

We are a Nut/Peanut Free School

Ravenbank CP School Newsletter Thursday 16th November 2023



TOGETHER WE CAN "BE SPOTACULAR" for Children in Need

We are supporting Children in Need today with an own clothes day where you can come in your own clothes, wear something spotty or anything related to Children in Need.



*We are asking for a donation of £1 per child to take part via Parentpay.
Donations will be shared between Children in Need and Breast Cancer Now,
our chosen school charity for 2023-2024.*

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Well done to: Alfie G (Y3) Anya S, Jasper C, Lani G and Mireya L (Y5) and Freddie F (Y6) who all submitted thoughtful, creative entries for the Black History Month poetry competition - we have our fingers crossed for you!

This years theme is 'wonderful water' so we have challenged children to read a non fiction book and write down 3 interesting facts with their name and class by the end of the month. All children who participate get a certificate.



Diary Dates

Friday 17th November

- 9am - Y4 Assembly
- Children In Need

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

2:15pm - EYFS Christmas Production

Friday 8th December

9am - EYFS Christmas Production

Saturday 9th December

Lymm Dickensian Festival

Monday 11th December

2:30pm and 6pm - KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church

Wednesday 13th December
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Dinner and Party

Thursday 14th December
Y3-Y6 Christmas Dinner and Party

Wednesday 20th December

- 'Carols around the Christmas Tree' whole school assembly and collection for homeless Warrington Residents.
- PTA Non-uniform day wearing Christmas jumpers and Christmas fancy dress.
- School closes at 2pm

Thursday 4th January 2024
School re-opens

WANTED

Y2 would like old shirts for art please.

Mabel and her boxer dog won 3 rosettes in the Lymm Dog Show at St Werburghs. They got 3rd for Best Dressed Dog, 2nd for Young Handler and 1st for Best Paw Giving. Well done, Mabel & Heidi.



WELL DONE

NHS

Protecting your child against flu

Flu immunisation in England

The Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination team are returning to school on 8th December (after the EYFS Christmas Production) for a catch-up session for any children that missed it. You should have received a letter, however if you wish your child to have it please go to www.bwimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu and enter our school code BW148457 to give your consent.

Reminder!



As the school grounds are very muddy at the moment, wellies are the preferred footwear option for lunchtimes. Also, if your child has waterproof trousers or a spare pair of joggers, please bring these in as the children are likely to get muddy. You can also get extra uniform from our 'pre-loved' rail.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Cumpstay who got married over half term and is now Mrs Murray.

Flu Vaccination for Reception—Year 6 children

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THINK before you park!





Thank you for your school's recent donation to Warrington Foodbank. Did you know that Ravenbank Primary School's collection amounted to 153.15kg? This means the generosity of your school community has helped 10 people to be fed for 3 days, which equates to a value of approximately £383. We really rely on harvest donations at this time of year to help replenish our stocks. As you are no doubt aware, from stories in the News, demand for the Foodbank is high and still rising due to economic pressures and rising bills. As a result of these financial pressures our donations are also down, so we are struggling to keep

our stocks at a level to meet the rising need in our local community. Therefore your support is more important to us now than ever.

We also understand that Cerys in Year 4 has also been busy baking and selling cakes to raise funds for the Foodbank, so a double thank you to your school community.

Here are a few statistics which you may find interesting and wish to share with your school community alongside the success of your collection.

- **17,000 people** received emergency food from our Foodbank last year
- Between January and July 2023 Warrington Foodbank fed an average of **1900 people per month**
- **One third** of the 1900 people were **children**
- We have experienced a **45% increase in Foodbank use** compared to the same time last year

Some other points that your community may find surprising or interesting are:

- The Foodbank is not only helping the homeless and unemployed but also people who are in **paid employment** as their wages are not enough to cover the cost of bills and food
- During the last 6 months we have had to spend almost **4 times as much of our limited cash** donations on food than we did last year
- Our **stock levels** are reaching **crisis** point

Key facts about how your local Foodbank operates:

- We provide 3 days of emergency food to local individuals and families in crisis
- These people are referred to the Foodbank by frontline care professionals such as social workers, GPs, welfare advisers, Headteachers, housing organisations, probation officers and the citizens advice bureau
- Our team of volunteers welcome guests to the Foodbank and offer them a hot drink. We also listen to their situation and signpost them to other agencies who can help them



THE BEAM TRUST



Ravenbank
SCHOOL

VACANCY – MIDDAY ASSISTANT
(Part of the Lunch Time Play Team)

2 x Positions Available

Committed to equality at work and in our community

November 2023

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| Contract: | Fixed term contract for 6 months with the plan to go permanent of successful probation period |
| Hours of Work: | 12pm – 130pm, 5 Days per week, term-time only (This time may be altered slightly depending on year group assigned) |
| Salary: | Grade 3, Point 4 - £10.98 per hour |
| Closing Date: | Open Until filled |
| Description: | Ravenbank Community Primary School Pepper Street Lymm Warrington WA13 0JT |
| Tel: | 01925 753 926 |
| Fax: | 01925 753 473 |
| Headteacher: | Mrs Lesley Sweeney |

The Governors of Ravenbank CP School are seeking to appoint a Mid-Day Assistant. For 1.5hrs per day – 12pm – 1:30pm, 5 Days per week, term-time only

We seek to appoint a self-motivated, caring individual to join our team of Mid-Day Assistants to support our children during lunchtime.

