

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.ttlit.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

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Young Voices

70 Churnet View pupils will be going to sing in the Young Voices concert at the AO Arena Manchester on the 5th of February to sing in a 5,000 strong choir to an audience of 15,000. The pupils have worked incredibly hard learning the 10 songs for the concert, and we hope they have an amazing day!



Author Group Attendance Winners

The winning Author Groups for last week are...

1st place: Hughes with 99.52%

2nd place: Noyes with 99.13%

3rd place: Gibbons with 98.46%

Very well done to these Author Groups!



We Are Hiring!

We're recruiting for a morning or afternoon cleaner. 10 hours a week. Mornings are 6:00 – 8:00 am and/or afternoons are 3:45pm – 5:45pm. £11.59 per hour. The application deadline is Friday 9th February 2024. Interviews will be held the week commencing the 12th February 2024. For more information, please following the link to our website:

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



Attendance and Punctuality

Please see out attendance policy on the school website:

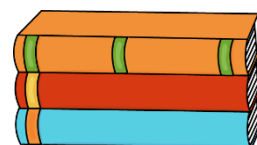
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We know that some absences from school are unavoidable and we would like to thank you with your ongoing support in trying to book any form of appointment outside of school hours where possible.

Donations

We are accepting donations of any children's books that are in good condition. If you have any that you wish to donate, please hand these in at reception and then we can add them into our library collection.

Thank you!



GOING WILD!

For Random Acts of Kindness Week

Free 1 week course starting Sunday 11th February 2024! For families in Staffordshire, with children of all ages.

Be kind to yourself, others and the planet!

The course is made up of two parts:

1.) Going Wild Event at Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase, WS12 4PW - Sunday 11th February 1pm - 4pm - Fun, hands-on nature themed activities to celebrate RAOKW! Make bird feeders, medals or try woodland yoga. Pick up your pack (including your free sapling!) to then complete at home over the following week.

2.) It's Over to You - Take on the kindness challenge and complete all seven acts of kindness throughout the following week. There will be online resources to help you and inspire further acts of kindness! Your family will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the course!

For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com



HOW ON EARTH?

Free 4 week online course starting Monday 19th February 2024. For families in Staffordshire with children aged 4-16

Families are guided through fun, flexible, hands-on activities to open up conversations about climate change, connections with nature and making small, sustainable changes.

You will receive a weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you. From waste free picnics, to upcycling projects to forest bathing, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family.



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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.

Number Day 2024

Rooftop Studios

Rooftop Studios are a local performing arts school in Leek. They are holding auditions next month for their upcoming production of *Annie* which is taking place at the Mitchell Arts Centre, Hanley in October.

Auditions are open to anyone between the ages of 10-18. In particular, they are looking for male students who are strong singers/actors aged around 13+ to play the role of Daddy Warbucks.

Audition workshops will be taking place on February 3rd and 10th between 2pm – 5pm where they will be taking the audition pieces and allowing the students to get familiar with the show, and auditions will take place the first week back after half-term (February 24th).

If interested in auditioning, please register via the email: Leek@RooftopStudios.co.uk

Show dates: October 13th – 16th 2024 at the Mitchell Arts Centre, Hanley.

Rooftop Studios nurture talent in a safe and friendly environment with a real family vibe. All classes are taught by professionals who are experts in their field offering a wealth of first-hand industry knowledge to their students. Their teachers are fully insured, DBS checked and paediatric first aid trained.

This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in singing, acting or dancing to experience performing in a full-scale production in a professional theatre. Performing Arts is a very exciting and fun hobby that can also be extremely valuable to students' development. Not only will they benefit from the creative side of the class, but essential life skills such as teamwork, self-discipline, confidence and public speaking will be developed allowing students to thrive in all aspects of their life!



Sensational Swimming

A big well done to **Jennifer Brough** who last weekend competed in the Staffordshire County swimming championships.

Jennifer was representing Biddulph ASC and swam at Sandwell Aquatics centre (formally used for the Commonwealth Games) and competed in 50m breast, 50m butterfly and 100m breaststroke races.

Jennifer was brilliant and displayed outstanding effort and ability, finishing in 7th place in breast stroke. Well done Jennifer!



U13 Hockey Derby Draw

The U13 hockey team took part in a friendly match on Thursday night against local neighbours, St. Edwards. Our team raced into a 3-0 lead in the first third with two goals from **Jacob Lovatt** and another from **Logan Howson-Probert**. St Edwards found their way back into the game, scoring twice quickly in the second third, before equalising just into the last period. Some excellent saves from **Sam Riley** provided any further goals being scored whilst Churnet View were close to not winning the game right at the end of time. A good workout and some excellent play. Well done!





February 14th  your journey to School

Air Pollution and lack of activity are two of the major causes of heart disease in the UK

**Join us for St Valentine's Day
This February**

Before Half Term choose an active travel journey to school or Park and Stride for at least one day!

