



OJS WEEKLY UPDATE

6th May 2022

Message from Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Elwill

We have been especially proud of our children this week as they have been positive and respectful around school. Choosing the Excellence awards this week, for determination and perseverance, has been a challenge for staff.

As reading is one of our key priorities, we have been noticing classes striving to reach the next million words. If you need any further ideas for books for your children to read, the reading spine section of the website lists a few good reads.

One recommendation for Year 4 this week was 'The Accidental Prime Minister' by Tom McLaughlin.

<https://www.overchurch-junior.wirral.sch.uk/reading/>

We are incredibly proud of the progress children are making with inference, scanning & skimming and comprehension over the last couple of weeks. In particular, reading over 9 million words in Lime Class and 10 million words in Sycamore class has seen the competition increasing.



Teachers love seeing photos and comments on Seesaw from your children as it helps us to understand what children read at home, make links with teachers, as well as being motivational.

Please do keep posting! Our aim is to encourage all our children to record home reading on Seesaw, it also helps with book recommendations. Books in class libraries and reading corners are constantly updated.



We mostly buy our books from Lingham's in Heswall as they give us a good discount. If you are buying books, or any other items, remember to buy through easyfundraising and register OJS as your cause as it helps us raise much needed funds for school trips, to buy more books, plus other much needed resources.

We are seeing big price increases in the costs of basic resources, a doubling in price of paper and increased transport costs for trips. Using the funds we raise will keep the cost of trips, residential visits and visits as low as possible. Thanks to all who have bought through the link already - a number of staff are logged on to fundraise as we speak.

In other news this week, the Oak Tree Diner received an inspection and were awarded a fantastic 5 stars! A big congratulation to Kim,

Tips for parents of primary-aged children to make reading enjoyable are listed below.

Support Your Children to Read



The department for education has recently published 10 top tips to support children to read.

We thought you would be interested to read their suggestions in our newsletter this week.

1. Encourage your child to read - Reading helps your child's wellbeing, develops imagination and has educational benefits too. Just a few minutes a day can have a big impact on children of all ages.

2. Read aloud regularly - Try to read to your child every day. It's a special time to snuggle up and enjoy a story. Stories matter and children love re-reading them and poring over the pictures. Try adding funny voices to bring characters to life.

3. Encourage reading choice - Give children lots of opportunities to read different things in their own time - it doesn't just have to be books. There's fiction, non-fiction, poetry, comics, magazines, recipes and much more. Try leaving interesting reading material in different places around the home and see who picks it up.

4. Read together - Choose a favourite time to read together as a family and enjoy it. This might be everyone reading the same book together, reading different things at the same time, or getting your children to read to each other. This time spent reading together can be relaxing for all.

5. Create a comfortable environment - Make a calm, comfortable place for your family to relax and read independently - or together.

6. Make use of your local library - Libraries in England are able to open from 4 July, so visit them when you're able to and explore all sorts of reading ideas. Local libraries also offer brilliant online materials, including audiobooks and ebooks to borrow. See [Libraries Connected](#) for more digital library services and resources.

7. Talk about books - This is a great way to make connections, develop understanding and make reading even more enjoyable. Start by discussing the front cover and talking about what it reveals and suggests the book could be about. Then talk about what you've been reading and share ideas. You could discuss something that happened that surprised you, or something new that you found out. You could talk about how the book makes you feel and whether it reminds you of anything.

8. Bring reading to life - You could try cooking a recipe you've read together. Would you recommend it to a friend? Alternatively, play a game where you pretend to be the characters in a book, or discuss an interesting article you've read.

9. Make reading active - Play games that involve making connections between pictures, objects and words, such as reading about an object and finding similar things in your home. You could organise treasure hunts related to what you're reading. Try creating your child's very own book by using photos from your day and adding captions.

10. Engage your child in reading in a way that suits them - You know your child best and you'll know the best times for your child to read. If they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) then short, creative activities may be the way to get them most interested. If English is an additional language, encourage reading in a child's first language, as well as in English. What matters most is that they enjoy it.

Introducing OJS Together

Community, Family, Friends



OJS Together

OJS Together is about more than fundraising but is about working as a community to help our children, school and families.

A dedicated team of parents and staff collaborate to plan fun fundraising opportunities that will go towards funding school trips, residential as well as resources to be used in school.

