



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

25th March 2022

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill



Spring is Here!

As Spring awakens, Mrs Nelson and her gardening helpers get busy planting the seedlings from greenhouse to outdoor planters in order to encourage bees, ladybirds and birds to visit our biodiverse school site. Children have heard noisy woodpeckers, chirping robins and spotted a swooping hawk hovering in the sky.

A visitor from the council brought fruit trees, hedging and a range of plants for us to add to our green school site. A number of children had to use all their muscles to dig the trees into the hard ground (it didn't stop them).

Planting and growing gives us a stake in the future, brings happiness as well as a sense of well-being. Every day we are thankful that Overchurch Junior School is such a beautiful place in which to learn. We teach children to respect nature, their surroundings and to always be respectful in the community.



MUGA News

The MUGA is back in use after a fallen tree was removed and the field is being used during lunchtimes as it continues to remain dry.

Respectful Behaviour

I would like to respectfully remind adults that when on the school site and at the school gates that we all have a duty to respect other families and children. If you hear any bad language or witness any unacceptable behaviour on our school site (or in WhatsApp groups) from adults or children-please report it to a member of staff immediately.



Governor Meeting

Governors are continually working on school improvement. They met on Wednesday to learn about curriculum developments, assessment and SEN.D provision. It was our first full face to face meeting after many zoom meetings.

Farewell and Thank You!

The above meeting was also an opportunity to review staffing in school as we sadly wave goodbye to three long standing members of staff who will retire at Easter. We would like to thank Mrs Rawlinson, Mr Glover & Mrs Doogan for their dedication and service to Overchurch Junior School (84 years collectively).



I know I can say on their behalf that they have loved working at OJS, have given a huge amount of their lives to the school family and for Mr Glover, whose four

children attended the school, it will be a sad parting. School will be a very different place without our valued members of the school team.

Miss Wagstaff is returning from maternity leave to teach Silver Birch post Easter and Mr McNulty will teach Larch Class.

Sporting News

Last Friday, our Year 6 team made the trip to Higher Bebington Junior School in the next game of the Houlihan Cup.



The team played excellently and went into half time, 1-0 up although it could have been 2 or 3. In the second half, the opposition used the hill to their advantage and managed to get the game back to 2-2.

Overchurch still managed to create the clear-cut chances however couldn't find the, all important, back of the net again. The game finished 2-2 and the team should be very proud of their performance.

A massive well done to the Year 5 football team who progressed through to the quarter finals of the Corgi Cup.

They beat Birkenhead Prep, 2-0, away. The whole team played brilliant football throughout and demonstrated excellent team work. A performance to be proud of; well done!



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 31st May 2022.



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.

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.

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

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 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	88.36	Cherry	93.75
Ash	94.64	Pine	87.82
Larch	86.67	Silver Birch	96.25
Beech	92.44	Lime	81.85
Hawthorn	98.21	Rowan	94.88
Willow	99	Sycamore	91.87

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 99%! 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 99%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Silver Birch class with 96.25%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Alfred M</i>	Cherry -	<i>Jessie M</i>
Ash -	<i>John P</i>	Pine -	<i>Yassin R</i>
Larch -	<i>Lucas K</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Jack B</i>
Beech -	<i>Harry B</i>	Lime -	<i>Luca C</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Jessica P</i>	Rowan -	<i>Connor F</i>
Willow -	<i>Leo P</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Corey G</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Keep up the great work everybody!



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Mason C	Cherry -	Luca A
Ash -	Oscar H	Pine -	Isabelle S
Larch -	Lyla D	Silver Birch -	Ashley C
Beech -	Coby E	Lime -	Olivia F
Hawthorn -	Prelea D	Rowan -	Freya D
Willow -	Cole N	Sycamore -	Olly A

Well Done to All!!



The Food Pantry

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Opening times will be:

Friday 25th March 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Monday 28th 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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