

Churnet View Newsletter



European Day of Languages at Churnet View Middle School

Throughout this week we have been celebrating European Day of Languages. On Monday, we learnt about the history of European Day of Languages as well as interesting facts about languages from around the globe. On Tuesday, we had our Spanish themed lunch and in Author groups chose a language to learn basic phrases over the course of the week. Some of the languages learnt were French, Spanish, Russian, Ukranian and Welsh. Some of the year 8s even learnt Finnish!



Important Dates

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

Inset day: Monday 6th
November

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



Social Media Updates

You can now find us on Facebook and Instagram. We'll be posting our latest updates and news on these platforms.

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

Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/churnetviewmiddleschool/>

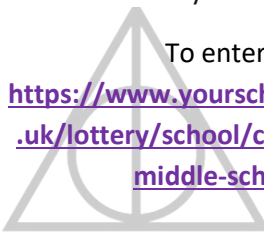


Our School Lottery: Win a Harry Potter double prize bundle!

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 enter:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/churnet-view-middle-school>



		Pronunciation Guide	English
 French	Bonjour	<i>bon-jaw</i>	Hello
	Salut	<i>sal-oo</i>	Hi
	Bon après-midi	<i>bon apray mid-ee</i>	Good afternoon
	Au revoir	<i>oh rev-wahr</i>	Goodbye
 Spanish	Hola	<i>oh-lah</i>	Hello
	Buenos días	<i>bwen-os dee-as</i>	Good day
	Buenas tardes	<i>bwen-as tard-es</i>	Good afternoon
	Adíos	<i>ad-ee-os</i>	Goodbye
 Ukrainian	привіт	<i>pray-veet</i>	Hello
	добрий день	<i>dob-ree den</i>	Good afternoon
	до побачення	<i>doh poh-bah-chen-yah</i>	Goodbye
 Russian	Привет	<i>Pri-vet</i>	Hello
	добрый день	<i>dobree den</i>	Good afternoon
	до свидания	<i>dos-vee dan-yah</i>	Goodbye
 Welsh	bore da	<i>bore-ray-dah</i>	Good morning
	prynhawn Da	<i>prin-how'n-dah</i>	Good afternoon
	hwy!	<i>hoo-eel</i>	Goodbye

Churnet View's Dougie Mac Cake Sale

We have had a very special day at Churnet View today with a fantastic cake sale organised by our pupil council and prefect team. We have raised an amazing £253.53 for Dougie Mac. Thank you to our parents and carers for their generous donations of delicious cakes. Dougie Mac is a charity that is very close to our pupils and staffs' hearts. We would also like to thank all our pupil council reps and prefects for giving up their lunch and break time to assist the cake sale.



Your 2023-24 Prefect Team

Congratulations to those pupils who were successful in their application to become a prefect. The role of the prefects is pivotal to the maintenance of a positive atmosphere of friendly interaction and unity in the school. They encourage all pupils to adhere to the school rules and are role models to other students. The prefect team consists of 6 senior prefect, 11 farm prefects and general prefects. We had an incredible number of applications, so we want to thank everyone who showed interest to the role.

Best of luck to our 2023-24 Prefect team!



Headteacher's Work of the Week

Below are the names of pupils who have received the Headteacher's Work of the Week award from their subject teachers. Well done to everyone!

Imogen Cope – amazing letter in a Scientific journal

Emily Barker – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Gwen Bates – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Annie Wallace – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Fleur Kirtley – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Aimee-Leigh Millward – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Isabel Stoddart – amazing independent research and homework tasks

Leon Beeston - completed a fantastic piece of History work and worked so hard to make sure that everything was right. He really was a fantastic example to others



Christmas Pantomime

As part of the school's Christmas celebrations this year, and after the success of previous years pantomime trips, we are pleased to offer our pupils the opportunity to attend the matinee performance of *Jack and the Beanstalk* at The Regent Theatre in Hanley.

The performance will take place on **Wednesday 20th December** at 11:00am and will finish at approximately 1:30pm.

