

Churnet View Newsletter



Welcome back!



Our first week back!

We're really proud of the way that all of our pupils have come back to school this week. Despite the warm weather, they have remained enthusiastic, worked hard and we've seen some lovely examples of excellent manners and kindness. We've seen some legendary lining up and some wonderful walking in the corridors so that everyone feels comfortable in school. Thank you to our families for your support with helping the term start in such a positive way. The pupils have looked smart in their uniforms and have been punctual and ready to learn. Have a lovely sunny weekend!

— WELCOME —
BACK TO SCHOOL

Important Dates

October half term:
Monday 30th October
– Friday 3rd November

Inset day: Tuesday 6th
November

Christmas holiday:
Monday 25th
December – Friday 5th
January 2024

Social Media Updates

You can find all of our latest updates on our social media pages.

Our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Churnet-View-Middle-School-Leek/100063578257320/>

We are now on Instagram too:
<https://www.instagram.com/churnetviewmiddleschool/>



Book Club

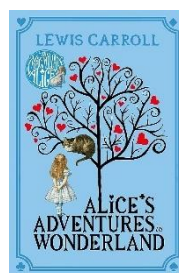
Book Club is running on Thursday's after school from 3.45pm until 4.30pm. We're so excited that we can offer a chance for your children to fall in love with reading or perhaps discover a new favourite book/author.

As a whole school, we are aiming high this year for our pupils to progress with their reading so this is a perfect opportunity for all pupils to get involved. We will be selecting a wide variety of genres and themes throughout the year that will help them to expand their vocabulary and imaginations. Miss Biddlecombe-Hawes is very excited to see lots of new and familiar faces join her in the TLC on a Thursday!



Churnet View's Favourite Reads

"My favourite book is Alice in Wonderland because my mum used to read it to me when I was very little, and then I read it myself when I was about 8 years old. I love the colourful and crazy world that Lewis Carroll created for his characters, and the amazing creatures that Alice comes into contact with on her way through Wonderland. Because I love it so much, I collect different versions of the book, and I am currently up to 7 copies" – Mrs Johnson



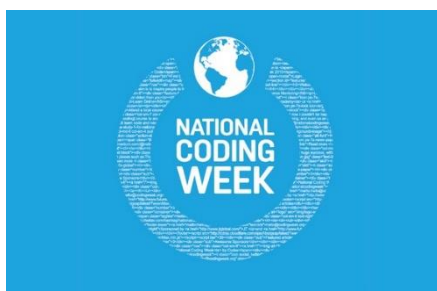
National Coding Week: September 18th – September 24th 2023

National Coding Week is an annual event that aims to help adults and children with learning digital skills. In 2023 National Coding Week will be happening from the 18th–24th of September. This week is run by volunteers in a variety of settings such as schools, libraries, hubs and businesses. Various organizations and individuals will be running taster sessions for adults so that they can get an introduction to coding and programming.

The first-ever National Coding Week took place in September 2014 in the UK. It was founded by tech entrepreneur Jordan Love and former headteacher Richard Rolfe. Love and Rolfe were inspired by their experience of training a group of unemployed individuals in coding skills that helped many of them get a job. Since its beginning, National Coding Week spread beyond the UK into the EU, the US, Australia and other countries.

Interesting facts about coding:

- Coding is how we tell computers what they are supposed to do for us. Computers follow a set of instructions (code) written by a programmer.
- There are lots of different programming languages. You may have heard of Java, HTML or CSS. Each of these languages has a unique set of keywords and syntax for organising programming instructions.
 - Ada Lovelace was one of the first computer programmers. She worked with Charles Babbage, who invented the early mechanical computer called Analytical Engine. In 1843 Ada Lovelace wrote the first computer program. In other words, an algorithm designed to be carried out by the machine.
 - Coding is essential in space travel. Spacecraft engineers often use old-fashioned computer systems because designing new ones is risky and expensive. The Space Shuttle (NASA's spacecraft) was sent into space using a computer designed in the 1970s. This used less code than most of today's mobile phones!



Spanish Day: Spanish Themed Lunch

On the 26th September it is European Day of Languages. The Pantry are organising a Spanish themed lunch on this day. This will form part of a wider celebration of world languages in author groups during the same week.

A poster for 'SPANISH THEME DAY' from 'The Pantry'. At the top, it says 'SPANISH THEME DAY' in large letters. Below this is a photo of a paella dish. To the left of the photo are three red boxes with white text: 'Hola! It's time to bring...', 'Some Spanish Sunshine', and 'To your dining room!'. To the right of the photo is a yellow circle with the text 'Make A Note Of Your Next Theme Day Delivered By The Pantry!'. Below the photo, it says 'DELIVERED BY THE PANTRY JUST FOR YOU'. In the center, there is a logo for 'The Pantry' with the tagline 'The Pantry Catering Co. Ltd'. Below the logo, it says 'ON THE MENU' in large letters. Underneath, it lists the menu for 'Tuesday 26th September 2023': 'Valencia Paella (chicken) or Vegetable Paella With Patatas Bravas & Roasted Mediterranean Veg'. Below this, it says 'And for Dessert' followed by 'Churros with Chocolate Sauce or Tarta tres Leches'. At the bottom, it says 'All part of the £2.57 Meal Deal'. The poster is decorated with two black bull silhouettes on the sides, each with a Spanish flag on its back.

Junkbots

In Science, pupils will be creating their very own *Junkbot* as part of the Save Make Reinvent topic. Save Make Reinvent is a fun engaging programme that introduces environmental sustainability into the classroom through the theme of 'circular economy'. This theme focuses on creativity, design thinking and invention skills that help to empower pupils to apply their imagination to Save Make Reinvent someone's waste into another person's treasure.