Our community is important to us so partnering with Neo, HAF and running the 'Food Pantry & 'Uniform Exchange' means we are able to support families as the cost of living rises.

Upcoming Events

Photography Fundraiser

Gemma Mae photography
Community, Family, Friends
OJS Together

Fundraising Photo-shoots
Family & Children Portraiture

Saturday 9th
July 2022
from 9.30 am

Overchurch Junior School
Moreton Road
Ipton, Wirral
CH49 4NS

18 Digital Images
for you to download

£30
max. 4 people per shoot

It's going to be busy so time-slots must be booked & paid in advance

For bookings please contact the school office
on 01516774150

Any queries or special requests contact photographer Gemma Doyle
on 07847881524 or gemmae.whitebox@gmail.com

Liam Walsh
Photography

We will be hosting a fundraising event on Saturday 9th July.

Gemma Mae Photography in conjunction with Whitebox will be here in the school hall to do photoshoots for our families.

This information has been sent out via our ParentApp.

You can book your slot/s by calling the school office on 0151 677 4150 and payment will be via ParentPay.

The digital images you receive are copyright free. Therefore, you can print or use them as many times as you like and in any way that you wish.

You can also look forward to the following:

- 🌿 *Can Cook Fresh Food Boxes* will be distributed to some children on Friday 6th May and the rest will be given out on Tuesday 10th May
- 🌿 *Freezy Friday* will take place every Friday, starting from 13th May
- 🌿 *Jubilee Party Day* will take place on Thursday 26th May
- 🌿 *Non-uniform Day* will take place on Wednesday 20th July
- 🌿 *Cake and Sweetie Sale* will take place after school on Jubilee Party Day, Thursday 26th May
- 🌿 *Break the Rules Day* will take place on Monday 18th July
- 🌿 Family Dining Raffles
- 🌿 Sports Day Refreshment Stand

More information regarding these events can be found in the Summer Term Upcoming Events Calendar which you can find in the Letters for You section of the App. We have also put the calendar at the end of this newsletter for your information.



This Week's Class Attendance Figures

Apple	95.4%	Cherry	98.86%
Ash	89.88%	Pine	91.11%
Larch	92.22%	Silver Birch	93.33%
Beech	94.51%	Lime	93.09%
Hawthorn	92.94%	Rowan	92.19%
Willow	91.03%	Sycamore	89.36%

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 98.86%! This class will receive extra MUGA time and 5 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of lower school attendance is Apple class with 95.4%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member.

This week's winner of upper school is Cherry class with 98.86%. This class will receive 3 respect points for each class member



Star Readers

This week's Star Readers are:

Apple -	<i>Mason C</i>	Cherry -	<i>Joshua J</i>
Ash -	<i>Charlie P</i>	Pine -	<i>Oliver C</i>
Larch -	<i>Heidi B</i>	Silver Birch -	<i>Faith B</i>
Beech -	<i>Lexi W</i>	Lime -	<i>Amelia L</i>
Hawthorn -	<i>Jessica P</i>	Rowan -	<i>Joshua Mc</i>
Willow -	<i>Robert L</i>	Sycamore -	<i>Sophia W</i>

Congratulations to all our Star Readers this week.

Keep up the great work everybody!



Excellence Award Winners

Apple -	Spencer L	Cherry -	Lottie-Mai Mc
Ash -	John P	Pine -	Elliot H
Larch -	Heidi B	Silver Birch -	Ollie C
Beech -	Tia-Mai I	Lime -	Jack W
Hawthorn -	Samson M	Rowan -	Aaron B
Willow -	Millie-Sue S	Sycamore -	Finlay R

Well Done to All!!



THE OAK TREE DINER



Family Dining – It's Back!!

We will be inviting parents / carers into school to enjoy a roast dinner with their child/ren. The cost will be £2.60 per guest and there is a maximum of 2 guests per child.

The item will soon appear on your child's ParentPay account and your payment will be your booking. We will be unable to take cash on the day. Bookings/ payments must be made in advance.

We will send a message out on the ParentApp when this event is available for booking along with specific times.

The Family Dining events will take place on the following dates:

Year 3 - Wednesday 18th May

Year 4 - Wednesday 15th June

Year 5 - Wednesday 22nd June (we have changed the date from Wednesday 29th June)

OJS Together will also be selling Raffle Tickets on the day.