The cost of the trip is £18.50. Please note that this includes the ticket for the pantomime alongside transport to and from the event. Children who do not go to the pantomime will need to attend school as normal.

If you would like your child to go to the pantomime, please can you make payment via ParentPay and complete the reply slip – sent out on the letter – as soon as possible or by **Friday 27th October 2023**.

ParentPay link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>



Incredible Dancing

Congratulations to **Rosie Simms**, in year 7, who came third in the Fast Inter Ballroom dance competition held at the Kings Hall in Stoke on Sunday.

Rosie was representing Leek School of Dance where she trains every night!

Well done Rosie from all the staff and pupils at Churnet View Middle School!



Young Writers: This Is Me 2023

Young Writers are holding a new poetry competition for children aged 7-12 years-old.

This Is Me gives every child a chance to shine!

For more information:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/KS2/me23>



500 Words 2023

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till Friday 10th November.

This year, the two age categories will be 5-7 year-olds and 8-11 year-olds.

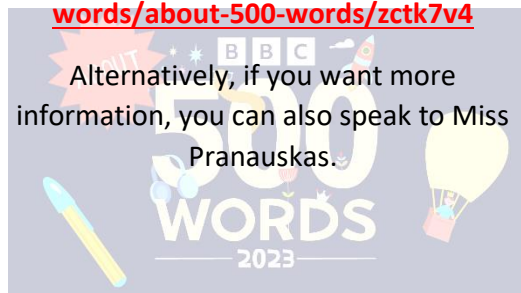
Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to write a story they would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar.

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7th March 2024.

For details on entering and information about what is expected in your stories, please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>

Alternatively, if you want more information, you can also speak to Miss Pranauskas.



P.E. Hoody

The optional P.E. hoodies are available to order from Monday 2nd October via the details below. The price of the hoody is £30 up to an adults small and £32.50 for an adults medium and above, this includes an option if pupils would like to have printed on the front.

We are aware that during winter months, the P.E. rugby top is not always enough to keep pupils warm. By including this alternative piece of kit, pupils can wear up to three layers (t-shirt, rugby top and hoodie). Pupils can use the hoody to travel to and from school on P.E. lesson days and use within some lessons, as allowed by teachers. For games lessons, hoodies will not be allowed to be worn due to health and safety issues.

Pupils will only be allowed to wear the hoodies on the days that they have P.E. and can also use them for fixtures. To order a hoody, please see the details below and follow the instructions for ordering and payment. Please remember to include the initials if you would like them added to your child's hoody.

Hoodies can be ordered via our supplier's website <http://www.schoolsinuniform.co.uk/> under the *Churnet View Middle School* tab.

You can order your hoody from Monday 2nd October with a cut-off date of Sunday 22nd October. After the cut-off date expires, no orders will be able to be made and all orders will be processed and go into production.

Please do not order any other products from the supplier's website on the same order as your hoody, the supplier requires hoodies to be ordered individually.

Due to the hoodies being a bespoke product, the supplier is unable to accept returns or exchanges due to incorrect ordering or sizing issues. A size guide will be visible on the product page to assist with sizing.

Delivery will be made to the school in one bulk delivery roughly 2 weeks after the cut-off date. You will still be required to enter a shipping address at checkout but the supplier is aware that delivery is being made to the school.

If you require any further information, you can contact the supplier directly via email: sales@schoolsuniform.co.uk

If pupils would like to see an example of the hoody, it will be on a mannequin display in the office. Please ensure you order the correct size (samples are available to try on in school) as returns cannot be accepted unless the item is faulty. Please note these hoodies will not be stocked by our uniform suppliers and this is a one-off order so please order by the deadline stated as we will not be able to order any more once the order has been placed. If they are successful, we may repeat the order later in the year or next year.



On Wednesday night, our year 7 and 8 football teams started their campaigns with a home game against James Bateman Middle School.

