



STRIVE FOR 5! A NEW READING INITIATIVE!

In an attempt to improve the amount of reading our children do at home, we have developed a new initiative called 'Strive for 5!' Each Friday morning, staff will check the children's reading records to see how many times they have read at home, that week. If they have read five times or more, they will be entered into the class draw and will have the chance of bringing home a story box for the weekend. The box will be packed full of stories to enjoy, a story sloth to cuddle up to and keep you company, a blanket to keep you keep you warm and a sketchbook and pencils to draw an illustration of your favourite story/character/part of the book(s) in the box. Is there a better way to celebrate reading - we don't think so! We have already rolled out the initiative to pupils in EYFS and KS1 and we hope to have the boxes ready for KS2 by next week. How exciting!

Do you wanna build a Snowman?

Or ride our bike around the halls? What a fabulous surprise we all received on Tuesday as we woke up to a wonderful winter wonderland! In true Flo Melly style, the children were immediately summoned to the playground for a good, old-fashioned snowball fight! The children frolicked excitedly, throwing a barrage of snowballs at their teachers and friends! It truly was a sight to behold and a memorable experience they will not forget! We just couldn't miss the opportunity!

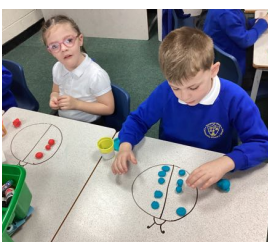
Training our Children to be Rocket Resilience Champions!

Our Year 5 pupils were treated to a fabulous project this week, designed to train them up to be resilient champions! The Rocket Project (**R**esilient, **O**pen, **C**aring, **K**ind, **E**qual, **T**ogetherness) was led by our friends at the Merseyside Youth Association and was organised by our very own Mental Health Lead, Mr Doyle. ROCKET is a course that explores topics such as mental health and resilience and the children looked at how they can help themselves and their friends if they are feeling a little bit down. It reinforces the importance of kindness. We really appreciate being asked to be involved and the children had a BLAST!

Weekly Book Recommendation for Children...

Safeguarding is our number one priority at Florence Melly so this week's book recommendation follows on from this Mr Leach's assemblies on the necessity of trusted adults. [My Safety Network by Jayneen Sanders](#) introduces children to the concept of having a safety network; these are 3 to 5 trusted adults in your child's life who they could confidently turn to if they feel worried or unsafe. Inside the book, there are questions for parents/carers to use with their children. This book is part of the Little BIG Chats series and is perfect for ages 3 to 7. The Little BIG Chats series has been written to assist parents/carers to have open and age-appropriate conversations with early learners around crucial, and yet at times, 'tough' topics...and what better way than using children's picture books?! Some pages will have questions for your child to interact with and discuss and you can use these questions and the additional discussion questions provided to help you assist your child with the topic being explored. Unpack the text together; and try to follow your child's lead - wherever that conversation may take you!

Head over to our [Twitter](#) and [Flickr](#) feeds for more updates, news and photos!



IMPORTANT DATES!

25/01/24
Upper KS2
Author Visit -
Phil Earle

02/02/24
Parent/carer
Mental Health
Support Team
Coffee Morning

05/02/24
Mental health
Drop Down Day
- CONNECT!

For more important
dates, please visit the
'parent zone' of our
school website!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Year 6 (94.5%)

Year 2 (94.0%)

Year 4 (93.7%)

Year 1 (91.0%)

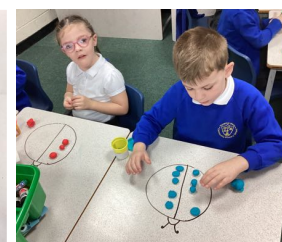
Year 5 (89.8%)

Year 3 (88.7%)

Nursery (87.6%)

Reception (87.3%)

91.0%
Whole-school
attendance this week!





End of the Week Update for Parents/Carers - Friday 19th January 2024

The Nest - Friendsday Wednesday

This week's 'spotlight on curriculum' takes us over to our Nest provision! Hump Day in our Nest is affectionately known as 'Friendsday Wednesday'. During this day, children are encouraged to engage with each other through structured play and specific games. We do this because taking turns is an important part of communication and language development for young children. When children learn to take turns, they learn the basic rhythm of communication, that back-and-forth exchange between people. In addition, facilitating opportunities to build team work, sharing and interaction through play, supports our children with SEND with their ability to work collaboratively.



**SPOTLIGHT
ON
CURRICULUM**

Chartwells themed days!

Earlier this week, we added some themed days to our Dojo calendar. Our school dinner provider, Chartwells, will offer a range of themed lunches over the coming weeks - linked to our wonderful cultural capital curriculum. For those children in EYFS and KS1 who receive a free meal as part of the universal free school meal offer - these themed days are free of charge. They are also free of charge to those children in Years 3 to 6 who are eligible for a means tested free school meal. If you pay for a meal, please continue to pay as normal, on these themed days. For anyone who would like to have a meal on one of these themed days (those of you who don't normally have a hot meal) - please contact the school office for more details. The menus will be posted onto Class Dojo shortly.

- Chartwells Pancake Day themed lunch - Tuesday 6th February
- Chartwells Chinese New Year themed lunch - Thursday 8th February
- Chartwells World Book Day themed lunch - Thursday 7th March

Extra-curricular offer this term!

A big thank you to all parents/carers for registering your child/children onto our extra-curricular clubs for this half-term. We were inundated with requests for places. The system we now use is a little different to how we have operated previously. Once you complete the online booking form, our office staff compile the registers and fill up the spaces. If you do not hear back from us, please assume that you have a place at the club. We will only contact you if there is not enough space (it used to be the other way round).

If you haven't already, please check out our extra-curricular offer this half-term - there are still some places available for some clubs: [Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring Term 1](#).

Date reminders

- Thursday 25th January 2024 - Upper KS2 Author Visit - Phil Earle.
- Thursday 25th/Friday 26th January 2024 - Parent/carer first aid course.
- Friday 2nd February 2024 - Parent/carer Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning.
- Monday 5th February 2024 - Whole-school mental health celebration day - Connect!

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Leach
Headteacher