



# OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

## 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

### Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

Meeting you over the week, back in the school building, in classrooms, has been a return to how things should be.

Further to this, we look forward to seeing you next week at the Overchurch Junior School Exhibition.

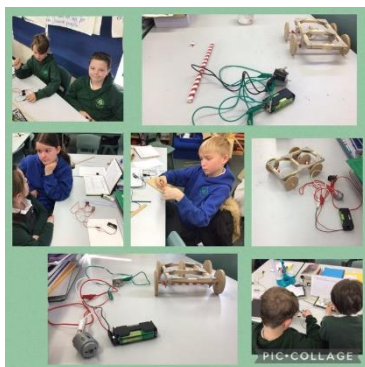
#### Design & Technology Week

You may view a number of projects that have been started by our respectful, resilient, self-aware children - in particular the vehicles made by Year 6.

A visitor from a school in Wigan was incredibly impressed with the design & make for the electronic vehicles built by our engineers. They may well be future engineers working at Airbus, Cammell Laird, Jaguar Land Rover or studying engineering at university.



There is a picture below of a number of our engineers:



'Year 6 started the week in style by working in partners to create a wooden frame structure for an electric car prototype. Children were able to use some of their learning from science when constructing circuits, which included a motor' (OJS Year 6 tweet).



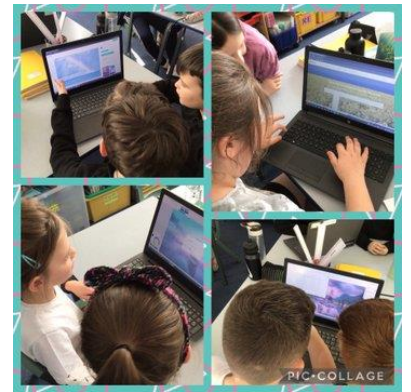
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Continuing the Design & Technology theme, Year 4 have been exploring mechanisms and levers to learn how to make their own mechanisms. Year 4's D.T. Challenge this week was to create pop-up information books about the lives of Roman soldiers. The children were very creative in their designs. Best pop up books we have seen made in school in a long time. What superstars they are!



Year 4 also had a great week of photo editing last week. Using effects to edit our photos. The Tilly Competition winner is Alice W from Willow class. There were many creative entries showing off the skills children have learned as they edited photographs.



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Year 3 had an exciting afternoon to start DT week! The children had a lot of fun investigating pneumatic mechanisms! They then went on to design their own pneumatic product





Our 'Well Fed Hampers' arrived in school on Thursday. We hope you enjoy the boxes from Neo Community and manage to send us a photo of your favourite dish. Miss Clucas, Mrs Walton, Mrs Greenop and Mr Porter delivered the hampers around school.



## Year 5 Dance Festival

On Wednesday, a group of year 5 girls attended the Wirral School Games Dance Festival along with 6 other schools at Birkenhead Park High School.

The children had set up their own dance club during lunch times and choreographed a dance routine to 'Pump it' by The Black Eyed Peas.

The performance by our year 5 girls was outstanding. They showed a passion for dance and performance and represented Overchurch Junior School in the correct manner. Well done girls, you should be very proud of yourselves!

It was so good that they have been invited back to perform at a dance event, hosted at the Floral Pavilion, later in the year!

Thank you to all the parents who made sure the girls were performance ready, with OJS T-shirts, make-up and hair design.



## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Science Week Years 3 & 4 Computing Week Year 5 & 6
<b>EASTER BREAK</b>	

# Upcoming Events

## Year 5 Swimming Programme

Our Year 5 Pupils will undertake a programme of swimming lessons from Monday 4th April, for 1 week, as part of the PE curriculum.

Swimming will take place every afternoon for 1 week. A message has been sent out separately via the ParentApp.

## Year 6 Barnstondale

Our Year 6 Pupils will be visiting Barnstondale Activity Centre for a residential trip in June. The kit list will be sent out soon and payments can continue to be made via ParentPay. Please ensure full payment is made by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022.



