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Friday 8th July 2022 Newsletter

Dates for the next two weeks in school

Mon 11th July	Tues 12th July	Wed 13th July	Thurs 14th July	Fri 15th July
Week 3 Menu	Sports Day Yr6 Leavers Play	Year 6 Leavers Play		Year 6 Leavers Party
Mon 18th July	Tues 19th July	Wed 20th July	Thurs 21st July	Fri 22nd July
Week 1 Menu	Year 6 Leavers Service	Last day of term	School closed	School closed

RESERVE SPORTS DAY - Tuesday 12th July Information and timings [here](#)

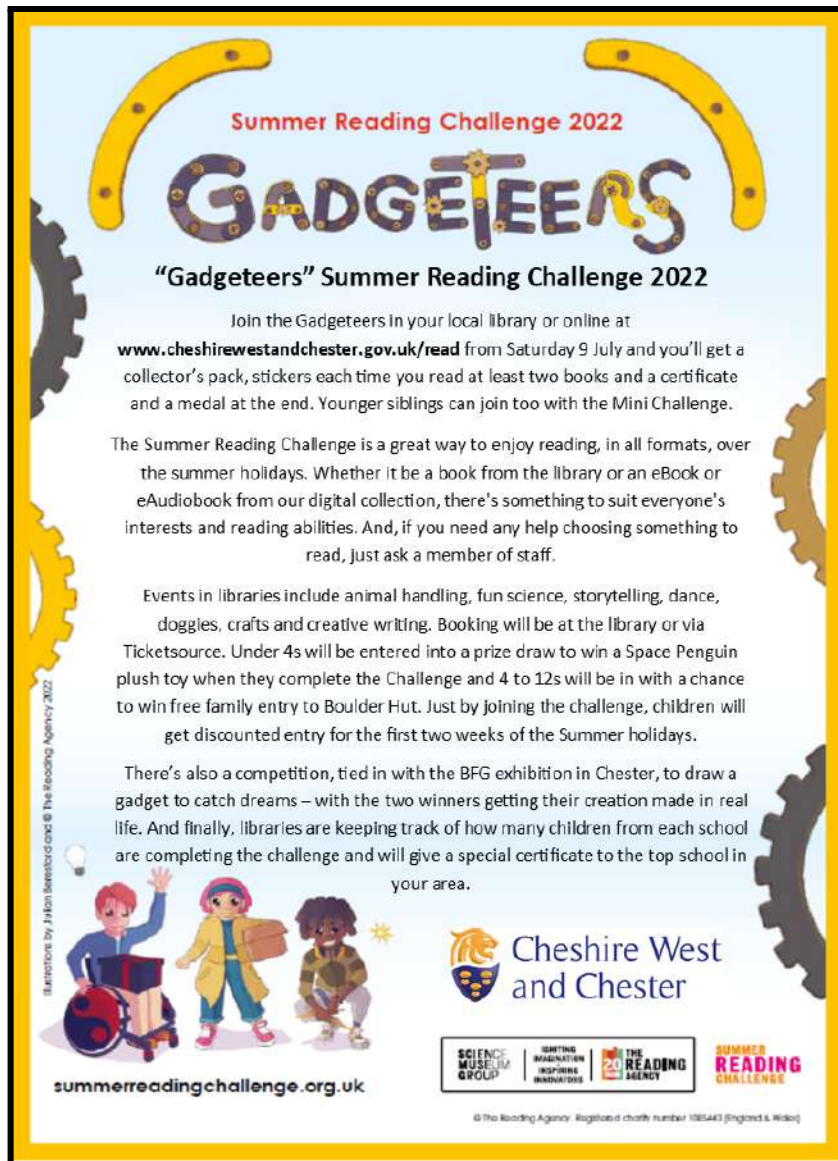
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR SUMMER - Wednesday 20th July

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Fantastic day at the Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd July. A massive thank you to all involved! Most importantly you all helped to raise an outstanding £5600 for our children and most importantly I think all the children who came had a lovely day out some even enjoyed soaking Mr North, Mrs Harrison, Miss Williams and poor Mills. Fantastic sports all of you!



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2022



Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

“Gadeteers” Summer Reading Challenge 2022


Join the Gadeteers in your local library or online at www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read from Saturday 9 July and you'll get a collector's pack, stickers each time you read at least two books and a certificate and a medal at the end. Younger siblings can join too with the Mini Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to enjoy reading, in all formats, over the summer holidays. Whether it be a book from the library or an eBook or eAudiobook from our digital collection, there's something to suit everyone's interests and reading abilities. And, if you need any help choosing something to read, just ask a member of staff.

Events in libraries include animal handling, fun science, storytelling, dance, doggies, crafts and creative writing. Booking will be at the library or via Ticketsource. Under 4s will be entered into a prize draw to win a Space Penguin push toy when they complete the Challenge and 4 to 12s will be in with a chance to win free family entry to Boulder Hut. Just by joining the challenge, children will get discounted entry for the first two weeks of the Summer holidays.

