

Churnet View Newsletter

Message from our Head Teacher, Mr Fryer

Welcome to the Spring Term!

We've been looking forward to this part of the year and seeing pupils return to school. We hope that you have enjoyed the Christmas break and pupils are refreshed and ready to face the new term. As there has been a two-week break from school, they will be some key information about behaviour, attendance and uniform throughout the next few newsletters (or you can view the January Expectations letter that was sent home recently).



Multiply Project

We are excited to offer pupils and parents/carers a unique opportunity to enhance your maths skills and support your child's education through our Multiply Project *Figure It Out* hosted by Buxton and Leek College.

The goal is to provide a supportive and inclusive learning environment for both parents and children. These sessions are designed to help you brush up on key maths skills and familiarise yourself with the methods taught in schools, so you can better assist your children with their maths homework.

Venue: All sessions will be held every Tuesday starting on the 16th January 2024 at Churnet View Middle School.

Session 1 – 4.00pm till 4.45pm

Session 2 – 5.00pm till 5.45pm

The sessions are free to attend and if you are interested, we kindly request you to complete the registration form to register your interest. Once we have received all the entries, we will send a separate email to confirm your place in the sessions. Please keep an eye on your inbox for this confirmation.

Please register your interest here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/14q4LNpxFg>

Book Club

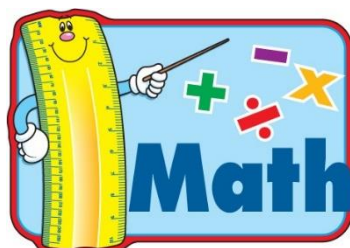
Book Club will be continuing this term, with Miss Biddlecombe-Hawes, for pupils in all year groups. Book Club takes place after-school, on a Wednesday, in the TLC. This is a great opportunity for pupils to read for pleasure and improve their reading skills!



Maths Club

Maths Club will be continuing this term, with Miss Biddlecombe-Hawes, for year 5 and year 6 pupils. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to improve their Maths skills.

Maths Club will take place in the TLC on Thursday mornings (for year 5) and Friday mornings (for year 6).



Important Dates

February half-term:
Monday 12th February
– Friday 16th February

Easter half-term:
Monday 25th March –
Friday 5th April

May Day: Monday 6th
May

Summer half-term:
Monday 27th May –
Friday 31st May

Summer holiday:
Monday 22nd July –
Friday 30th August

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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/>

Spring Term 1 Extra-Curricular Activities

Below is our updated timetable for the new term's extra-curricular activities.

For the Hockey club, pupils require a letter from Mr Simpson. Places on the mini-bus are allocated for year 8.

Pupils require a long sleeve top for soft archery.

For all lunchtime clubs, pupils need to arrive at the fitness suite for 12.45. Year 5 have a new lunchtime club called *boxercise* with Mr Simpson. This is limited to the first 15 pupils.

As will all after-school clubs, pupils must fill out an online form and change into their P.E. kits afterschool.

Clubs will start the week commencing the 15th January

P.E DEPARTMENT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SPRING TERM 1



	AM (8.15-8.45)	Lunch (12.45-1.15)	PM (3.40-4.45)
Monday	Year 5 Table Tennis – Hall / Mr Wheeldon	House Games-Alternative Years	Girls Basketball-All Years (Mr Wheeldon)
Tuesday	Year 6 Table Tennis – Hall / Mr Wheeldon	Outdoor Table Tennis Year 8 Fitness- Miss Hickling	All Years Hockey at Leek High (Limited places on mini-bus for year 8- See Mr Simpson for a letter) KS3 Basketball (Mr Wheeldon + Mr Coates)
Wednesday	Year 7 Table Tennis – Hall / Mr Wheeldon	Outdoor Table Tennis Year 6 Fitness- Mr Heath	Indoor Athletics – All years (Mr Coates) Cheerleading – KS2 (Miss Goodwin)
Thursday	Year 8 Table Tennis – Hall / Mr Wheeldon	Outdoor Table Tennis Year 5 Boxercise – Fitness Suite	All Years Gymnastics – Miss Hickling Soft Archery – Mr Wheeldon
Friday	Open Years Table Tennis – Hall / Mr Wheeldon	Year 7 Fitness – Mr Simpson	X

Amazing Achievement!

A big well done from staff and pupils at Churnet View goes to **Leah Williams** who recently got picked at a showcase in December for the *Junior Potential Award* at Leek School of Dance.

A very big well done, Leah!



