

# We are a Nut/Peanut Free School

## Ravenbank CP School Newsletter

### Thursday 12th October 2023



#### Year 4 trip to Chester

Last week Y4 went on a trip to The Grosvenor Museum and got to explore lots of artefacts about the Romans. They dressed up as Romans & Celts and pretended to be archaeologists. They practised making mosaics, building a Roman roof, digging for Roman artefacts and exploring lots of different Roman recipes. Later in the day, they met up with a real Roman soldier who marched them through Chester to the Amphitheatre. They dressed up as Roman soldiers and practised The Orb, The Wedge and The Tortoise. The children had lots of fun and thoroughly enjoyed exploring The Grosvenor Museum.



We will be holding our annual collection for Warrington Foodbank on the morning of Friday 27th October. If you wish to donate any of the items listed, please bring them in the morning where there will be a crate outside each classroom to collect the items.

Tea	Coffee	Sugar	UHT Milk (Green or Blue)
Custard	Jam	Rice Pudding	Tinned Meat
Tinned Veg	Tinned Fish	CARRIER BAGS	



#### Diary Dates

##### Thursday 12th October

Warrington Guardian in for Reception new starters 2023 edition

##### Thursday 19th October

2:15pm - Year 5 Assembly

##### Friday 20th October

9am - Year 5 Assembly

##### Thursday 26th October

PTA Spooky Disco

##### Friday 27th October

Harvest collection for Warrington Foodbank

School closes for half term and re-opens on Monday 6th November 2023

##### Tuesday 7th November

3:30-6pm - Learning Reviews - face to face appointments

##### Wednesday 8th November

3:30-6pm - Learning Reviews - virtual appointments

##### Friday 10th November

R-Y6 Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

##### Thursday 16th November

2:15pm - Y4 Assembly

##### Friday 17th November

- 9am - Y4 Assembly
- Children In Need
- 22nd November

##### Wednesday 22nd November

Reception Hearing Tests

##### Thursday 30th November

Coverdale Puppets

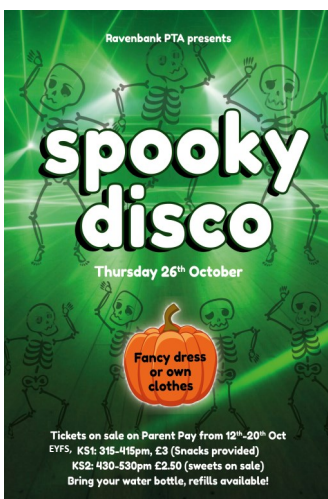
##### Tuesday 5th December

2:15pm - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production

##### Wednesday 6th December

9am - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production

##### Thursday 7th December



The booking system for the learning reviews will go live Monday 23rd October at 7am and will close on Monday 6th November at noon. Information on how to book an appointment will be emailed home soon. **It is important that you try to log on before the system goes live to ensure your details are correct.**

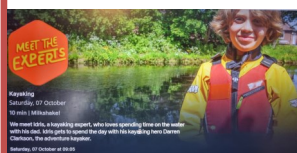
If you have not used the booking system before, please go to the school website <https://www.ravenbankschool.co.uk/page/learning-reviews/132785> where it has useful information and an instruction video.

#### Poppy Appeal



We are selling poppies and other items in school week commencing 23rd October for a suggested donation of 50p for each.

Well done to Idris who recently starred in an episode of Meet the Experts on Channel 5's Milkshake.



He featured in Episode 9- kayaking, and he got to meet a professional kayaker who is the only person to have paddled all rivers from Everest and K2. He had the most wonderful time filming and they made him feel really special.



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CANCER  
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The research and support charity

#### School Charity 2023-2024

The School Council has chosen to support Breast Cancer Now for the school charity this year. You can find out more on their website <https://breastcancernow.org/>



**Protecting your  
child against flu**  
Flu immunisation in England

#### Flu Vaccination for Reception— Year 6 children

The Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination letter has been emailed home which included a link to opt in or out. Please complete this ASAP and if you have any queries contact them directly. Thank you

**THINK  
before  
you park!**





We are delighted to announce that after our formal 'Outdoor Play and Learning' (OPAL) assessment we have been awarded the **OPAL Platinum Award**. Our scores achieved in this assessment comfortably put us into the 'Platinum' category and actually puts us in the top 1% of schools in the UK. We are extremely proud of all the children, staff and governors for all their hard work in ensuring our children have outstanding opportunities for play and learning in the outdoors.