There's also a competition, tied in with the BFG exhibition in Chester, to draw a gadget to catch dreams – with the two winners getting their creation made in real life. And finally, libraries are keeping track of how many children from each school are completing the challenge and will give a special certificate to the top school in your area.

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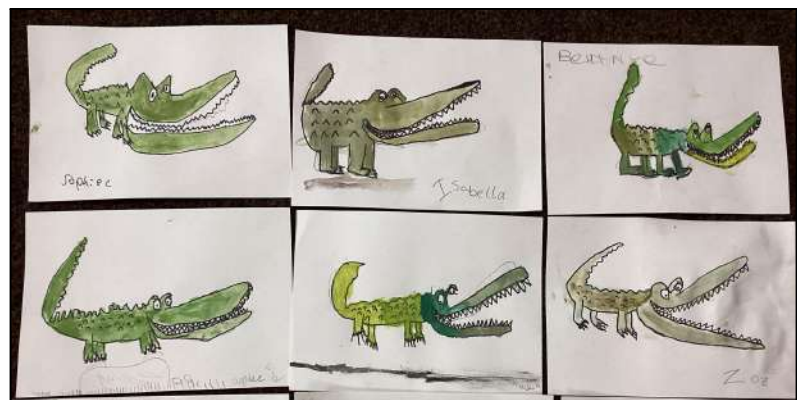
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DRAWING CLUB

I am super proud of all the budding illustrators in our after school club and just had to share what we have been up to. We have been learning how to draw in the style of Quentin Blake (illustrator for Roald Dahl) and Jim Field (illustrator for Kes Gray - Oi Frog and Rachel Bright - The Lion Inside). Here are some of the drawings the Y1 and Y2 children have done so far this half term



YEAR 3 COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the Commonwealth Games. We learned about the history of the games and carried out research into different Commonwealth countries. We also did some lovely artwork based on the silhouette of an athlete. Here are some examples of their artwork.

From the City of Chester to the Commonwealth Games athletics stadium in Birmingham, it is 75 miles (120km)

Around our school field is 0.25 km and last week, we challenged our classes to run or walk the 120km 'to Birmingham'.

The children loved the challenge and as a school travelled the distance to Birmingham and back many, many times.



S4YC Holiday Club

Please click on this [link](#) for full information for the S4YC holiday club.



YEAR 5

Year 5 had a visit from Mr Brankin this week. He brought his Van De Graff machine with him and we were all 'shocked' at how much we learnt about positive and negative energy.

"We did some activities that involved electricity and the Van De Graff machine. We learned about positive and negative energy. When people put their fingers on the machine, it made their hair stand up." Oliver Hardacre, Year 5.



HOUSE OF DANCE

House of dance will be holding an end of year performance for parents on Thursday 14th July at 4pm in the school hall.

NEW FAMILIES CHESHIRE MAGAZINE

Here is the link to the current issue of [Families Cheshire Magazine July/Aug 2022](https://familiescheshiremagazine.co.uk/July-Aug-2022)

Our summer issue is full of great stuff for families including What's On in Cheshire – your diary to activities and events in July & August, Low Cost Summer Fun, New School Year Resources, Free Printable activities, Crafty Summer Fun Projects, No-Screen Summer Activities and much more

READING CHALLENGE

Please click on the link to access the Summer Reading Challenge.

<https://participatenow.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge-2022>

STARS OF THE WEEK

<p>ACORNS: Francesco Monaco- for persevering with his name writing! You have such a long name to write and each day you get better and better. Well done you! Robyn Shipton- for her continuous efforts in all that she does. Robyn loves to wow the grown-ups with her phonics knowledge in her writing! We are so proud of you!</p>	<p>CONKERS: Thomas Furnifer – for blowing our socks off with his phonics skills this week. You have made lots of progress and we are so proud. Max Murphy – for growing in confidence in all areas of learning. We are very proud of the progress you have made Max!</p>	<p>ASH: Leo Grant for his fantastic work in maths, Leo has shown a super understanding of arrays! Ruby Widdison for her fantastic attitude towards learning, Ruby is always looking for ways to make her work even better!</p>
<p>YEW: Sam Arnold - for his fantastic contributions to our science work this week! Freddie Gee- for being a kind and helpful manner of the class.</p>	<p>WILLOW: Tilly Coathupe for her detailed drawings of plants and showing the different stages of growth. Josie Dunning for working hard with her reading and maths both in school and at home.</p>	<p>SYCAMORE: Jack Warrilow for being super helpful around the classroom! Harry Adshead for always being kind and respectful to others!</p>
<p>BEECH: Isobel Davies for always giving her best and being ready to learn. Reggie Tomlin from always working hard and being ready to learn.</p>	<p>HAWTHORN: Jack Arnold for his brilliant research and presentation about Commonwealth countries. Alfie Thompson for showing lots of enthusiasm towards his learning and for his excellent Commonwealth research.</p>	<p>JUNIPER: Albie Thom for showing great resilience and for his amazing sketches. Jack Lawson for working so hard in all subjects this week.</p>

