

Churnet View Newsletter

Behaviour Commitments

As shared with you previously, pupils and staff have developed the school behaviour commitments. They are:

Be safe, be kind, be ready, be respectful and be the best that you can be.

We ask that you support us with reinforcing our behaviour commitments which seek to prepare pupils for life after school. The focus is on positive relationships and making the best effort that they can with all areas of school life. A copy of the posters shared with pupils around school can be found on our school's website.

<https://cvm.ttl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2023/05/Behaviour-policy-22-23.pdf>

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

January						
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Inter-house Sports Competition

The fifth inter-house event took place during Monday's lunchtime this week. This time, it was the year 8's turn to try and win another piece of their house badges.

Congratulations to **Kukulkan** who were the eventual winners of the year 8 Netball Football tournament, and have now filled half their house badge. The year 8 Sports Council used a game that they had invented in our recent Sports Leadership topic, and it was welcomed by all the participants.

Well done to **Sam Riley** and **Jack Gliddon** for coming up with the game and leading it at lunch.



Inter-House Sports

Fill your house badge
to win.

Each tournament win earns your
house a section of their badge



Gaia

Odin

Kukulkan

Durga

Author Group Attendance Winners

The winning Author Groups for last week are...

1st place: Mackenzie with 100%

2nd place: Pullman with 99.34%

3rd place: Rowling with 99.22%

Very well done to these Author Groups!



Attendance and Punctuality

Please see out attendance policy on the school website:

<https://cvm.ttl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2022/12/Attendance-policy-2020-21-1-v2.pdf>

We know that some absences from school are unavoidable and we would like to thank you with your ongoing support in trying to book any form of appointment outside of school hours where possible.

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:

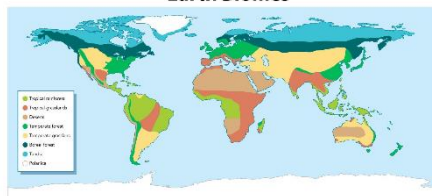
<https://www.instagram.com/churnetviewmiddleschool/>

Year 6 Biome Project

Year 6 have impressed and amazed us all with their amazing biome creations which they've made as part of their current Geography learning journey. Here are some wonderful examples.



Earth Biomes





Swimming Team

Huge congratulations to our U11 and U13 swimming team, who yesterday competed in the Staffordshire Moorlands Swimming Gala at Biddulph Leisure Centre. The pupils competed in a range of different races, including team relays, individual races and medleys. The team displayed fantastic skill, effort and desire in a challenging and, for some, new environment. A massive well done to **Jennifer Brough** who won her individual 25m breaststroke race. We are very proud of you all!



No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Holidays Reminder

Pupils have 13 weeks holiday per academic year. Holidays during term-time should be avoided as this can have detrimental impact on a pupil's progress.

Things to remember:

- If your child is going to be absent from school it is vital for safeguarding reasons that you contact school for each day of your child's absence.
- Holidays during term-time are not considered an exceptional circumstance.
- If your child's percentage attendance reaches 93%, you will have to provide medical evidence for every absence.
- If your child has been absent but is starting to feel better, send them in. School can give out medication if necessary.
- Bereavements of a close family member are considered an exceptional circumstance.
- Religious observations are often considered, but only for the ceremony and travelling time – and not extended leave – this is a one-off situation and cannot be classed as a regular event.

MyEd App

MyEd is the best way to stay in contact with us at Churnet View Middle School. The MyEd app is a **free** messaging service which will come directly to and from the school.

We use this app to send out information regarding your child for example any letters, information regarding dinner money, snow closures and any other important information. This is our only way to send out emails and text messages to parents.



Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which approximates to this number of weeks being missed	Which means this number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosey around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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NSPCC Number Day: 2nd February 2024

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday, 2nd February 2024.

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

This year, we're making maths enjoyable with a creative twist inspired by the renowned artist Paul Klee. Known for his unique approach with the simplicity of children's art, Klee's influence is the focal point of our Number Day. Encourage your child to unleash their creativity by crafting a Paul Klee-inspired masterpiece. Using triangles, rectangles, squares, and circles, they can design their own castle or city scene. The attached document provides detailed instructions and inspiration. This isn't just homework; it's a chance for meaningful, mindful engagement with your child. Explore different shapes and their properties together, fostering a positive attitude towards maths. Submissions are due by Friday, 26th January. Our artist judges will announce the winners on Friday, 2nd February, during the Number Day celebration. Prizes await the most imaginative creations.