OPAL Mentor, Mike Barclay said, *"If anyone wonders 'why do OPAL', they should visit Ravenbank. In one single lunchtime there is so much to see. Children of all ages move freely across the site. They know where they are allowed to go (pretty much anywhere) and what they are allowed to do (most things) and they pretty much get on with it for themselves. There's a really big range of opportunities to play. From small world resources, to staged performance space, trim trail and tyre park, scooter zone, space for footy, developed woodlands, trees to climb, bushes to hide in, music, dressing up, loads of junk materials, den building, sand pit, mud kitchen, muddy puddles and so on. This is a place where every child seems to be busy playing in whatever they would like to play on that particular day. The staff on hand appear relaxed and happy, getting involved as and when required but also just allowing children to play without unnecessary adult intervention. This is a place where a group of young girls can run to the loose parts shed and pull a blanket out for sitting on while they eat their packed lunches outside. Meanwhile a group of KS1 boys are busy building a make shift slide from four planks of wood lent up against a box, with a baking tray to sit on. Children appear on the field already in their wellies and disappear off into the woods, where they can be found marching around with big sticks, creeping between bushes, climbing trees and playing in imaginary worlds. At the front of the school children can be seen happily playing on their own in the sandpit or digging a bit of earth up with a spoon to add to a muddy concoction. This is what we mean by developing a culture of play and behind the scenes Ravenbank has invested serious time and effort into making this possible. It has been quite a journey and has involved a real shift in thinking, particularly when it comes to risk management. Staff on the working group have worked really hard to develop a robust policy framework, communicate the benefits of this approach to all stakeholders (particularly parents), open up and develop the school grounds, provide children with access to things like wellies and junk resources, and elevate the role of supervising staff. And importantly it has paid off, the school is experiencing the direct benefits of improved play time provision. There is a real sense that this way of working has become embedded into the school's practice, which gives confidence that the school will be able to maintain this approach long term. A huge well done to all involved."*





**We are seeking to appoint 2 x Mid-Day Assistants to join our Play Team. This will be for 1.5hrs per day from 12pm-1:30pm approx., 5 days per week, term-time only.**

**Please email  
[ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk](mailto:ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk) for  
 further information.**

THE BEAM TRUST



Inspiring all to learn, care and share

Statham Primary School, Warrington Road, Lymm, WA139BE  
 Telephone: 01925 752142  
 Website: [www.stathamprimary.co.uk](http://www.stathamprimary.co.uk)

**TEACHING ASSISTANT POST**  
**Fixed Term from 6 Nov 23 to 31 Aug 24 (or sooner if possible)**

**GRADE: 2**

**HOURS: 35 hrs per week (Term Time only)**

**The successful candidate will support an individual child with additional needs.  
 Lunch time supervision will also be included in this role.**

Statham Primary School is strongly committed to a culture of respect and equality which enables all children to feel safe, secure, happy and empowered to learn. We are an inclusive one form entry primary school and are a founder member of The Beam Educational Trust. We are an enthusiastic, welcoming and committed staff who put children and learning at the heart of everything we do. Our children are motivated, enthusiastic and friendly and we have great relationships with supportive parents and the wider community.

Statham Primary School offers

- A supportive and friendly team of staff and governors
- A warm and welcoming environment
- Opportunities for personal and professional development
- Enthusiastic, happy children who are keen to learn
- A risk benefit culture promoting positive outdoor learning and play

We are seeking to appoint teaching assistants who

- Supervise and provide particular support for pupils with additional needs, ensuring their safety and access to learning activities
- Assist with the development and implementation of Pupil Profiles / Behaviour plans and Personal Care programs
- Establish constructive relationships with pupils and interact with them according to individual needs
- Promote the inclusion and acceptance of all pupils
- Encourage interaction with others and engage in activities led by the teacher





**Warrington Athletics Club - Neville Jones Schools Cross Country League at Walton Hall and Gardens.**

**Warrington**

Congratulations to all the pupils who represented Ravenbank at the first event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The results were as follows:

**Year 4/5 girls** - 108 girls competed.

Ava H - 18th

**Year 4/5 boys** - 120 boys competed.

Alexander F - 1st

Seb H - 2nd

Hugo S - 6th

*First boys team after one event.*

**Year 6 girls** - 61 girls competed.

Bethany R - 1st

Lois J-S - 3rd

Alice C- 14th

*First girls team after one event.*

Fantastic results all round - well done everyone!!