<p>LIME: Edie Freemantle for her wonderful information board about sloths. Oliver Danton for his hard work and perseverance with fraction word problems in maths.</p>	<p>HAZEL: George Hirst for being kind and supporting his friends by encouraging them to make the right choices this week. Aidan Keighery for being much more enthusiastic about his learning this week and trying his best in all his tasks.</p>	<p>ELM: Georgia Kirkbright for settling quickly and happily into our school Olivia Bibby for being supportive, kind and helpful to others.</p>
<p>BIRCH: Cora Layland A fantastic role model who is always trying her best and helping others. Zak Gee Continuing to demonstrate perseverance and determination in his reading.</p>	<p>CHESTNUT: Malakii Huckle – for helping create the props for our end of year production and having a good attitude towards school. Poppy Sterriker – for showing resilience and maturity during our rehearsals and high school transition</p>	<p>OAK: Leo Hyde and Hassan Zaeem for working hard organising the sound and backdrops for our end of year production. They’re doing an amazing job!</p>

Mrs Morris’ Act of Kindness - Myumi/ Lime / for kindly donating her hair.

Lillie Austin/ Oak /showing kindness to others and helping them out when upset.

LETTER FROM MR NORTH

Dear Parents / Carers

I have been so humbled and made to feel exceptionally proud of our achievements over the last couple of years by the comments and messages that I have received this week following my letter on Monday. Thank you so much.

I would like to bring to your attention that we have had several cases of chickenpox this week, in a few classes, so please be mindful that if your child is showing symptoms of tiredness, high temperature, cough, feeling pretty sleepy, please don’t send them into school. We have also had several positive cases of COVID-19 this week. Symptoms similar to those mentioned relate to chicken pox, but also sore throats.

Star of the Week certificates will be given to the children next week. The children have enjoyed their Celebration Worship this morning.

More thanks to you for your support of our amazing Summer Fair last Saturday, you helped us raise an incredible £5,600 for the school. I will be working with the team to prioritise what we would like to spend this on to enhance the experiences of our children. It was a great day and felt really relaxed. It was great to see so many people with us throughout the day and have the opportunity to spend time together. My thanks to Cher, Dawn and the PTA team, who have been so supportive of me and the school. They certainly went above and beyond to make the day work and have been constantly at work over recent weeks to ensure all eventualities were catered for. We have already started to talk about next year. Thank you ladies, and their other halves who assisted with setting up, child-care and helping us clear up after the event. It really was a community spirited event.

This week we have also managed to inform you of how the classes will be formed next academic year and shared with you which teachers will be teaching your child(ren). One change that wasn’t shared will affect Beech class, as they will be located in the Infant Block, in the old Forest school room. Miss Whitby will explain to her parents and we will ensure that the children know where they will be. I have instructed the team to provide lots of information to you to assist with the transition to our new classes and we will be working with the children closely over the final few days, including a morning session with their new teacher next Thursday (14th July).

S4YC will be based in the current Sycamore Class next year, as we continue to develop our curriculum, to provide some really exciting activities. Over the coming weeks, we will be making some changes to the DT room and Studio, to enable teachers to plan and deliver more specific Computing, Food Technology and Design Technology lessons and activities. We are going to make a green screen facility in the Studio to assist with Drama, Dance and Computing activities as well. Activity for All will continue to support the teachers' PPA time and will also be leading a variety of after school clubs, so please do look out for information about this in the New Year.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Sports Day this year due to the weather. I apologise for any inconvenience caused but the welfare of our children takes precedent and the field was very wet and slippery, which meant that it would have been too dangerous for us to have held the event. As you know we have rearranged the event for next Tuesday (12th July) at the same times. The long range forecast is for much better weather, the PTA will be selling refreshments, which will be for our audience and NOT the children taking part in the Sports Day events. Should the weather forecast be inaccurate, we will ensure that the children do have some fun activities in the school day when we can, but we will not be arranging another day for parents to come.

Next week our focus turns to our Year 6 children who will be performing for parents and families next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and will enjoy their leaver's festival on Friday evening in school, organised again by our PTA. The final week we will be taking our children to Holy Ascension Church for the Year 6 Leaver's Service and saying a fond farewell to them on the final day of the academic year, Wednesday 20th July.

The new academic year will start Monday 5th September at the usual time. Staff will be in school for INSET Days on the 1st and 2nd September.

Yours faithfully

C North

Conrad North
Headteacher

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence Request Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised unless the reason meets the exceptional criteria. In response to your leave of absence request, a decision will be made and a letter sent to you within 5 working days. If leave of absence is authorised, a date to return must be agreed with the Headteacher. A child who is absent longer than the agreed date can be legally removed from the school register and the parent may be liable to prosecution. When the leave of absence is 'unauthorised' and a child incurs 10 unauthorised absence marks in a term, i.e. five school days, the Local Authority may be informed and a fixed term penalty notice may be issued. The current rates payable by parents are £60 where the amount is paid within 21 days and £120 where the amount is paid within 28 days. This charge is per parent/carer per child. If the fixed penalty notice remains unpaid this could lead to prosecution in the Magistrate's Court