What Children & Young People Need to Know about **FREE VS HATE SPEECH**

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's *not* the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to those around us, rather than making offensive and threatening remarks. That's called 'hate speech' and knowing the difference is incredibly important.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's theories were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin, even today. A frequent exchange of ideas is vitally important for a healthy society.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having *ours* challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Freedom of expression includes the right *not* to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal. By law, nobody can force you to say anything you don't want to.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote, decent working conditions or same-sex marriage – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – that negatively targets a group or an individual because they are perceived to be different in some way. Demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes...

Targeting people or groups because of a protected characteristic – like race, gender identity, sexuality, nationality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on the same characteristics: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example. Separating the target from other human beings is usually an attempt to justify the speaker's bigotry.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions. Suggesting that a certain group should be removed from society could be seen as a call to arms, for example – potentially putting people from that group in danger.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way. This kind of thinking is always incorrect – but can be incredibly harmful to the group in question.

Spreading damaging misinformation about a person or group that the speaker views as "different" – essentially, trying to turn others against them by lying. Someone might claim that a recent tragedy is the fault of this entire group, when this is simply not possible.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are. This has been illegal in the UK for a long time – but some people still try to promote the exclusion of others, which can cause a huge amount of distress.

Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses, a collective of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the DEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

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Young Writers Competition: Through their Eyes 2024

Through Their Eyes gives pupils the opportunity to step into somebody else's life and write a poem about what they imagine their thoughts, feelings and experiences are. It encourages them to exercise both imagination and empathy and can also spark debate and discussion.

Pupils can write from the point of view of anyone or anything. For example:

- A book character to show their understanding of the text they're studying
 - The secret life of a pet
 - A historical figure
- The inner thoughts of an inanimate object
 - Their idol or hero
- Someone going through hardship (e.g. war, bullying, poverty)

Through Their Eyes is ideal for 11-18-year olds, but students outside of this age range are welcome to enter as well.

To enter, please email your child's entry along with their name and full address to competitions@youngwriters.co.uk

Or you can upload their entry at www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/enter

Closing date is 16th February 2024.



"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing." - Walt Disney

Uniform Expectations

Please see the below links and information on our school uniform expectations with the examples of the type of uniform that should be worn.

<https://cvm.ttlit.org.uk/transition/feeder-school-pack-2/uniform-and-expectations/>

<https://cvm.ttlit.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2020/01/Acceptable-uniform-images.pdf>

Please be aware that if it is not a P.E. day for your child, then leggings are not acceptable. If your child comes to school wearing incorrect items of uniform, please expect to be contacted to bring in the correct uniform for them to wear. Please take the time to look at the information if you have not already. We aim to work closely with parents/carers to ensure that uniform expectations are met.

Mrs Jukes, Mrs Dow and Mr Edwards will work closely with parents if any adjustments to uniform is necessary in line with SEND needs. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the school office and they will direct you to the most appropriate member of staff for support.

Win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway!

Support your favourite good cause this month, and you could win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway – or just take the cash! A cabin in the Lakes, a luxury spa break, a West-End musical weekend, or jump on the Eurostar for a European escape: the choice is yours – so start 2024 off the right way! Get your tickets before Saturday 27th January for your chance to win!

To buy tickets:

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



Core Value Winners

The following pupils were awarded the most Core Value points for the week commencing the 8th January 2024. Well done to all the below mentioned pupils!

Year 5

Dahl

Lorenzo Vigorito
Poppy Walmlsey

Hughes

Maddison Drury
George Redfern

Mackenzie

Savanna Grindey-Conway
Travis Richardson

Morpurgo

Sophie Stretton
Ronnie Williams

Palacio

Lottie Scragg
Adam Knight

Year 7

Gibbons

Elle-Mai Bourne-James
Jack Eaton

Hargrave

Fleur Kirtley
Callum Rhodes

Horowitz

Maisey Farnell
Lenny Hibbitts

Riodan

Gwen Bates
Joseph Shallcross

Sachar

Lexi Cooper
Isambard Hodgkinson-Lee

Year 6

Carroll

Ella Lyttleton
Huw Davies

Fletcher

Hollie Hine
Aiden Barks

Noyes

Bryn Breeze-Morgan

Pullman

Lexi Fairhurst
Connor Brown

Rowling

Eviee Eastlake

Thompson

Molly Hancock
Leo Evans

Year 8

Blackman

Libby-Mai Pickford
Ashton Hambleton

Fountain

Aoife Clancy
Peter Cottam

Hill

Naomi Parton
Ryan Hall

Stevenson

Ruby Andrews
Taylor Eyre

Stoker

Caitlin Campbell
Alfie Ferns

Zephaniah

Leah Sims
Joseph Mellor