We are asking pupils to bring in any of the following 'junk': DC hobby motor, AAA battery pack, 2 AAA batteries, pieces of cork, blu tack, tape, scissors, pens, pencils and craft materials.



ParentPay: Ties

If your child needs a new tie, we sell them via ParentPay. They can then be collected from reception or they will be handed out by their author group teachers.

Please see the newsletter for more information regarding ParentPay.

We've seen an increase of pupils, in our first week, borrowing ties and blazers. Please make sure pupils bring in their own tie to wear at school as we have limited numbers to borrow out.

My Ed App

Keep up to date with your child, all information regarding your child and the school is sent out using this app.

Just go to your app store, search for MyEd and download the app. The app is free to use.

<https://www.myedschoolapp.com/>



Open Evening

Our year 4 and year 6 Open Evening is on Wednesday 4th October 2023 at 6.00pm. Please get in touch with dsponner@ttlt.org.uk should you have any questions or queries. The Westwood Open Evening is Tuesday 26th not the 27th.

Leek School Admissions

Academic Year 2023—24



If you are in school year...

4 or 6
(8+ or 10+ years of age)

Churnet View Middle School

Open Evening 4th October 2023, 6.00pm

01538 384939

www.cvm.ttlt.org.uk

Westwood College / www.wwc.ttlt.org.uk / 01538 370930

Open Evening 27th September 2023, 6.30pm, Old Hall

Leek High School / www.lhs.ttlt.org.uk / 01538 225050

Open Evening 5th October 2023, 5:30pm—7:30pm

If you are in school year...

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(12+ years of age)

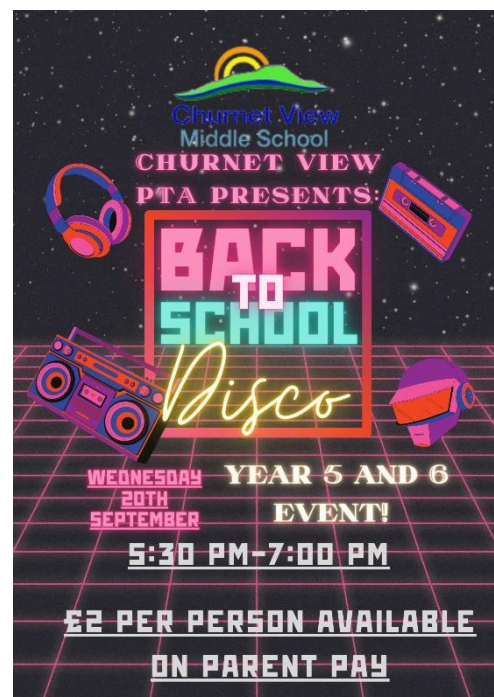


Please get in touch should you have any questions or queries. Follow the schools on Facebook for regular updates.



KS2 Disco

Tickets are available on ParentPay



Your School Lottery: Win a Harry Potter double prize bundle

Win a fantastic Harry Potter double prize bundle when you support Your School Lottery this autumn term - a family ticket for the Warner Brothers Studio Tour, AND a theatre voucher for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. It'd make the perfect trip for little (and no-so-little!) wizards, witches, and muggles alike! With our new Super Draw, there are exciting new flexible ways to play – so get your tickets now ready for the big draw on Saturday 28th October!

To support our school lottery, please click the following link:

<https://shorturl.at/acvLO>





LEEK TOWN FC & OUTSIDE PRESENTS

NET FLICKS

AT THE
F. BALL COMMUNITY STADIUM

INFORMATION

DATE: 30TH SEPTEMBER 2023

TIME: 7:30PM START

FILM: THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

ACTIVITY: SMALL KART DESIGN / RACE IN CLUBHOUSE PRIOR TO FILM
(5:30PM START)

OTHER: VARIOUS CRAFT ACTIVITIES, GAMES & LIGHT INSTALLATION

PRICES

ADULTS: £5.00

CONCESSIONS: £3.00

UNDER 16'S: £2.00

ACTIVITY: £2.00 ADDITION

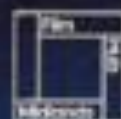
TICKETS

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Nintendo + LEAGUE

THE SUPER
**MARIO
BROS.**
MOVIE



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OFFICIAL FAN MERCHANDISE



THE
NATIONAL
LOTTERY

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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 16 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and V0247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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Core Value Winners

The following pupils have earned the most Core Values this week. Well done to everyone for their efforts, hard work and dedication.

Year 5

Dahl

Filip Harasim

Hughes

Lily Byatt

Jacob Gould

Mackenzie

Eloise Griffin

Travis Richardson

Morpurgo

Leah Boulton

Palacio

Rosalie Arnold

Alex King

Year 6

Carroll

Libby Brockhurst

Seb Richards

Fletcher

Lexie Mills

Aiden Barks

Noyes

Sophie Shaw

Blake Davenport

Pullman

Mollie Hulme

George Shenton

Rowling

Summer Birch

Peter Foy

Thompson

Molly Hancock

Leo Evans

Year 7

Gibbons

Rosie-Mae Simms

Noah Crombie

Hargrave

Freya Barlow

Callum Rhodes

Horowitz

Savannah Leadingham

Lincoln Edwards

Riodan

Ava Clulow

Oli Chell

Sachar

Isla Brough

Beau Machin

Year 8

Blackman

Amber Brough

Ashton Hambleton

Fountain

Aoife Clancy

Joseph Cruxton

Hill

Jasmine Taylor

Ted Eaton

Stevenson

Jessica Burgess-Goring

Callum Coates

Stoker

Evelyn Ryan

Barney Wood

Zephaniah

Leah Sims

Joseph Mellor

