.22	PTA Easter Egg Hunt (after school)
23.4.22	PTA Ball
9.7.22	PTA Summer Fair

Mrs J Kersh

Headteacher

Golden Book For Week Ending 4/2/22

- REW Aria J is our Golden Child this week! Aria has a love for learning which is a delight to see. Aria is a fantastic independent learner and loves to use her phonic skills to write her own stories and even illustrates them too! Well done Aria, I am very proud of you.
- RHW Agnes O - Aggie is such a positive member of our class! She has a fantastic smile that lights up the room, she is incredibly polite and is a super team worker and friend. Aggie is always enthusiastic about our learning and keen to get going in our learning zone. Well done Aggie and thank you!
- 1FP Tobias A works very hard and this week has really impressed us with his brilliant handwriting. Tobias thinks carefully about his sentences when writing and has great ideas. Keep up the good work Tobias!
- 1HH Amelia F is this week's golden child because of the little acts of kindness that I have seen over the last week. Amelia not only returned a sticker to a child who had dropped theirs on the floor, but she also helped me pick up all of my phonics flashcards without being asked. Thank you for living the Pownall Green Golden Values and being so kind and helpful, Amelia.
- 2FN 2FN's golden child is Freddie F for his wonderful reading. Freddie has been working so hard with his reading and has really impressed me with how confident and clear he is. Keep up the amazing work Freddie!
- 2GJ Lucca J has been working extremely hard in his writing the last few weeks and he has written some superb pieces. Lucca has also been a superb effective participator by looking after our school environment particularly at playtimes. Well done Lucca, you are a caring member of our school community.
- 3NS George H - George has been working so hard on his writing. He retold the story of 'The Black Hat' using expanded noun phrases, paragraphs and subordinate clauses. He thought carefully about his layout and worked hard to present his work well. Well done!
- 3SP Jyoti B has really made me proud in our dance sessions this half term - she listens carefully and gives 100%. I think she'll shine in our filmed performance this week! Well done, Jyoti!
- 4BK 4BK's golden child is: Douglas S for his great effort this week with our work on area in Maths. He always strives to achieve his best; well done Douglas!
- 4MV India W, you are this week's golden child because you listen carefully, you are kind to those around you and you always make everyone smile. We are lucky to have you in 4MV- thank you!
- 5BC Fern B for being a great team worker who helps others when they need it. Fern is equally confident at working independently. She has demonstrated both these qualities this week during our Maths and French lessons. Well done Fern!
- 5DC Harry H is the golden child for 5DC. His determination and perseverance with learning has really impressed Mrs Chow and Mrs Hartley. Over the past few weeks we have especially enjoyed hearing his creative ideas in English.
- 6DK Ellie never fails to impress us with her great attitude, kindness and patience. Every day she will turn up with a positive mind-set and will always work hard. A fantastic member of the team.
- 6VL Charlotte B for being polite, respectful and hardworking whilst Miss Lear was out of class. Thank you for being an excellent role model!