The next event took place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Congratulations to all the pupils who attended. The results were as follows:

**Year 4/5 girls**

Ava H - 12th

Polly H - 25th



#### **Year 4/5 boys**

Alexander F - 1st  
Seb H - 5th  
Hugo S - 6th  
Alex R - 42nd  
Rory B - 80th

\*Ravenbank first boys team

#### **Year 6 girls**

Bethany R -1st  
Lois J-S - 3rd  
Emma H - 37th

\*Ravenbank 4th girls team

***A huge thank you to all the parental support and in particular to Claire Demaine- Farrell for being the school representative. We are only able to take part in these events with this support.***

The next event will take place on;  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Open to years 4, 5 and 6.

Timings are as follows:

10.30 Years 4 & 5 Girls 1.4k (1 Lap)

10.50 Years 4 & 5 Boys 1.4k (1 Lap)

11.10 Year 6 Girls 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

11.30 Year 6 Boys 2k (1 Loop + 1 Lap)

Please confirm with Mr Williams if you are attending this event. Please note that children will need to be supervised by parents/carers at this event.

#### **Celebrating Sporting Success**

Here is Lois J-S (Year 6) with her medal from the cross country race at Heaton Park. Well done Lois!



Remember to let Mrs Spencer know of any exciting sporting success to go on the newsletter.



### European School Sports Day

We took part in the European School Sports Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. The focus theme of 2023 ESSD was "Joy in Sport and Physical Activity". Activities across school took place, for example 6PS took part in some Kung Foo Karate punctuation activities. Here are some pictures of Years 5 and 3 enjoying being active!



Enjoying  
GoNoodle on  
European  
School  
Sports Day  
29.9.23

PIC•COLLAGE



There are many ways to encourage children to be physically active in an enjoyable way and we would like to encourage parents and carers to get active with their children too.

For more information please visit the website <https://www.essd.eu/focus>

#### Physical activity guidelines for 5-17 years children and adolescents

Doing some physical activity is better than doing none!

Source: WHO guidelines on physical activity and sedentary behaviour



### Sporting dates for your diary:

Rugby World cup - We hope you will enjoy watching the rugby.  
The next England match:

QUARTER-FINAL 3

SUNDAY,  
15 OCTOBER  
16:00 YOUR TIME



ENGLAND  
FIJI

Stade de Marseille, Marseille  
Watch live on **itv**





# Pumpkin Picking

VISIT PRIMROSE THIS OCTOBER TO PICK YOUR OWN HOME GROWN PUMPKINS

EVERY WEEKEND - 10AM-4PM  
EVERY FRIDAY EVENING - 5-9PM  
HALF TERM 23RD - 31ST OCT - 10AM-5PM

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PUMPKINS - HALLOWEEN THEMED LUNCHES  
CAFE - COFFEE - CAKES - HALLOWEEN TRAIL  
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PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES - INDOOR TOILETS - CAR PARK

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## SPOOKY WORKOUT WEEK

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**FRIDAY 27TH 6PM**  
**SATURDAY 28TH 9AM**

SHOWING CHILDREN THAT FITNESS CAN BE FUN!

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN!





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 Halloween Lakeside Light Trail

# Halloween

## LAKESIDE LIGHT TRAIL

Where:  
Partridge Lakes, Glaziers Lane, Culcheth, Warrington, WA3 4AQ

When:  
We have many dates available in October 2023 - [Scan the QR code to see what dates are available!](#) 







**Come to our Baby and Preschool Stay and Play**

Every Monday & Friday, during term time, 9.30am-11am

Relax and make friends in our beautiful Scandinavian log cabin, complimentary refreshments provided for adults and children

Themed activities, heuristic play, and music time available weekly

Please contact Becky to book your place  
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Pepper Street, WA13 0JT, next to Ravenbank Primary School  
Call 01925 758 959 or email [naturegarden@nrgroup.co.uk](mailto:naturegarden@nrgroup.co.uk)

Entry is free however small donations to our charity Children's Adventure Farm Trust would be welcomed



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**St Mary's Lymm Stained Glass Saturday**

**Saturday 14th October**

Call in anytime between 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Find the beauty and the Bible stories displayed in our stunning windows. There'll be opportunities to light a candle and for private prayer, time to wander, engage in activities and stay for some refreshments. You can even make your own stained glass window to take home!