Year 7

The year 7 team played their first ever game together and started the game in a nervous fashion, falling behind by two goals from fine finishes from the James Bateman midfielder. After this frantic start, the team started to play some beautiful football. **Oli Chell** was unlucky not to divert a cross into the net, whilst **Dylan Sheldon** went close on two occasions with fine strikes. **Louis Venables** was a constant threat to the Bateman backline and hit the post when in on goal and also had another effort well saved. Just as the half time whistle was approaching, James Bateman extended their lead to 0-3 after a long-range effort hit the crossbar and unfortunately struck the Churnet View goalkeeper on the back before going into the net. A change in personnel and shape in the second half saw a more spirited Churnet View compete. Despite this, the team were hit on the counterattack whilst chasing the game and found themselves 5-0 down. Good work by **Dylan Carter** won the home team a penalty in which **Louis Venables** converted. An outstanding strike from distance saw James Bateman add to their lead, before **Dylan Carter** scored a consolation goal after neat work from **Louis Venables**. There were lots of positives to take from the game for the team in which is the starting point of their football journey over the next two years. Mr Simpson said: *"I cannot fault our effort and commitment. Football is all about taking your chances. If we were to take those that we had in the first half and cut out some silly errors, I think we may have got something from the game. I am looking forward to seeing how we develop in our remaining games."*

Final Score: Churnet View 2-6 James Bateman

Year 8

In a fantastic display of teamwork, Churnet View Middle School emerged victorious; a 4-1 win in a match against James Bateman from Biddulph.

From the opening whistle, Churnet View Middle School set the tone, demonstrating their attacking ability with attacks from both wide players. The first goal came early, as striker **Reuben Wright**, dribbled past two defenders and slotted the ball into the back of the net. Churnet added a second goal from **Archie Eaton**, who finished a well worked goal from crosses off **Romea White**. The game went into the half time break at 2-0 to the home side.

However, James Bateman Middle School did not back down easily. Early in the second half, they fought hard and managed to pull a goal back from a quick counter attack off a Churnet corner.

Once the disappointment of conceding a goal had passed, Churnet View quickly re-established control of the match and our midfielders controlled the game, dominating possession and creating opportunities for our forwards. It didn't take long for them to add another goal when **Charlotte Murfin**, scored a brilliant goal after picking up the ball outside the penalty area, dribbling past 3 defenders and slotting home under their goalkeeper.

The icing on the cake came in the dying moments of the match when **Tommie Venables** netted from the penalty spot, securing a well-deserved 4-1 victory for Churnet View Middle School. The final whistle blew, and the players and supporters celebrated their triumphant performance, acknowledging the fantastic teamwork and determination that had brought them this impressive win.

A great start to the campaign, and hopefully, signs of things to come.

Cross Country Fixture

Huge congratulations to our cross country runners who took part in the second cross country race at Westwood College. We had 45 pupils take part across all year groups. who represented the school fantastically, both prior, and during the races. We had numerous stand out performances including: **Lauren Farr** year 5 - coming 4th in a year 5, 6 and 7 race. **Dylan Sheldon** year 7 - coming 3rd and **Joe Walker** year 8 - coming 4th in a year 8 and 9 race.

We couldn't be prouder of the sporting commitment and achievements of our pupils. And we look forward to our next race at the JCB Academy.



Homework Club

Miss Pranauskas will be holding a homework club for our pupils on Tuesday and Friday lunchtime in room 4.

The club is a fantastic opportunity to catch up on homework that needs to be done soon or missed.

No eating, drinking, playing games or silly behaviour will be tolerated in room 4 at this time as it needs to be used as a constructive time.



MyEd

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. This app is free to use.



The National Cipher Challenge 2023

We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to the 22nd National Cipher Challenge, hosted by the School of Mathematical Sciences, University of Southampton. Whether you are new to codebreaking or have previous experience with the National Cipher Challenge, this event promises to provide an engaging and rewarding experience for all participants.

The National Cipher Challenge is an excellent opportunity to develop problem-solving skills and engage with the fascinating world of cryptography. Offering a unique opportunity for pupils to test their cryptographic skills, this challenge provides challenges that range from the relatively simple to more complex cryptograms. It's not just about winning prizes, medals, and certificates; it's about the satisfaction that comes from cracking a challenging cipher.