Year 6 Post-SAT's Breakfast Friday 13th May at 9am

Our year 6 pupils will be treated to a special celebratory breakfast after a difficult week of SATs. There will be no charge for this event.

11+ Registration

Year 5 children can now be registered for the 11+ exam, due to take place in September.

Forms are to be completed online via the Wirral.gov website. If you are unable to complete the form online, you can request a paper copy by calling 0151 606 2000.

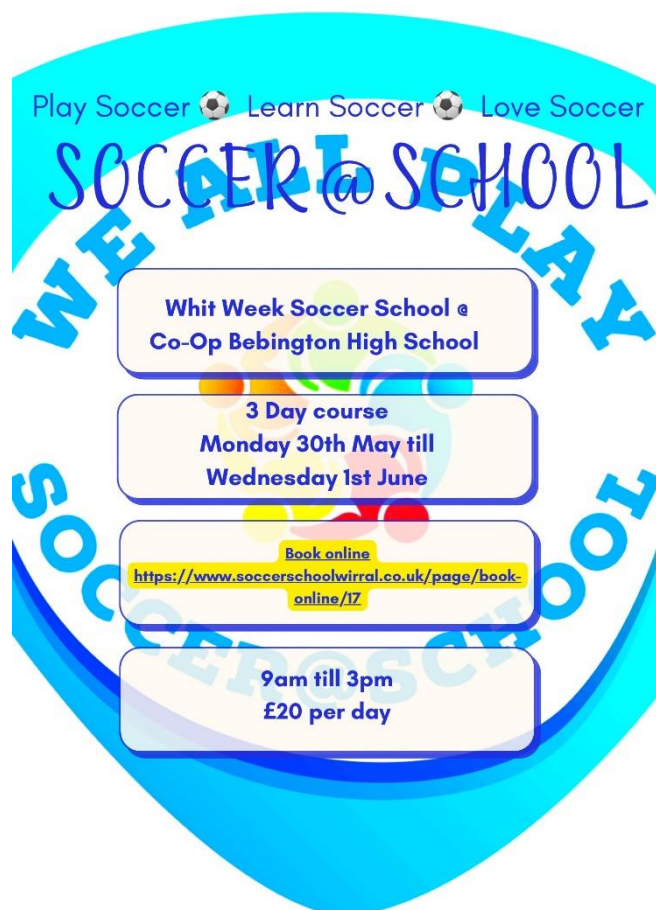
The deadline for registration for the 11+ Exam is 31st May 2022.

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 9 th May 2022	Music Week
Week Commencing 16 th May 2022	History Week
Week Commencing 23 rd May 2022	Geography Week
May Half Term Break	

Mr Sheehan's Soccer @ School Half Term Club



Play Soccer 🏆 Learn Soccer 🏆 Love Soccer

Soccer @ School

**Whit Week Soccer School @
Co-Op Bebington High School**

**3 Day course
Monday 30th May till
Wednesday 1st June**

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

**9am till 3pm
£20 per day**

WE ARE PLAYING SOCCER @ SCHOOL

Summer Term Upcoming Events



Upcoming Events – Summer Term 2022

Date	Event	Additional Information
Friday 13 th May 2022	Year 6 SATs Breakfast	We will be offering a post-SATs breakfast for our Year 6 pupils to celebrate the end of SATs week! There is no charge for this.
Friday 13 th May 2022	Freezy Friday	Freezy Friday is back! OJS Together and Friends of Overchurch Infants will be selling lolly ices for £1 each. We thank you for your support!
Wednesday 18 th May 2022	Year 3 Family Dining	Families of our Year 3 pupils are invited into school to enjoy a Roast Dinner. A maximum of 2 guests per child and the cost will be £2.60 per guest. You can book your place by paying for the item via ParentPay. We will send a message out via ParentApp when this is available for booking along with specific times. OJS Together will be selling Raffle Tickets on the day and any further information will also be published in our Weekly Newsletter
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 4 Trip to DEWA in Chester	Year 4 pupils will be visiting DEWA in Chester to learn about the history of the Roman city. The cost is £11 per pupil. This is available for payment via ParentPay.
Thursday 26 th May 2022	Jubilee Party	The children will be celebrating our Queen's Jubilee by having a themed lunch. Lunch on this day will consist of various types of party food and can be paid for via ParentPay as a normal school lunch. Children are encouraged to dress up in red, white & blue and we ask for a £1 donation in support of OJS Together. This can be paid via ParentPay or £1 cash on the day. There will also be a cake and sweetie sale after school in support of OJS Together.
Friday 27 th May 2022	Last Day of Summer Term 1	
Monday 30 th May 2022 – Friday 3 rd June 2022	May half-term break	School is closed this week
Monday 6 th June 2022	Start of Summer Term 2	Pupils return to school today for the start of Summer Term 2
Wednesday 16 th June – Friday 17 th June 2022	Year 6 Residential Trip to Barnstondale	Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a residential activity trip to Barnstondale Activity Centre. Payment for the trip is available via ParentPay. Payment in full must be received by 31 st May 2022.

