



Friday 2nd February

Whole School Attendance to date this year: 94%

Y3 continue to have the highest attendance.

House Point Winners this week and

last: **GRIFFIN**

January felt as though it was the longest month ever as we packed so much into it. We have also welcomed new children to school and it is lovely to see their buddies showing them round with pride.

Following on from the neuro-diversity workshop held in the Autumn term, we are developing our links with 3Dtraining and they will be holding a 6 week programme for parents at school on understanding specific learning difficulties. Details have been parentmailed and a flyer added to Facebook.



We had a wonderful day last week when Andrew Moffat of the No Outsiders programme visited school to work with each year group and also held staff training with all the teaching staff after school. The lessons he taught reinforced the PSHE work we do and also our school values of being kind and respecting all. Parents in Y2 and Y3 attended No Outsiders workshops in the Autumn term, joining in the lesson with their children. We plan to continue this with other year groups later on in the year.



Food Waste Strategy

Our mission with the Food Waste Strategy was launched fully this week. Our thanks to Tara from CWAC for choosing the winning design for the food waste bins and telling the children all about the plan. Children have brought home information about collecting pledges and how the number of pledges will bring different prizes for school. We are really hoping to achieve the top amount to get a wildflower meadow.



This is the winning design by Penny Y5. Look out for the sticker all around Neston.

Radio Merseyside will be coming into school next week to speak to some of our Eco-Warriors about this wonderful initiative.

Attendance

As you know attendance is vitally important for children to succeed in school. I am aware there many illnesses lurking around however, we have a number of persistent absentees. If you need support with your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Furlong.

What have the different classes been up to?

Y6 started their project with AIRBUS last week. 2 members of AIRBUS came in to school to work with the children. They will be coming in 5 more times over the rest of the year. Mrs O'Hara also had the opportunity to visit the AIRBUS site herself to see how the team will be working with the children.

Y5 had a fabulous VIKING DAY. This wonderful hands-on day was funded by school and provided the children with the opportunity to handle artefacts, be historians and learn about Viking life.

The sun shone on Y3's STONE AGE DAY. The children 'hunted' with bows and arrows, built dens, had a campfire and drew using the charcoal they had created.



Forthcoming Events this term — More Events will be added as the term progresses

Tuesday 6th – 1-3pm Basketball Competition with Cluster schools at NPS (Y5/6)

Wednesday 7th – 9am Nursery Stay and Play Session

Wed 7th – Fri 9th Y5 Bikeability

Wed 14th – PFA event – Valentine's Non-Uniform Day (£1)

Monday 26th – Y6 AIRBUS workshop

Monday 19th- Friday 23rd HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Tuesday 27th – 3:30-7pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 29th – 3:30-5pm Parents' Evening

March

Monday 4th – Y3 Philharmonic Trip pm

Thursday 28th- Finish for Easter Holidays

PFA

Other PFA events
announced will be
announced separately



You will have noticed that we have taken delivery of over 300 tyres on the field. These are going to be used to edge different areas of the play area. More OPAL information will be sent out next week.

Holiday Dates 2024/25

I am just waiting for the inset day dates to be agreed but we will be following the term dates listed on the CWAC website. [Cheshire West and Chester School Holidays 2024 and 2025 - PublicHolidays.co.uk](https://www.publicholidays.co.uk) – please note the 2024/25 dates, not the 2023/24!