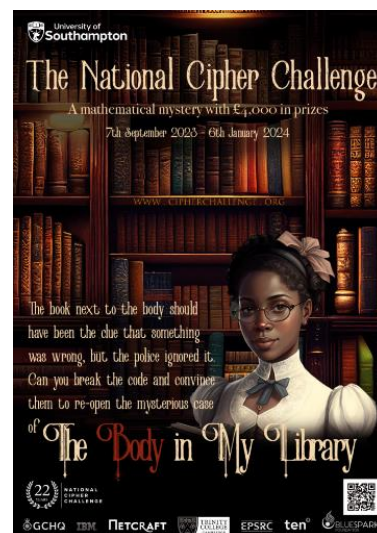
Here are some key details about the competition:

Date: 7th September 2023 – 6th January 2024

Venue: online

Link: <https://www.cipherchallenge.org/>

To find out more about the competition, including registration details and specific challenge information, please visit the official competition website at <https://www.cipherchallenge.org/>



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping: from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s as most contain nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings; vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed to help people stop smoking, the vast majority of vape liquids contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive stimulant, but it can also have detrimental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Nicotine can decrease the ability to pay attention, weaken impulse control, affect mood and increase the likelihood of substance addiction as an adult.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice/e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporates, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be **disposable** (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or **rechargeable** (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on demand). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people tend to view vapes as harmless, mainly because of the products' appearance and the perception (often strengthened on social media) that "vaping is cool" and on trend. In many instances, young people don't fully appreciate the concept of addiction; that is, they aren't adequately aware of the risk of becoming hooked on nicotine before trying a vape.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain 'heavy' metals such as lead, tin, nickel and (in some cases) mercury – all of which are toxic. These metals often take the form of tiny shards inside a device's liquid tank, which are then inhaled into the body. Some media reports have suggested these metals are particularly prevalent in illegally imported vapes which don't comply with UK regulations.

UNCLEAR LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The liquids in vapes also contain solvents, which can create carcinogens at the point of evaporation. Vapes were only introduced into the UK in 2005 – and, because of the relatively short timeframe involved, there is insufficient medical evidence to assess the long-term harms that regular inhalation of these chemical fluids might have on the human body.

ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, frequently echoing the colours and flavours of the sweets or fizzy drinks they're used to buying. There's a relative lack of regulation around vape marketing, and vaping is often depicted positively on social media – which can lead young people to develop favourable views of vaping and overlook the possible harms.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, around 1.3 million disposable vapes go to landfill every week. Due to such significant numbers of these products not being recycled, their components – a lithium battery and a chemical liquid – pose a toxic risk to the environment, the ecosystem and wildlife. Vapes are also predominantly made of plastic and metal; materials that, of course, do not naturally decompose.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems such as tooth decay and gum disease. This is because vaping reduces the amount of saliva in the mouth, while increasing bacteria – resulting in bad breath and a build-up of plaque. There are also concerns that, in some users, vaping could lead to the development of asthma, a persistent cough and breathing difficulties.

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers willing to sell vapes to under-18s is a worry, as the chance of these products being unregulated (and therefore containing illegal chemicals and higher levels of nicotine) is high. A related concern is that the mechanisms inside unregulated products are unlikely to have been tested and safety checked – presenting a possible fire risk if the liquid and battery come into contact.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the ingredients and potentially harmful chemicals in a vape is troubling. Some vape fluids (unregulated in the UK) contain traces of nuts, which can cause an allergic reaction or anaphylactic shock. To date, medical warnings aren't required on vape packaging – with only medical disclaimers being found on the websites of the various brands.

VAGUE INGREDIENTS LISTS

Early research has suggested that the chemicals used to produce some strawberry and banana flavour e-liquids can kill cells in the blood vessels and heart. These ingredients aren't identified on the packaging, instead falling under the umbrella term 'natural and artificial flavourings'. Such vague listings mean that consumers aren't aware of the liquid's content so can't identify potential risks.

