

We are a Nut/Peanut Free School

Ravenbank CP School Newsletter Thursday 30th November 2023



On Monday 20th November, Year 6 were invited to watch the dress rehearsal performance of the Lymm High School Production of "High School Musical". The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the live orchestra, talented singers and all the cast perform. It was a great opportunity for our Year 6s to familiarise themselves with Lymm High and think about opportunities that they might want to get involved in when they are at secondary school.



Last week, Year 4 performed an assembly all about our hopes and dreams for the future. We spoke about what we wanted to be when we grow up. We all loved performing for our parents.

By Abigail K

Year 6 travelled to Quarry Bank Mill on Friday 24th November to support their learning about the Victorian period. It was a fantastic day and the children saw first-hand how the Industrial Revolution harnessed the power of water to revolutionise manufacturing.

The pupils saw the mill machines in action and experienced how loud they were. Our tour guides explored the links with slavery in the cotton industry, explained the scientific working of the water wheel and how it powered the mill and taught the children about the mill owner, Samuel Greg.

The children were also taken to the Apprentice House and were put to work emptying chamber pots, making their beds and doing chores. Thank you to our parent volunteers (Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Wood and Mrs Hindley) for helping.



Thank you to Oxheys Farm for their kind donation of our school Christmas tree - the Y6 senior prefects loved decorating it today.



Next week will be the last week for school clubs this year. Letters to apply for the clubs starting on Monday 8th January will be emailed home on Wednesday 13th December.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Poppy Appeal —we raised an amazing £394.86.



We raised £454 which will be split between Children in Need and our school charity—Breast Cancer Now - thank you to everyone who donated.



Diary Dates

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

THINK
before
you park!



CHRISTMAS DINNER AND PARTY

EYFS/KS1 – Wednesday 13th December

Children can come to school wearing party clothes suitable for playing outside.

Below is the Christmas dinner menu which is available on this day for EYFS/KS1. If your child would prefer not to have a Christmas dinner they may bring a packed lunch.

The school dinner options for Years 3-6 on this day will be jacket potato, vegetarian sausage roll or tomato pasta.

Years 3-6 – Thursday 14th December

Children can come to school wearing party clothes suitable for playing outside.

Below is the Christmas dinner menu which is available on this day for Years 3-6. If your child would prefer not to have a Christmas dinner they may bring a packed lunch.

The school dinner options for EYFS/KS1 on this day will be jacket potato, vegetarian sausage roll or tomato pasta.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Year 1 & Year 2 Nativity Performances: Tuesday 5th December at 2.15pm & Wednesday 6th December at 9.15am. Parents and carers are able to attend either performance in the school hall however please bear in mind that there will be 113 children performing so try to arrange for members of your family to attend separate performances as we only have limited seating in the hall.

Reception Nativity performances: Thursday 7th December at 2.15pm & Friday 8th December at 9.15am. Parents and carers are able to attend either performance.

We have organised a company to film both EYFS and Y1-2 nativities. Please see below leaflet on how to order.

Years 3-6 carol concert at St Mary's Church: Monday 11th December 2.30pm & 6pm. Entrance to both services will be by ticket only, details have already been emailed home.



Ravenbank
SCHOOL



Copies of the Reception and Year 1-2 nativities are now available to order

DVD £8 USB £10

Order online:

www.myschoolshow.co.uk

Order deadline for delivery before Christmas: Friday 15th December



If you have any questions, please contact us: **0161 531 4849** | office@setthescenemedia.co.uk



Warrington Open Door At Christmas

Offering support to
the vulnerable and
homeless, over
Christmas

We are again supporting WODAC please see below for suggested items. Please drop off any donations on the morning of Wednesday 20th December in the boxes provided outside each classroom.

A representative from WODAC will be at the Carols around the Christmas Tree Assembly to receive the donations. Please visit their website to learn about the great work they do for Warrington residents

<https://www.wodac.org.uk/>

FOOD

- Tinned meat
- Tinned pies
- Soup
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned stew
- Corned beef
- Packet mash
- Tinned fish (tuna, salmon, mackerel etc)
- Sandwich spreads/meat paste
- Beans
- Sugar
- Coffee
- Tea
- Long life milk
- Crisps
- Small packets of biscuits
- Cereal bars
- Bottles of water
- Individual fresh fruit juices
- Small bars of chocolate
- Fray Bentos pies
- Jam
- Cereal
- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Soap
- Shower gels (mens and womens)
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Sanitary products
- Roll on deodorant

CLOTHING

We normally accept clean, warm clothing i.e hats, gloves, thermals.

At the moment please be aware that we cannot accept anything containing alcohol, razors or children's toys.



PE Kits – polite reminder

As the weather is starting to turn particularly cold, please could parents/carers check that children have their PE kits in school on the appropriate days for their PE sessions. Some children have not had their kit recently and this means that they are sometimes getting their uniform wet when they take part in PE lessons outside. We are of course happy for children to wear coats but having trainers, joggers and a hoodie will help keep them warm in PE lessons and ensure that they have dry uniform to put back on.

Thank you.



Year 5 Football Competition

Congratulations to our Year 5 footballers for taking part in the competition on Friday 24th November at Orford Hub. Well done to the team (Leo K, Izza T, Ben G, Tom C, Max C, Saffy D, Poppy G, Rebecca M, Barney S and Arthur S) who were unfortunately knocked out during a penalty shoot out!



