

Yew Tree Newsletter



DREAMBIG
Determined – Resilient – Empowered – Adventurous –
Motivated – Beautifully Behaved – Inclusive – Generous!

As a school, we celebrate the progress and achievements of our children, but also the dedication of our colleagues and their determination to offer the very best to our pupils.

This week, I want to take the opportunity to pay thanks to two of our very own community heroes, the Pickup family and Miss Appleton.

Many of you will remember that in July of last year, we shared the devastating news with you of the sudden death of one of our Yew Tree Family, Amy Pickup. Amy was a much-loved character and an immensely proud Mum to two beautiful children, who we have the privilege to work beside every day. There was nothing Amy wouldn't do for her children and she was especially interested in their development attending many courses on Sensory Processing and Development in particular. Following this tragedy, her loving family were keen to support school and our children with a legacy in Amy's name and made a very kind donation towards a school project close to their hearts, our Sensory Room.

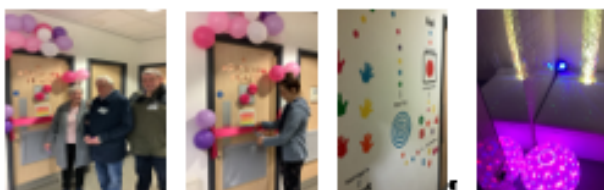
At the same time, Miss Appleton was in training to not only achieve a personal challenge, but to raise funds for our sensory room too. In September, she blew us away by raising £1081, through kind sponsorship, running two half-marathons – The Great North Run and Tissington. What an achievement!

Due to these extremely kind donations, we were able to purchase a range of sensory equipment and convert a room in school into a sensory room.

Today, members of the Pickup family and Miss Appleton opened Pickup Place. A space which will support children across our school in self-regulation, as well as meeting their sensory and emotional needs.

On behalf of our whole school community – Thank You!

I wish you all a restful and relaxing weekend!



Friday 15th March – Own Clothes Day
 Children in Nursery to Y6 to donate a chocolate Easter egg in support of our family Bingo event



Monday 25th March – Easter Bingo for all families

Easter

Tuesday 26th March – Easter Community Film Night

Eggstravaganza

Thursday 28th March – EYF5 Easter Bonnet Parade

Events

KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March – KS2 Easter Egg Competition

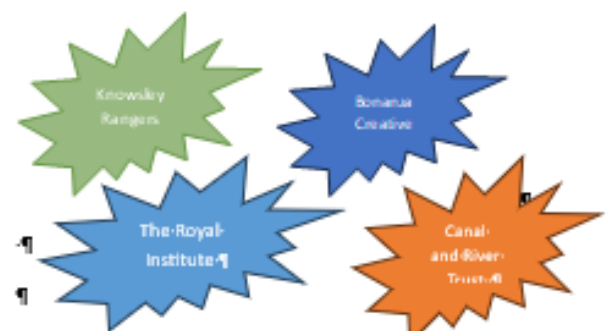
competition (details below)



Every year, thanks to the meticulous planning of our Science Lead, Mrs Mahar, children across school are fully immersed into scientific activities during British Science Week. This year is no exception!

This year is the 30th anniversary of British Science Week, so this year's theme celebrates the passing of time since the week began and looking to the future! #BSW24

Here are a few of our visitors during Science Week, all providing children with fabulous STEM-based opportunities to explore and wonder.



Look out for more information via Class Dojo during 11th - 15th March

Swimming Lessons at Volair Halewood



Well done to children in Maple Class (and their families) who returned to school this week after half term, all prepared for their swimming lessons which have taken place every afternoon this week.

We feel that it is such a vital skill for children to learn, that we ensure that our Y2 children can access taster sessions in swimming, even though it is not a requirement to be in the curriculum until Y3.

All children, although some were nervous at first, have had a great time, behaved beautifully and enjoyed developing new skills, helping them to feel safer in the water.

Next week is the turn of Elm Class.

Children will need their swimming costumes/trunks, swimming towels, goggles and a swimming cap on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons next week.



As this is a sporting activity, children will need to wear their school PE kit each day, but as we walk to Halewood Volair, so please keep an eye on the weather and ensure appropriate outer clothing and navy/black leggings or jogging bottoms are worn.

Advanced notice of next term's lessons --

Alder	4.6.24	14.6.24	8 days
Beech	18.6.24	28.6.24	8 days

World Book Day 2024

Thursday 7 March 2024

We're "Dreaming Big" This World Book Day!

The theme of our World Book Day this year, is to be aspirational.

To show the children all the incredible opportunities available to them if they 'Dream Big', our school values.

Alongside a wealth of activities throughout the day, whole school costumes this year will be cosy nightwear: PJs, dressing gowns, slippers (supporting the theme of dreaming) or to dress up as a character/person who is inspirational to them.

