

Head teachers Newsletter

Monday 10th May 2021

Charity Fundraiser

We are very proud of this young lady from Y4, who has had 18 inches of hair cut off to donate it to the Princess Trust. In doing so she has already raised a massive £550 for the charity. Well done Grace!

Return to Normality: Drop off / collection

As we venture down the pathway to some form of normality, a number of parents have asked if we will be retaining the staggered start and finish times. Unless told otherwise we intend to maintain the current position until the end of the academic year. However, the pandemic and changes made, have illustrated the benefits of staggered drop off and finish times, especially in relation to the use of the Verdin Car Park. With this in mind, the governors and I will be consulting with you as parents to determine your views moving forwards with regards to maintaining a version of what is currently in place. A Microsoft Form will be sent in the next few weeks to seek your views. If you would like to make any proposals in relation to this topic then please email head@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk

In the meantime, please can we ask that all parents adhere to the current drop off / collection times allocated. If your child is on drop off 1 at 8.40 then they should be collected at 3.00pm. If you drop off at 8.55am then the collection is 3.15pm and finally if you drop off at 9.10 am then the collection time is 3.30pm. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Year 6 River / Farm visit

Year 6 Esk participated in the first educational visit post lockdown. It was lovely to lead the visit and see them learn through practical experience.

Normally the visit would have included all Y6 classes at the same time, but as this was the first try on our 'pathway to normality' we focussed on one class.

The remaining Y6 classes will venture on the same visit next week and during the following week.

Bikeability Training Availability

I am pleased to inform you that Cheshire West and Chester will be running sessions on how to ride a bike at New Images Youth and Community Centre, Nixon Drive, Winsford, CW7 2HG on Wednesday 02 June 2021. Sessions start at 0900 hours. Please follow: www.bikeright.co.uk/cheshirewest-chester or call 0151 207 3140 to book your child onto this free training.

Red Nose Day 2021

I am delighted to inform you that we have received a certificate of thanks from the organisers of Red Nose Day to thank us for raising £269.11 for the charity. This was a great effort in view of the current situation. Thank you to all for your support.

Outdoor Learning Environment

The focus during the last few months has been to develop the outdoor learning environment for the children to use for their outdoor learning / recreation. Thanks to the drive and enthusiasm of Miss Hill-Davis our outdoor learning lead, the environment is far more stimulating and useable for the children. The Early Years team have also been working their magic on their area which also looks fabulous.

Furthermore, we have used some of the funding made available by the PTA to have two new ponds constructed in the school grounds.

These have now been filled and fencing erected to prevent children accessing when not being supervised. During the holidays the site staff will be adding decking platforms to facilitate pond dipping. Thanks also to the parents of Khia B in Year 1 for their kind donation of a pond liner for the EYFS area.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Today is the start of Mental Health Awareness Week. As a result the staff will be focusing on this using the Myhappymind materials which the children seem to be enjoying in school.

Through the Myhappyminds programme, there is also a course for parents to help you should you need assistance in dealing with your child's 'meltdowns'. Please follow the link below to access this free training. <https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/meltdown-management-101-2021-signup>

Good Samaritans

It was lovely to receive an email on Sunday this week from a parent of a child who does not attend High Street, praising the actions of some of our Y6 children. Her son had been playing in the town park when he was attacked by some other youths. As a result of this a group of Y6 boys from High Street went to support and stayed with the child until his mother arrived and ensured that he was looked after and supported. She was so impressed by their actions that she emailed me to complement the school on having such thoughtful children. I will of course be meeting these boys to celebrate and congratulate them.

And finally

Please do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise via the school office or please use the following email accounts.

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Kind regards

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