Suitable for everyone. Children very welcome accompanied by an adult.



**TAEKWON-DO**

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**PARENTS - Are you...**

- ... worried that your children don't do enough exercise?
- ... concerned about bullying, confidence and self-discipline.

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**What children learn in Taekwon-do?**

Children follow a program designed with all-round development in mind. This programme covers:

- Age-appropriate self defence and safety awareness
- Fun workouts to keep motivation and enjoyment levels high.
- Practice of simple calming breathing techniques and relaxations.

**How do children progress:**

**The Grading and Belt System** - Children progress through the grading and belt system. This provides them with achievable, personal goals that they can work towards, step by step. The belts act as a great incentive for children to improve and also keep motivation high.

**Achieving Success** - Children soon learn that the cost of success is simply their own time and effort used in each lesson. Children are encouraged to listen, take part and behave appropriately, as well as getting plenty of exercise through fun workouts.

**A Good Balance** - We think this creates a good balance, where children are encouraged to improve themselves through their own efforts, whilst not becoming overly competitive. Often children who have not enjoyed other sports, thrive in Taekwon-do thanks to this approach.

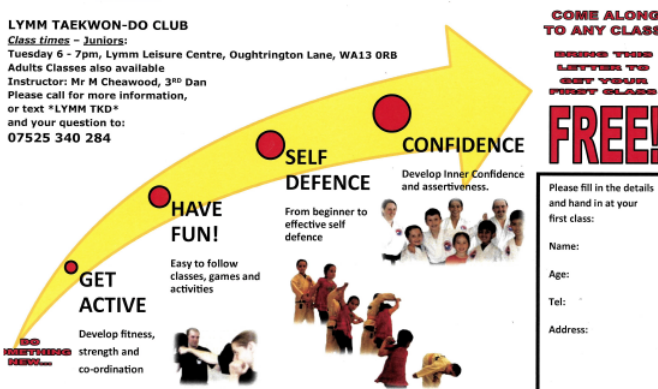
**YOUR LOCAL CLUB IS:**

**LYMM TAEKWON-DO CLUB**  
**Class times - Juniors:**  
Tuesday 6 - 7pm, Lymm Leisure Centre, Oughtrington Lane, WA13 0RB  
Adults Classes also available  
Instructor: Mr M Cheawood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan  
Please call for more information, or text \*LYMM TKD\* and your question to: 07525 340 284

**COME ALONG TO ANY CLASS! WE'D LOVE YOU TO GET YOUR FIRST CLASS FREE!**

Please fill in the details and hand in at your first class:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_



**GET ACTIVE**  
Develop fitness, strength and co-ordination

**HAVE FUN!**  
Easy to follow classes, games and activities

**SELF DEFENCE**  
From beginner to effective self defence

**CONFIDENCE**  
Develop Inner Confidence and assertiveness.

**Celebrating the Trans Pennine Trail in Lymm**

**Saturday 14th October 2023, 10.30 am - 1 pm**

Free family activities at the Ranger Hut on the Trail at Statham Avenue



Photo: Chris Foster

Dr Bike (free basic maintenance), pedal-powered Scalextric, family activities, cycling accessories giveaway, and stalls promoting active travel in Lymm & Warrington.



To find out more, please contact:  
E: [volunteers-north@sustrans.org.uk](mailto:volunteers-north@sustrans.org.uk)

WARRINGTON Borough Council

Trans Pennine Trail

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FOR THE PEOPLE







**9 out of 10**

unvaccinated children  
can catch measles  
if someone in their  
class has it

Check your child is up  
to date with their  
MMR vaccinations



**102,000 children  
starting school in  
England are at risk  
of catching measles**

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# Autumn '23



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## AUTUMN TECH CLUB WARRINGTON

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High School

Warrington Road,  
Culcheth, WA3 5HH

Tues 31st October -  
Thurs 2nd November  
9am-3pm (half days available)

Morning sessions include Coding, Game

Design & Animation with a seasonal **MINECRAFT** afternoon challenge!

Scan the QR or follow the link for full information  
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*Aimee Azari*



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