Meet Our Expert

Run by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Healthy Schools Service (commissioned by Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council), Catch Your Breath is a school-based project aimed at young people. Its goal is to embed a proactive, coordinated approach among both primary and secondary schools in discouraging smoking and vaping behaviours.



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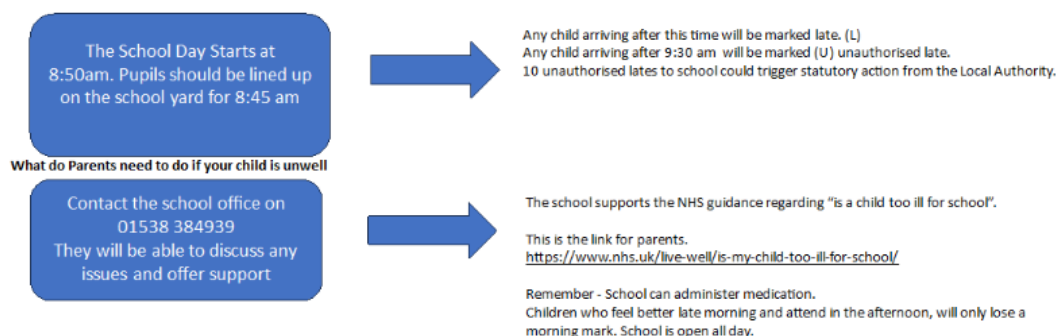
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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW

100% To 96%	Child has had up to 7 days 14 sessions of absence from school.	Attendance is good to excellent
95% To 93%	Child has had up to 13 days 26 sessions of absence from school.	Attendance beginning to cause a concern. Parents could receive a letter advising of our concern. Medical evidence will need to be provided for further absences
92% To 90%	Child has had up to 19 days 38 sessions of absence school.	Attendance is a more significant concern. Parents will be invited to a meeting to discuss concerns. A plan to support absence will be implemented and regularly reviewed.
90% To 85% & below	Child has had up to 29 days 58 sessions of absence from school.	Attendance is a major concern. If absence is unauthorised, a referral may be made to the Local Authority for Statutory Action.

What Parents need to know about the school day



THE SCHOOL SUPPORTS THE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN NOT AUTHORISING LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME. UNLESS IT IS AN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE.

A leave of absence request form from the school office needs to be completed and addressed to the Headteacher.

Well done and thank you!

A big well done to **Jack Pitcher** and **Will Ford**, in year 8, who helped assist Mr Simpson in delivering a P.E. lesson to KS2 pupils at St Bartholomews in Longnor. The boys were exceptional in their sports leadership, delivering well organised activities with good structure!



Well done!



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

Mary Bullivant-Ball
Benjamin Pitcher

Hughes

Ellie Bester
Joseph Harris

Mackenzie

Jacob Roberts

Morpurgo

Esmay Bassett
Finney Wyatt

Palacio

Charlotte Ayre
William Gardiner

Year 6

Carroll

Ella Lyttleton
Stanley Driver

Fletcher

Emma Klackova
Camryn Rytlewski

Noyes

Chloe Hall
Oscar Geyes

Pullman

Lexi Fairhurst
Corey Millward

Rowling

Natasha Dando
Vinnie Lawton

Thompson

Chloe Higginbotham
Zachary Dixon

Year 7

Gibbons

Tyra Richardson
Elijah Doughty-Swift

Hargrave

Betty Mitton
Harry Pickford

Horowitz

Caitlin Webster
Edward Gaskell

Riodan

Imogen Cope
Jacob Lovatt

Sachar

Willow Poyser
Walter Machin

Year 8

Blackman

Arianna Hill
Abood Al-Asbahi

Fountain

Saffron Goodenough
Joe Walker

Hill

Imy Nicholls
Thomas Saunders

Stevenson

Macey Cope Noah Pickford

Stoker

Darcie Szpala Logan Howson-Probert

Zephaniah

Fe Sharratt Charlie Smith