

Churnet View Newsletter

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Churnet View!

Message from our Head Teacher, Mr Fryer:

To all our parents and carers.

Thank you for all the support you have provided us with in 2023. We look forward to working in partnership with you in 2024 too.

Whatever your plans are over Christmas, from everyone at Churnet View Middle School, we wish you and your family the very best, and hope that you have a happy new year!



A very big thank you!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book from our book fayre. We have raised an amazing total of £230.89 for new books for the school!

Congratulations!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
WHO ATTENDED OUR
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR.**

Together we have raised, £230.89
for our school to spend on **FREE BOOKS**

 **SCHOLASTIC**

Pantomime Trip

On Wednesday, pupils and staff enjoyed the first of the festive celebrations by visiting the Regent Theatre to watch *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Pupils were taken on a giant adventure where they climbed a gigantic beanstalk and were taken to cloudland.

Pupils behaved impeccably and had lots of fun. We couldn't be prouder of the way they represented Churnet View.



Your School Lottery

There is still time to buy a ticket(s) in the Your School Lottery Super Draw where you can win a £3,000 Christmas cash bonus!

To support our school and buy a ticket, please click on the following link:

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

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/>

3 DAYS

UNTIL CHRISTMAS



Amazing Achievement

Bethany Bostock recently attended her first horse riding show and jumping competition where she received third place. This is a fantastic achievement for both Bethany and Raspberry, her pony, who was very sick earlier this year and had life-saving surgery which meant that Raspberry couldn't be ridden until September. The two are gradually getting back to working together, and it has obviously paid off. Well done Bethany, and well done Raspberry!



We're so proud of you!

Staff and pupils at Churnet View Middle School would like to say a very big well done to **Fletcher Mellor** who recently won gold in the boys' development class. Fletcher performed a floor, parallel bars and vault routine.

He also took place in his very first swimming gala, back in November, where he achieved bronze in the 50m race and achieved a personal best time.

Well done, Fletcher!



Sensational Swimming

A very big well done to **Alex King** who was awarded *Junior Squad 1 Achievement Top Boy* at his swimming club awards evening. We can't wait to see how well you do in the future with your swimming. Keep up the hard work, Alex!



Superb Swimming

Miss Hickling, along with the P.E. department, would like to say a very big well done to **Jennifer Brough** who recently competed in 4 swimming races. Jennifer had 2 wins overall in both the 100m breast and individual medley races. Not only this, but Jennifer was able to get 3 county times in the 100m breast, 50m breast and 50m butterfly. Well done Jennifer!



Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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End of Term Awards

On Monday and Tuesday, we celebrated our pupils' achievements by holding our KS2 and KS3 rewards assemblies. Heads of year 5, 6, 7 and 8 presented the awards to the winners who received a certificate and a non-school uniform voucher.

Well done to everyone who received an award. Keep up all the incredible hard work and dedication!



Year 5 individual Core Values Award: awarded to those pupils who achieved the most Core Values this term



Year 5 Author Group nominations



Year 5 Core Value winners: awarded to pupils who were nominated as having the most improved confidence, being the most caring, friendliest, the best independent learner, the best communicator, the best collaborator, best effort in reading, best effort with their writing, best effort in maths and best effort in Science



Year 5 best effort in History, French, Geography, Art, Design Technology and Music



Year 5 P.E. awards (left to right): most progress made, inspiration in Sports, sports personality, commitment to extra-curricular



Year 5 Head of Year award & Head Teacher award



Year 5 Most words read award



Year 5 Most improved reader award



Year 6 individual Core Values Award: awarded to those pupils who achieved the most Core Values this term



Year 6 Author Group nominations



Year 6 Core Value winners: awarded to pupils who were nominated as having the most improved confidence, being the most caring, friendliest, the best independent learner, the best communicator, the best collaborator, best effort in reading, best effort with their writing, best effort in maths and best effort in Science



Year 6 best effort in History, French, Geography, Art, Design Technology and Music



Year 6 P.E. awards (left to right): sports personality, commitment to extra-curricular, inspiration in Sports, most progress made

Year 6 Most words read award



Year 6 Head of Year award & Head Teacher award



Year 6 Most improved reader award



Year 7 individual Core Values Award: awarded to those pupils who achieved the most Core Values this term



Year 7 Author Group nominations



Year 7 Head of Year award & Head Teacher award



Year 7 P.E. awards (left to right): sports personality, commitment to extra-curricular, inspiration in Sports, most progress made



Year 7 best effort in Art, Design Technology and Music



Year 7 Core Value winners: awarded to pupils who were nominated as having the most improved confidence, being the most caring, friendliest, the best independent learner, the best communicator, the best collaborator, best effort in reading, best effort with their writing, best effort in maths and best effort in Science



Year 7 Most improved reader award



Year 7 Most words read award

Year 8 individual Core Values award: Milly Egerton, Madeleine Redfern, Naomi Parton, Cora Etches, Jack Pitcher, Leah Sims, Oscar Blackburn, Robert Savage, Ryan Hall, Taylor Eyre, Eliza Crooks and Stephen Barlow

Author group nominations: Stacey Edwards, Violet Woodward, Will Ford, Amy Reeves, Edie Lewis and Lily Hicks

Most improved confidence: Evelyn Ryan

Most caring: Stevie Swindells

Friendliest: Barney Wood

Best independent learner: Hannah Pointon and Stephen Barlow

Best communicator: Maisie Morris

Best collaborator: Jack Pitcher and Joe Mellor

Best effort in reading: Alec Prime

Most improved writer: Ashton Hambleton

Most improved in Maths: Madeleine Redfern

Most improved in Science: Lola Errico

Best effort in Art: Peter Cottam

Best effort in DT: Stephen Barlow

Best effort in Music: Elodie Wells

Most words read: Amber Brough, Robert Savage, Abigail Blaymires, Amy Reeves, Connie Lee and Lexie Wakefield

Most improved reader: Romea White, Teresa Holland, Jaxon Langham, Alex Klacko, Taylor Shenton and Evie Powley

Sports leaders: Sam Riley

Inspiration in sports: Aoife Clancy

Most progress made: Romea White

Sports personality: Jack Gliddon

Head of year award: Mollie Clewes and Harrison Grandjean-Willis

Head Teacher award: Daisy Wardman

Christmas Showjumping

Staff and pupils would like to say a big well done to **Mollie Hulme** and **Kiera Corbishley** who, at the weekend, participated in Christmas showjumping at Beaver Hall.

Kiera placed 1st and 2nd on her pony, Nibbles. Mollie placed 4th and 6th on her pony, Lenny. Kiera and Mollie also took part in the Horse and Hound class where they were placed 1st with Frankie the dog and Nibbles the pony.