160,000 people die prematurely each year due to exposure to air pollution



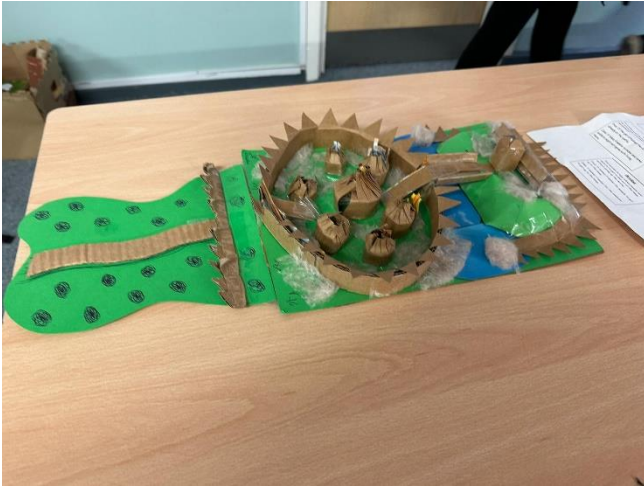
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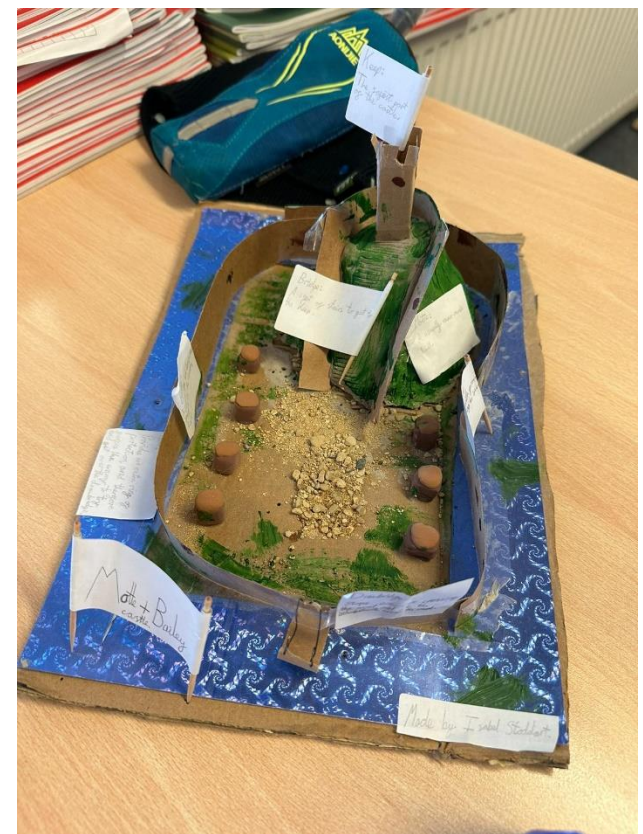
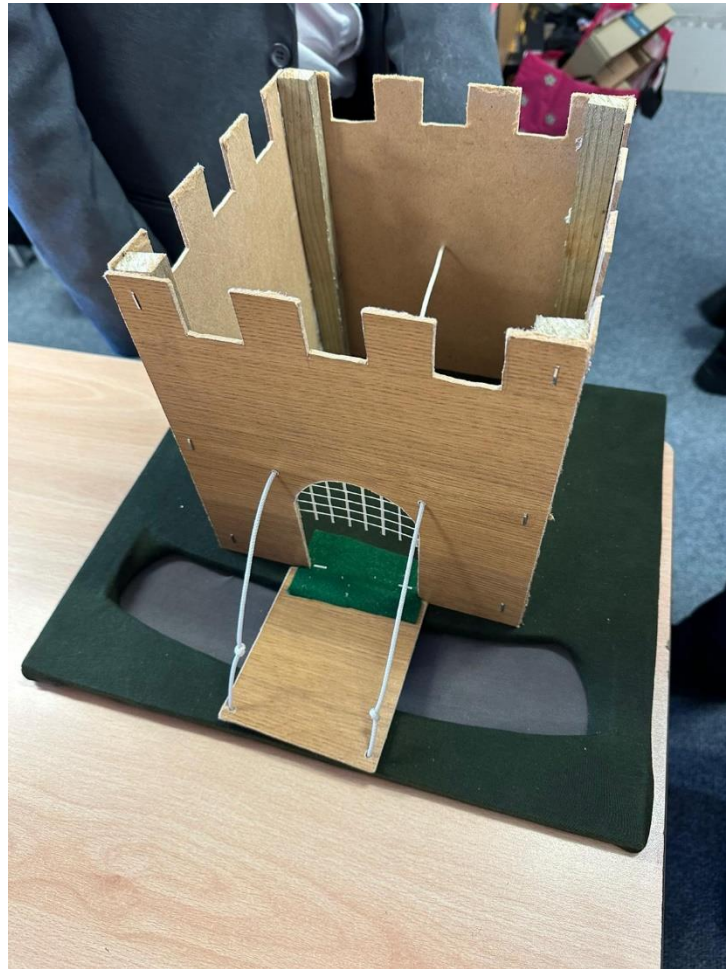
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Year 7 Castle Project

Year 7 have been working incredibly hard in History recently. To help them support their castles work, they were given the homework of making their own strong castle designs. They certainly didn't disappoint! Pictured are just a small selection of some of the amazing homework projects they did. Well done, year 7! Keep up the amazing work.





What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in flirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or WiFi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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Core Value Winners

The following pupils were awarded the most Core Value points for the week commencing the 22nd January 2024. Well done to all the below mentioned pupils!

Year 5

Dahl

Mary Bullivant-Ball

Hughes

Alesha Mills

Jacob Gould

Mackenzie

Ava Matthews

Riley Chadwick

Morpurgo

Maisey Alder

Oliver Crowhurst

Palacio

Leah Boulton

Joey Mace

Year 7

Gibbons

Loeisha Venables

Elijah Doughty-Swift

Hargrave

Emily Barker

Sam Shaw

Horowitz

Aimee Leigh Millward

Dylan Carter

Riodan

Charlotte Farr

Monty Gardner

Sachar

Lexi Cooper

Walter Machin

Year 6

Carroll

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Henry Barratt

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Eva Bloor

Alfie Buxton

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Mollie Hulme

George Moss

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Jessica Dale

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Ellie Beddows

Oliver Keates

Year 8

Blackman

Milly Egerton

Michael Heyes

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Violet Woodward

George Evans

Hill

Mollie Clews

Cody Hansen

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Macey Cope

Jack Crombie

Stoker

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