If children choose to dress up as someone who is inspirational to them, then they will need to bring in a card with that person's name written on, as well as the reason why they are inspirational to them. If your child chooses the cosy nightwear option, please bring slippers in a separate bag and wear suitable shoes and outer clothing on the way to and from school, depending on the weather on the day.



Halewood Culture Fest 2024

School Scarecrow Competition

All children will bring home a separate letter next week with the full details of this competition. Look out for yours!

Knowsley Safari Park

A reminder to families of children in Cedar and Birch classes. Details have been sent in a separate letter.

As part of their curriculum topic this half term, your child will be visiting Knowsley Safari Park on the following dates

Cedar Class -- Friday 1st March
Birch Class -- Friday 8th March

KPCV SEND Coffee Morning
MONDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 10:00AM - 12:00PM
KNOWSLEY CAREERS CENTRE
143 BEWLEY DRIVE
L32 9AB
FREE REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

282 Transforming Care Programme have collaborated with Knowsley's third sector providers to deliver their services to those with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism. For aim to be improved the social emotional health and wellbeing of the whole family including siblings of children and young people with SEND.

If you are parent or carer of a child with a Learning Disability and/or Autism and you would like to get involved in this programme, then please come along to the Service Hub, Wynton Avenue, L32 2PN, Friday 3rd March 2024 12:00 and open for more information, food and refreshments will be provided.

Attendance Winners

Every Friday, we look back at the previous week's attendance, from Thursday to Thursday and our top three classes are celebrated in assembly. This week's top 3 are:

- 1st — Birch
- 2nd — Ash & Fir
- 3rd — Maple

Sickness Absences:

If your Child is going to be absent from School due to sickness you must inform school, **no later than 9am.**

0151 477 8950 option 1

Please leave a message: Childs Full Name -Year Group and reason for Absence.

Date	Event
Tuesday-20th-February	School-re-opens-at-usual-time Y2-swimming-lessons-begin
Tuesday-27th-February	Y3-swimming-lessons-begin
Wednesday-28 th -February	EYFS-Reading-at-Home-workshop-for-families
Friday-23 rd -March	Everton-in-the-Community—Children's-Mental-Health-Workshops
Wednesday-6 th -March	EYFS-Maths-workshop-for-families
Thursday-7th-March	World-Book-Day
Monday-11th-March	Science-Week—children-to-participate-in-activities-across-the-week
Wednesday-13 th -March	Year-1-and-2-Phonics-workshop-for-families
Thursday-14 th -March	Y2-and-Y3-visit-to-St-Mary's—Easter-Experience
Friday-15 th -March	Own-Clothes-Day—chocolate-donation
Wednesday-20 th -March	Year-1-and-2-Reading-at-Home-workshop-for-families
Monday-25 th -March	Gillmoss-Recycling-Centre-visit-to-Maple-and-Beech-classes-(linked-to-Science-week)
Monday-25 th -March	3.30-Easter-Community-Bingo
Tuesday-26 th -March	3.30-Community-Easter-Film-Night
Wednesday-27 th -March	Year-1-and-2-Maths-Workshop-for-families
Thursday-28th-March	Easter-Bonnet-Parade-EYFS-and-KS1 Easter-Egg-stravaganza-Family-Competition-KS2 School-closes-for-Easter-at-1.30pm

Advanced Notice

SATs week for year 6 will be week beginning 13th May

Weekly Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance % for each class...

19/02/24-23/02/24

Class	Attendance %
Oak Miss-Hanlon	87.5%
Fir Mrs-Heeley	97.5%
Maple Miss-Langshaw	95.2%
Elm Miss-McConnon	90.8%
Alder Mrs-Sargison	92%
Beech Mrs-Mahar/ Miss-Roberts	84.1%
Willow Mr-McNamara	89.6%
Ash Mrs-Brady-Duck	97.5%
Birch Mrs-Gray	98.6%
Cedar Mrs-Jones	94.4%

This week's attendance is...

91.8%

Attendance for this year so far is...

92.7%





Reception	D-LW
Year-1	PM
Year-2	CH
Year-3	SB
Year-4	ECJ
Year-5	AA
Year-6	LB
Ash	JG
Birch	JS
Cedar	LH



Mr-Rushton's-Sports-Star-of-the-Week...

Alfie-J-Yr5

...as-he-has-shown-an-improved-attitude-to-participation-and-has-significantly-developed-his-skills.-
He-was-a-standout-performer-and-a-brilliant-defender-for-his-team-during-lunchtime-football.



Mrs-Walton's-Music-Star-of-the-Week...

Grace-Y6

...working-extremely-hard-to-play-music-on-both-the-keyboard-and-glockenspiel.