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 results



The third and final cross country race took place on Saturday 18th November and the final results were amazing. The conditions were so muddy so well done to all pupils who took part.

Special thanks to Claire Demaine-Farrell and Chris Roberts for volunteering for marshalling.

Year 4/5 girls - 95 competed

Ava H - 7th
Eva B - 53rd

Year 4/5 boys - 114 competed

Alexander F - 1st
Hugo S- 10th
Alex R - 54th

Overall winner: Alexander F

Overall team winner: Ravenbank (Alex F, Hugo S, Seb H, Alex R, Rory B)



Year 6 girls - 59 competed

Bethany R - 2nd
Lois Johnston-Starrs - 3rd
Alice C - 13th
Emma H- 38th

Overall winner: Bethany R
Bronze medalist: Lois J-S

Third team overall: Ravenbank (Bethany R, Lois J-S, Alice C, Emma H)

Ava H (Y4) had her best race coming in 7th, 10 places up from the 1st race and running half the way round with no shoe. Wow, Ava - that's incredible!!



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

Please find details below about the Cheshire Prize for Literature, organised by the University of Chester. This prize is open to schools in Cheshire, Wirral, Warrington and Halton. This prize was established in 2002 and has been open to primary school children for the last three years. We would love to encourage more children to enter and hope you are able to share details within your schools.

Winners receive a £50 book token (one poetry, one story entry) plus the best shortlisted entries will feature in an Anthology of entries. We are inviting writers from four years of age upwards to be creative and submit an entry to this year's Cheshire Prize for Literature. The 2023 Prize has no theme. Entrants can write about anything that inspires them.

There are four categories:

Short stories Poetry Children's literature (Over 18's Only) Scriptwriting (Over 18's Only)

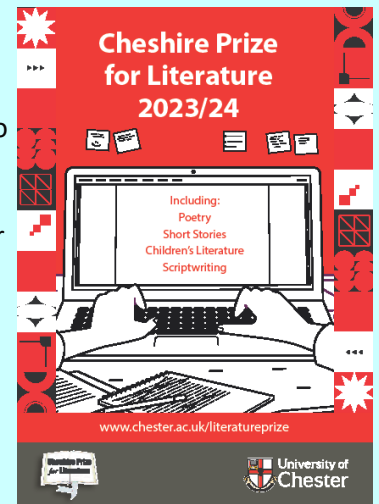
There are three age groups: primary, secondary and over 18's.

Entrants must live or have lived, work or have worked, studied or have studied in Cheshire, Wirral, Warrington or Halton. For full details please see terms and conditions [here](#).

The judges will choose one winner from each category and a prize will be awarded to each category as well as the opportunity to be selected to appear in the Anthology, published by University of Chester Press. Winners will be announced at our awards evening in the summer. All entrants will be invited to attend click on the link to enter https://flow.chester.ac.uk/tkflow_U/Flow.aspx?f=CheshirePrize2023.kdt

Closing Date: January 31st 2024. Any queries about the competition should be emailed to cheshireprize@chester.ac.uk or phone 01244 511344. Visit the website [here](#).

We wish you all the best—The Cheshire Prize Team



The Children's Commissioner for England has asked us to share the below information about the national campaign The Big Ambition;

It is really important that the parents and pupils at Ravenbank Primary School participate in The Big Ambition survey and have their say.

I want to ensure that the voices of the children in Warrington are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition. Further resources are available on our [website](#).

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel De Souza

Children's Commissioner for England



WARRINGTON DEAF EDUCATION TEAM

Drop-in Sessions

**PLEASE LET ONE OF THE TEAM KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO
COME 07812 187521 / Claire 07581058518 / Jennifer 07929 663118**

We'd like to invite you to attend our drop-in sessions. They're a chance to chat with the team, know how we can help support you.

3.30-5pm	Children's Centre
Wednesday	Great Sankey Children's Centre
10 th January 2024	Liverpool Road, WA5 1SB
Wednesday	Westy Children's Centre
28 th February 2024	Tinsley Street, Latchford, WA4 1PW
Wednesday	Great Sankey Children's Centre
24 th April 2024	Liverpool Road, WA5 1SB
Wednesday	Orchard Children's Centre
12 th June 2024	Hilden Road, Padgate, WA2 0JP



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with equipment

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young people and
their families

Get information
about upcoming
events

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tubing

Get support with
skills & D/deaf
awareness

All ages welcome

Refreshments
provided and there
will be toys and
activities for
children.

CHRISTMAS

The greatest story ever..





LYMM YOUTH & COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER
15.30—17.30
STORY, SONGS, CRAFT, HOT MEAL
Come and make a nativity box to take home.
ALL FAMILIES WELCOME
More info. from Linda: 07895 502385

Lymm Girl's (Under 11's) Football Club

CAKE AND SECOND HAND BOOK SALE

Sunday 3rd December

10am – 2pm

Lymm Village Hall

Raising Funds for New Outdoor Gazebos and The Warrington Wolves Sports Foundation



Nature Garden Out of School club

Holiday club sessions

Christmas Biscuits

Festive Soup

Christmas Games

Nature Crafts

Thursday 21st December

Friday 22nd December

Tuesday 2nd January

Wednesday 3rd January

Join us for some festive fun, Forest School crafts, Christmas themed cooking and baking, Games, and Outdoor play

We are also offering some Government funded sessions for eligible children.

Please contact us to ask about eligibility

For more information or to book any sessions please contact us on

07494 744 992 01925758959

Naturegarden@nrgroup.co.uk

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