## OJS Exhibition – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please find the timetable below.

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.

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Lower School		Upper School	
Class	Time	Class	Time
Ash	9:35am – 9:50am	Cherry	10:05am – 10:20am
Apple	9:20am – 9:35am	Pine	10:20am – 10:35am
Larch	9:05am – 9:20am	Silver Birch	9:50am – 10:05am
Beech	11:20am – 11:35am	Lime	2:40pm – 2:55pm
Hawthorn	10:50am – 11:05am	Rowan	2:55pm – 3:10pm
Willow	11:05am – 11:20am	Sycamore	2:25pm – 2:40pm



## This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	82.33%	Cherry	97.01%
Ash	92.86%	Pine	92.44%
Larch	96.22%	Silver Birch	96.83%
Beech	90%	Lime	95.87%
Hawthorn	96.43%	Rowan	91.73%
Willow	88.66%	Sycamore	90.08%

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

Congratulations to Cherry class for winning this week's class attendance and the overall school attendance with 97.01%! This class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Hawthorn class with 96.43%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Cherry class with 97.01%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member



## Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Alfie S</i>	Cherry -	<i>Bobby G</i>
Ash -	<i>Charlie P</i>	Pine -	<i>Ella R</i>
Larch -	<i>Finley C</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Dylan P</i>
Beech -	<i>Samuel S</i>	Lime -	<i>Travis D</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Maia V</i>	Rowan -	<i>Lilly G</i>
Willow -	<i>Toby R</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Jake T</i>

We now have 20 children in Years 5 and 6 who have read over half a million words each! A fantastic achievement. Sycamore has 7 children who are at least half millionaires (Joe, Mason, Scarlett, Alissa, Sophia, Rosa and Daisy). Mason has become our next millionaire reader. Congratulations Mason

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Keep up the great work everybody!



## Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Spencer L	Cherry -	Hope R
Ash -	Albie D	Pine -	Daniel V
Larch -	Nancy F	Silver Birch -	Ella F
Beech -	Samuel S	Lime -	Lilly-Mae B
Hawthorn -	Thomas E	Rowan -	Caden J
Willow -	Toby W-R	Sycamore -	Izzy G

Well Done to All!!

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## The Food Pantry

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Opening times will be:

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 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.**

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# Energise Cycles

Hollie has recently set up a charity, based in the Wirral called Energise Cycles.

The aim is to create an inclusive community cycle group, particularly aimed at people who need to build their confidence with cycling. They aren't a traditional cycle club trying to cover large distances. They want to help people get out on their bikes, particularly families, and women and would like to create a community where people can enjoy riding together.

The charity will be running regular community rides that you can sign up to via the facebook page.

Energise Cycles provide affordable, quality bike servicing and repairs and want people to feel like they can bring their bike to someone they trust. They can teach basic repairs to people so they can take care of their own bikes while they are out and feel like independent cyclists.

To book in your bike service you can contact them via details below. You can arrange to drop your bike off there is a pick-up and delivery service for a small fee.



**WELCOME TO**  
**ENERGISE**  
**CYCLES**

*Welcome to  
Energise Cycles*

We are a Community Cycle Club providing affordable, quality bike servicing and repairs.

We can come to your workplace or club to fix your bikes.

We can provide mechanic services at your event.

We run bike rides for community groups and recovery.

*Mirral based*

Contact Hollie at Energise Cycles to book your bike service or community ride today!

 [hollie@energisecycles.co.uk](mailto:hollie@energisecycles.co.uk)

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# Mr Sheehan's Soccer@School Easter Break Clubs

Play Soccer ⚽ Learn Soccer ⚽ Love Soccer

## WE ALL PLAY

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

**Tuesday 5pm Astro turf 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 Astro turf pitch**  
Starting 25th March  
U5's - U8's ⚽ 12 spaces  
U9's - U11's ⚽ 12 Spaces

**Book online**  
<https://www.soccerschoolwirral.co.uk/page/book-online/17>

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## SOCCER@SCHOOL

**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

**Book online**  
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