We can offer:

- The opportunity to work in a welcoming school
- Hard working and Supportive Staff
- Delightful Children

Warrington Borough Council is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults as its number one priority. The successful applicant will therefore be required to apply for an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Application forms and further details are available from the school website
www.ravenbankschool.co.uk

The BEAM Trust is an equal opportunities employer.



Year 4 Football Competition

Congratulations to Griff S-W, Rory C, Max R, Joe C, Archie S, Roma C, Ida J, Ava H, Polly H and Harry J (Year 4) who all took part in the football competition on Friday 10th November. The team played some tough matches but did extremely well. They were knocked out in the quarter finals stage but their enthusiasm and drive were amazing.



Thank you to all the parents for assisting with the transportation to and from this event. We are very grateful for your time and support.

Neville Jones Cross Country

There will be the final event this Saturday (18th November) at Walton Hall Gardens.

Timetable:

Junior Schools League:

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

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

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Please let us know if you intend on going and good luck to all the runners from Ravenbank. Thank you to parents for supporting your children.

Year 5 & 6 Gifted & Talented October Half Term Holiday camp

Several pupils from Ravenbank attended a 3 day camp over half term. Here is what Aoife W (Year 6) had to say about her experience:

"Over the October half-term, I attended a sports camp for 3 days. Lots of schools in Warrington went as well as some children from Ravenbank. When I got there, I couldn't tell basketball from netball but now I am quite good at both!"

We got to work out at the gym and I loved the treadmill. One day, we got into teams and did a big obstacle course. On the last day, we did table tennis; it was excellent and I learned so many new sports and made friends with children from other schools. It was a wonderful experience and I would love to go back."

Well done to all Ravenbank pupils who attended.

Celebrating Sporting Success

Congratulations to Rex J-S (Year 5) who has passed his 100 metre swimming badge.


Well done!

Congratulations to Freya B (Year 6) for her continued success in gymnastics. Freya showed us a multitude of certificates for amazing effort and skill. Freya has also passed her 400m swimming badge. Fabulous!

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







Before & After School Club Play Workers
22.50 hours per week. Term time only
Starting Date: ASAP
Grade 3, scp 4 £10,751.55 gross (£10.98 per hour)

The Governing Body would like to appoint caring, enthusiastic and dedicated Before & After School Club Play Workers to help in the club at Oughtrington Primary School. Duties will be varied and will involve running play activities; organising/preparing breakfasts/snacks; administering first aid; working closely with other school staff; cleaning duties and some administrative tasks. You must enjoy working with primary age children, be self-motivated and possess the ability to provide creative play activities in a safe, caring environment. Recent experience of working with children is required as is a willingness to undertake training related to the role. Applicants must have excellent interpersonal skills, be able to develop effective relationships with pupils, parents and the wider school community and must be highly motivated and committed to providing the highest level of service.

We can offer the successful candidate:

- A welcoming, caring and fully inclusive ethos
- Pupils with exemplary conduct and positive attitudes to learning
- Supportive staff, parents and governors
- Excellent professional development opportunities

The posts are open to applicants who can provide **both** morning and afternoon cover.

The successful applicants will be working term time only for five mornings and five afternoons each week: morning hours will be 7.30am-9.02am; afternoon hours will be 3.00pm-6.00pm.

Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidates will be required to apply for enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure & Barring Service. Further details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/agencies-public-bodies/dbs/>

If you are interested in applying, please download an application form from the school's website and return it to Mrs Proud in the school office via email.

Our website address is www.oughtringtonprimary.co.uk

Email Address to return the application form to is: oughtrington.admin@thecountdown.co.uk

Closing Date: Monday, 27th November 2023 at 12pm

Shortlisting: Wednesday, 29th November 2023

Interviews: 6th December 2023 (pm)



Fancy trying hockey? First session free...

When & Where?

Our Junior Training

Training is held from September to March on the astro turf at Lymm High School, Oughtrington Lane, Lymm, WA13 0RB.

Sunday Training Times

U8's & U10's, 9.30am - 10.30am
 Girls and boys years 1-5

Midweek Training Times

Beavers
 Tuesday evening 6pm - 7pm
 Girls and boys years 6-9

Badgers
 Tuesday evening 6pm - 7pm
 Girls and boys years 8-11 depending on experience



How much does it cost?

Membership Fees

Pay as you Practice £7.50 per session

NB Your first session is free but please get in touch before attending so we can provide you with the necessary information.

Junior membership
 £80 (Y1-5) or £110 (Y6+) per year including the cost of all training sessions attended.

Please note that if your child is playing in regular fixtures they must pay a full junior membership.

Match Fees
 £7.50 per match/tournament (to cover the costs of pitch, food & umpires).

What do I need?

Equipment & Protection

We have a supply of hockey sticks for players to borrow if they don't have their own stick.

It is the club policy that all players are required to wear shin pads and mouth guards in all training sessions and games. Junior players who wear glasses must wear sports goggles or contact lenses in all training and games.

We encourage children to wear protective gloves as a minimum on their left hand (preferably on both hands).

If you need advice or more information on protective equipment please get in touch.

Further Information

Our Coaches

Our coaches hold current coaching qualifications and receive regular training in First Aid & Safeguarding. All are DBS checked. Many are experienced hockey players themselves playing in senior teams.

Opportunities

Older juniors have the opportunity to help with coaching younger age groups. They can also embark on umpire development which ultimately results in the potential to earn themselves cash. Training is aligned to GB Hockey Golden Thread principles and National Development Themes.

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