

Churnet View Newsletter

Perfect 5 For the Year 8 Basketball Team

Congratulations to the year 8 basketball team who last night recorded a 22-15 victory over Paisley Catholic College. The result means that the team have remained unbeaten throughout this half term, winning all five games!

Not only did the team record a brilliant victory, they also saved their best performance until last, producing some excellent individual and team plays.

The team performance was built upon a strong defensive foundation with **Eliza Crooks**, **Alec Prime**, **Ted Eaton** and **Sam Riley** proving to a strong rear-guard against a team with a noticeable height advantage. During the first quarter, Churnet View raced into the lead with **Olly Clamp** landing some excellent hoops and **Dylan Sheldon** producing some excellent rebound baskets, whilst **Charlotte Murfin** displayed some excellent shooting under pressure. The second quarter saw the team extend their lead to a 14-6 lead with **Callum Coates** making some intricate passes to support his teams' attacks. A drop in tempo saw the team get pegged back to 15-13 in the third quarter, before excellent passing and link up play by **Tommie Venables** saw the team score a further 7 baskets and complete another hard-fought victory. Well done team on a fantastic season!



"The Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. Maybe Christmas, he thought...doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps...means a little bit more!"
- Dr. Seuss



Message from our Headteacher, Mr Fryer:

It won't be long until the last day of this Autumn term is over and Christmas is well and truly upon us. Although it has felt like a really long term, it has still been an incredibly enjoyable one. Across the week, before we break up, pupils will be involved in celebration events, craft making, a trip to the pantomime (for some) and a variety of other activities. During our last week of 2023, it will be our job to continue to educate, serve and safeguard, whilst managing the excitement and range of emotions children can experience at this time of year. Whilst we want Christmas to be a fun and happy time of year, we are aware that for some this is not the case. So, whilst we are still in school, if you need any support or signposting for support and you think we could be of help, then please do contact us.

I wanted to say thank you to all of my team who work so hard and are so talented in the way that they teach, support and guide children to be the very best versions of themselves. Thank you to you: our parents, carers and members of this wonderful community for your ongoing support and for all the partnership working you undertake with us.

Important Dates

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

Inset day: Monday 8th
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/>



**DAYS UNTIL
CHRISTMAS:**



2024 Admissions

Admissions to Middle School are OPEN. Please visit the weblink below to apply for your Middle School place. The deadline for admission applications is 15th January 2024. Don't forget that pupils joining us in Year 5 in September 2024 will be eligible for a free school blazer. Further information about this will follow after National Offers Day.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/.../Apply/Overview.aspx>

Leek CSOB U12's

The P.E. department would like to say a big well done to **Jayden Lovatt**, in year 7, who produced a brilliant performance at the weekend for his team, Leek CSOB U12's. As well as making a string of top-quality saves, Jayden even managed to top this off with a penalty save ensuring his team came away with a victory and clean sheet! Jayden has worked tirelessly to improve his performances, and this has included dedicating himself to extra goalkeeper training. Well done Jayden!



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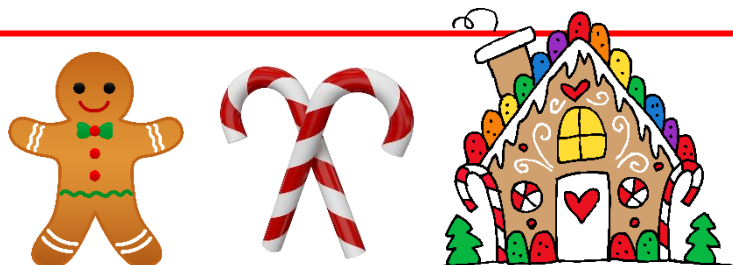
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- Chance to win up to £25,000
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Supporters must be 18 years of age or older. Enter by 23/12/2023. GambleAware



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X2 teaching assistant apprenticeship. For more information please follow the link.

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/.../1000217492>

To apply please go to our website

<https://cvm.ttlit.org.uk/about/job-vacancies/>



Miss Johnson's Crafts Club

This week, Miss Johnson's Crafts club have been getting into the festive spirit by making a Christmas paper chain. Miss Johnson was really impressed by their creative, crafty skills. Pictured below is **Emily Barker**, **George Redfern** and **Felicity Cope**.



12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



The National College



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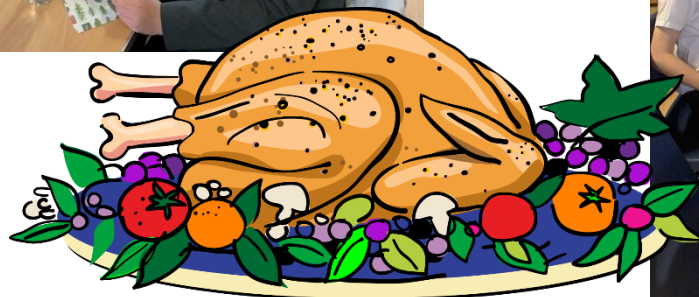
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Christmas Dinner for Lunch

This week, The Pantry hosted our annual Christmas lunch. KS2 were helped to their slice of Christmas on Tuesday and KS3 tucked into their turkey on Wednesday. The delicious main course was a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey, stuffing, brussels sprouts and all of the trimmings! For those who had any room left, the tantalising choices were: Christmas pudding, trifle and beautiful Christmassy decorated biscuits and cakes!





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THURSDAY
11TH JANUARY 2024
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together with your contact
number, address and which
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interested in

STARTING WEDNESDAY
10TH JANUARY 2024
CHEADLE FIRE STATION
9.30AM - 11.30AM

For professionals - please
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referral form and send to the
above email

STARTING THURSDAYS
11TH JANUARY 2024
ALL SAINTS PRIMARY
SCHOOL, LEEK
9.30AM - 11.30AM