In addition to this, we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

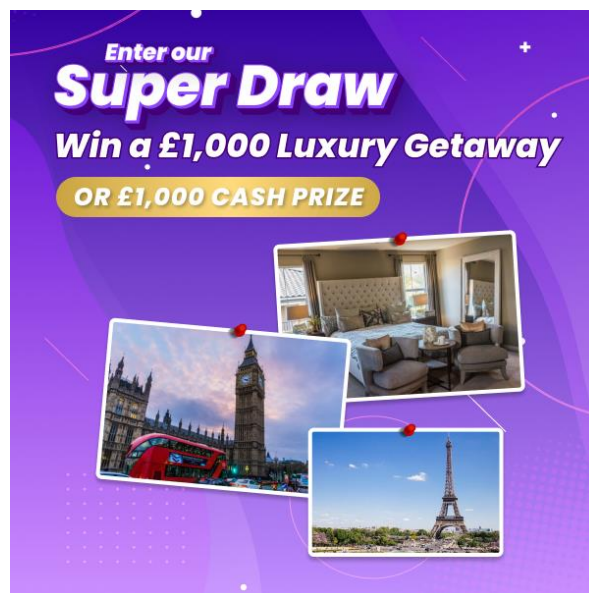
To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for donations, to be made via ParentPay and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Your support means the world to us. We eagerly anticipate the joy and learning that Number Day will bring to Churnet View Middle School.



Win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway

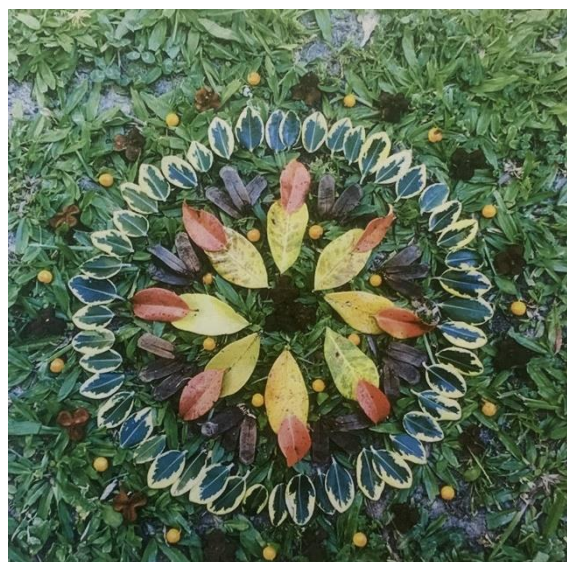
Support your favourite good cause this month, and you could win a £1,000 Luxury Getaway - or just take the cash! A cabin in the Lakes, a luxury spa break, a West-End musical weekend, or jump on the Eurostar for a European escape: the choice is yours – so start 2024 off the right way! Get your tickets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

To enter: <https://shorturl.at/ilBLO>



Amazing Art!

Mrs Balderstone would like to say a big well done to **Dylan Sheldon** for achieving the Headteachers Work of the Week award for his homework inspired by the English sculptor and photography Andy Goldsworthy OBE. The year 7's have recently been looking at natural forms during their art lessons. Below is Dylan's fantastic work inspired by Goldsworthy's art.



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

Leah Williams
Ben Pitcher

Hughes

Joseph Harris

Mackenzie

Ava Thomas
Freddie Critchlow

Morpurgo

Poppy Hicks
James Brady

Palacio

Esmay Bassett
Olly Edmonds

Year 7

Gibbons

Maddi Medgyesy
Alfie Brindley

Hargrave

Milena Harasim
George Harvey

Horowitz

Imogen Arfield
Edward Gaskell

Riodan

Isla Burmeister
Sam Cruxton

Sachar

Leah Thompson
Albie Machin

Year 6

Carroll

Holly Fearn
Felix Silito

Fletcher

Holly Garlick
Camryn Howley

Noyes

Penny Shenton
Oscar Gayes

Pullman

Ffion Bird
Corey Millward

Rowling

Summer Birch
Harry Hall

Thompson

Enzo Kidd
Jack Webster

Year 8

Blackman

Arianna Hill
Oscar Blackburn

Fountain

Madeleine Redfern
Joe Walker

Hill

Daisy Wardman
Flynn Clulow

Stevenson

Mya Salt
Callum Coates

Stoker

Edie Lewis
Archie Perrins

Zephaniah

Fe Sharratt
Stephen Barlow