The schedule can also be found in the Letters for You section of the ParentApp.

Wednesday 16 th June 2022	Year 4 Family Dining	Families of our Year 4 pupils are invited into school to enjoy a Roast Dinner. A maximum of 2 guests per child and the cost will be £2.60 per guest. You can book your place by paying for the item via ParentPay. We will send a message out via ParentApp when this is available for booking along with specific times. OJS Together will be selling Raffle Tickets on the day and any further information will also be published in our Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17 th June 2022	Year 5 Trip to the Liverpool Empire	Year 5 will be visiting the Liverpool Empire Theatre to watch a production of Billionaire Boy. This trip is funded by school.
Wednesday 22 nd June 2022	Year 5 Family Dining	Families of our Year 5 pupils are invited into school to enjoy a Roast Dinner. A maximum of 2 guests per child and the cost will be £2.60 per guest. You can book your place by paying for the item via ParentPay. We will send a message out via ParentApp when this is available for booking along with specific times. OJS Together will be selling Raffle Tickets on the day and any further information will also be published in our Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24 th June 2022	Whole Class Photos	Photographers will be in school today to take class photos
Wednesday 29 th June	Sports Day (Weather Dependent)	Years 5 and 6 Sports Day activities will take place in the morning Years 3 and 4 Sports Day activities will take place in the afternoon Refreshments and treats will be on sale during the day. Please bring your own chair if you wish to be able to sit down. Specific times and details will be communicated soon.
Thursday 30 th June 2022	End of Year Discos	Years 3 and 4 Disco will take place after school until 4:30pm. Year 5 Disco will take place at 4:45pm – 5:45pm. Children will go home and then return for the Disco. Admission is £5 per pupil. This includes a burger / veggie burger & chips, a raffle ticket and their entrance fee. This will soon be available for payment via ParentPay. Children are to come to school in their own clothes today so that they will be ready for the Disco. There will be toys, treats and raffle tickets available for sale at the Disco, therefore, the children can bring some cash with them on the day.
Wednesday 6 th July 2022	Induction Day	Year 6 Induction. Junior School pupils will meet their new teachers. Year 2 pupils will visit to meet their teachers and enjoy a roast dinner. Year 2 parents will be invited into the Junior School for an induction / transition meeting. There will be two times available, 2:20pm and 5:00pm.

Thursday 7 th July 2022	Year 3 Egyptian Day	Year 3 pupils will be visited by an expert in all things Ancient Egypt! They will take part in activities and are encouraged to dress up in ancient Egyptian fancy dresses.
Saturday 9 th July 2022	OJS Together Photography Fundraiser	A message and flyer have been sent out via ParentApp. You can book a slot by calling the school office on 0151 677 4150. Payment is to be made via ParentPay.
Wednesday 13 th July 2022	OJS Summer Exhibition and Open Event	Parents / Carers will be invited into school to view their children's projects and to visit their classrooms. More information along with times will be communicated at a later date.
Monday 18 th July 2022	Break the Rules Day	Children are invited to break the rules today! There will be a charge of 50p per rule broken to support OJS Together. The rules which can be broken are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Tidy hair, no hair colour * Uniform * No jewellery * No face paints * No football kits * No nail polish
Tuesday 19 th July 2022	Year 6 Leavers Lunch and Festival	The Year 6 pupils will enjoy a special Leavers Assembly and Leavers Lunch with their parents. They will then take part in their Leavers Festival. More information will be communicated closer to the time.
Wednesday 20 th July 2022	Last Day of Summer Term and Non Uniform Day	Children can wear their own clothes to school today and we ask for a £1 donation in support of OJS Together which can be paid via ParentPay or in cash on the day.
Thursday 21 st July 2022	INSET Day	School is closed today