



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

18th March 2022

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

We have been enjoying the warmer weather this week, as well as visiting Chester Zoo and the Philharmonic. Year 5 listened to some wonderful music while Year 4 visited the zoo.

Year 4 – Geography Trip to Chester Zoo

It's fantastic that we can go out on school trips again and what a trip we had this week! Fantastic fun, brilliant behaviour and lots of learning.

Year 4 visited Chester Zoo on Monday as part of our Geography Week. We are learning about rainforests and this was the perfect place to go to learn more. Not only were we able to visit all the amazing animals but we also experienced a hands-on workshop session where we were able to learn more about deforestation, conservation, rainforest products, life-cycles, food chains, classification and adaptations. We have already learned about these topics in our science and geography lessons so this was great revision for us and the teacher at the zoo was really impressed with our knowledge.

We also held a rock python snake skin which was four and a half metres long - wow! It is difficult to choose our favourite part of the day - the lions, elephants, sloth, bat cave, giraffes, monkeys, orangutans, another huge reticulated python which was alive and a massive tarantula (definitely not Mrs Kenningham's favourite!).

The adults who came with us all felt very proud of our Year 4 pupils. They followed our RESPECT Values perfectly and showed interest, good manners and behaviour throughout the day. Well done Year 4!



Year 5 Trip to the Philharmonic Hall

'On Wednesday 16th March, we went to the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Hall on Hope Street.

We went to the Philharmonic because we have been studying 'Songs of Home in Hope Street' so we could sing along with many other schools. We also did British Sign Language along with our singing. The Musical Tracks School Concert was conducted by Melvin Tay and presented by Alastair Malloy.

We heard songs by many different composers and there was even a surprise appearance from Irish composer Anne-Marie O'Farrell, whilst the orchestra played her song Rann Dó Tri. We really enjoyed our singing and when the orchestra played Oliver Truan's song, 'Intermezzo No. 1' because we got to clap along with the rhythm!

Written by *Shalikhha, Daniel, Jay and Phoebe* from Pine class.



OJS Exhibition – Wednesday 6th April

We are delighted to announce the return of the Overchurch Exhibition on **Wednesday 6th April 2022**.

At the end of each term, we celebrate our learning by showcasing classwork and homework at the Overchurch Exhibition.

As part of this day, we ask the children to complete one project at home to display in the exhibition. It should be brought into school by **Tuesday 5th April** labelled with your child's name.

Further details will be shared next week with a timetable of visiting times.

Thank you for your help and support.

The choice of project topics for each year group can be found in the Letters for You section of the ParentApp.



Mobile Phones

We have a small number of mobile phones being brought into school by Year 3 and 4 pupils. We would discourage you from sending your child in with a mobile phone.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

If you have not yet booked your Parents' Evening Meeting, please do so as soon as possible. Bookings will close at the end of the day on Wednesday 23rd March.

You can make a booking via the ParentApp. You will find the School Cloud Parent Meeting Booking System icon in the Contents section of the App.

Term Time Leave

We have had a number of parents requesting leave of absence to go on family holidays. Often the reason for this is that a family holiday was missed because of Covid. As you will appreciate this is not an exceptional circumstance as it affected everybody and therefore these absences cannot be authorised.

Covid Self-Isolation

Some parents have asked for clarification around what actions need to be taken when a pupil tests positive for COVID. Government guidelines state that testing should not be done before day 5 (including the first day when the positive test result was given). Self-isolation is necessary for the first 5 days.

A negative test on both days 5 and 6, 24 hours apart, means that self- isolation can then finish.

Weekly Subject Focus

Each week we focus on a different subject which includes taking part in projects and conducting experiments. This helps to give the children a more in-depth knowledge of the subject as well as a greater interest. For your information, please see below the schedule of our weekly subject focus for this half term.

Week Commencing 21 st March 2022	Science Week Years 5 & 6 Computing Week Years 3 & 4
Week Commencing 28 th March 2022	Design & Technology Week
Week Commencing 4 th April 2022	Science Week Years 3 & 4 Computing Week Year 5 & 6
EASTER BREAK	



This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	93.86	Cherry	93.33
Ash	95.06	Pine	70.26
Larch	90.83	Silver Birch	95.42
Beech	88.33	Lime	84.96
Hawthorn	95.45	Rowan	85.94
Willow	98	Sycamore	93.5

As a school we must achieve at least 96% attendance.

Congratulations to Willow class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 98%! This class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Willow class with 98%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Silver Birch class with 95.42%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Dexter B</i>	Cherry -	<i>Jacob L</i>
Ash -	<i>Oscar H</i>	Pine -	<i>Faith E-W</i>
Larch -	<i>Connah C</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Lewis J</i>
Beech -	<i>Mylo R-P</i>	Lime -	<i>Noah C</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Max F</i>	Rowan -	<i>Joshua Mc</i>
Willow -	<i>Alice W</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Savannah W</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Keep up the great work everybody!



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Grace N	Cherry -	Ella A
Ash -	Dillon W	Pine -	Jay N
Larch -	Flo C	Silver Birch -	Daisy O
Beech -	Robby B	Lime -	Luca C
Hawthorn -	Elise T	Rowan -	Sam J
Willow -	Reggie P	Sycamore -	Annabelle B

Well Done to All!!



The Food Pantry

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Opening times will be:

Friday 18th March 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Monday 21st March 8.30am - 9.30am

There will be a wide range of dried and tinned goods available for anyone who would like to come in and fill up a bag. You can fill a bag for yourself, a family member or a neighbour.



We will also be serving tea and coffee at these times. Please ensure that you bring shopping bags.



As well as the Food Pantry, there will also be a School Uniform Exchange. We know that due to lockdowns, families have good quality, hardly worn uniforms that children have outgrown. So, we thought we could start swap scheme to help recycle uniforms. If you do not have any uniform to swap, don't worry you are more than welcome to come along and pick up some items.

So, come along with your uniforms to swap and bags to fill!

Let's do this! **Let's reduce, recycle and reuse.**

Mr Sheehan's Soccer@School Easter Break Clubs

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WE ALL PLAY

Weekly Development sessions
@ Co-op Bebington High School
£20 per 4 week block

Tuesday 5pm Astroturf pitch
Starting 22nd March
U5's - U8's ⚽ 12 spaces
U9's - U11's ⚽ 12 Spaces

Wednesday 5pm Grass pitch
Starting 23rd March
U5's - U8's ⚽ 12 spaces
U9's - U11's ⚽ 12 Spaces

Friday 5pm Astroturf pitch
Starting 25th March
U5's - U8's ⚽ 12 spaces
U9's - U11's ⚽ 12 Spaces

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Easter Soccer Schools
@ Co-op Bebington High School

Week 1
Monday 11th April - Thursday 14th April

Week 2
Tuesday 19th April - Friday 22nd April

9am till 3pm
£20 per day

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