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Newsletter 8- Thursday 27th January 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

Children's mental health week-



During week commencing 7th February 2022, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is '**Growing together.**' During the week, your child will participate in a range of activities to promote this theme.

On Friday 11th February, to mark the end of this week, we'll be holding a special '**wear your scarf to school day**'. Scarf is a big part of our health and wellbeing/PSHE curriculum where we learn about all the things we can do to keep ourselves physically and mentally healthy.

Y6 Robinwood Residential Trip – 14th- 16th March 2022

Reminder: The final trip payment must be made by **31st January 2022**. If you are not going to be able to pay for the trip by this date, please contact the school office.

All pupil information forms should have been returned by yesterday. The school office will be contacting parents who haven't returned the form this week as we need this information to send to Robinwood so they can plan accordingly.

Finally, please remember there will be a virtual meeting for parents regarding the Robinwood trip on **Tuesday 8th February 2022 at 7:00pm**. The link will be sent out to parents via ESchools in the week before the meeting.

The Christopher Salmon Foundation
in partnership with
Wirral Poetry Festival and Wirral Libraries
announces

The Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition 2022

For poems on the theme of
Time

For people in Wirral aged 19 years and under, in full-time education. Entry is FREE.

Prize of £100 for each of five age categories:
7 and under 8-11 11-13 14-16 16-19

Entry closes on Friday 1 April 2022

For full details visit:
www.wirral.gov.uk/libraries
wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/christophersalmon
www.chrissalmon.org.uk

The Christopher Salmon Poetry Competition 2022

The **Christopher Salmon Foundation**, in partnership with Wirral Libraries and Wirral Poetry Festival, presents The Christopher Salmon Foundation Poetry Competition 2022 for poems on the theme of Time for entrants aged 18 years and under, living or being educated in Wirral.

We will hand out some application forms in class this week for any child who would like to enter. It is vital that all parents sign the form. Parents can choose to submit their own child's entry or alternatively school will submit them as long as parents have signed the entry form. You can also download a word version of the form from [here](#).

If you would like school to submit the entry, please ensure your child has returned the form by the deadline of: **Friday 25th March 2022**.

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Young Artists' Summer Show



We are going to take part in the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Show. This encourages pupils to submit a piece of artwork that illustrates their creative imagination, originality and skill. Any pupil can enter from age 4- 11.

The artwork must be original and must have been completed independently without support from parents/carers etc. Although many great artists 'copy' in creative ways, they will not accept artworks that closely reproduce another artist's work or ideas or that looks like an existing artwork. These artworks are then judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

If your child would like to take part, then they can look at previous examples of successful entries via this website: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2021>

All entries must be submitted to school by **Wednesday 23rd March 2022**. This will give us time to upload the entries via our school portal in time for the deadline on Wednesday 30th March 2022.

Each submission can include a short statement to accompany the work. This statement should add context to the work and often helps the judges understand the work better. Wherever possible, the statement should be written by the artist themselves and should attempt to include information about why they created the work and what it means to them.

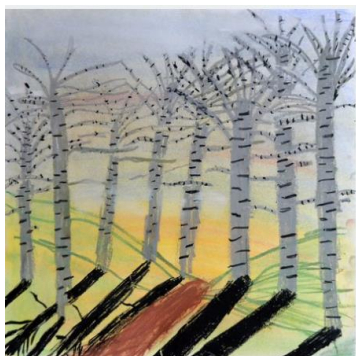
You can download the guidelines for submission via this link: <https://yass.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Submission-Guidelines-2022.pdf>



Camouflaged Lizard

Joey, Age 5

Prizewinner



Birches, Wyming Brook

Rose, Age 11

Prizewinner



Breaking Waves

George, Age 8

Prizewinner



Popped out of my head
Charlotte, Age 9

I made an Easter hat from things I had at home. The hat structure which is mostly covered up is made of papier-mâché and the nest is made of twigs from our garden. The egg is also of papier-mâché using a balloon and a bowl as a mould.



Map of Vazuliland
Daniel, Age 10

I really like maps and geography. A while ago I created an imaginary country called Yay. I drew lots of maps of this country and changed it as I got new ideas. This map is of the main island of Yay, called Vazuliland. I got my inspiration from looking at real maps but I use my own style.



Blackbird on a Branch
Georgia, Age 8

I did this piece because on the day I saw a blackbird on a branch and I also wanted to practice drawing hands.

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Parking concerns:



Many thanks to our parents/carers who continue to support the school by parking further away from the school, or using more sustainable methods of transport e.g. walking or cycling etc. This week has been better and we had less parents parking inconsiderately within the school area. However, it is vital that everyone continues to play their part in ensuring the safety of our whole school community at all times.

Please remember that parents should not be dropping off or picking up children in the bus stop.

Punctuality:

Please can I remind all parents that your child should be in school by **8:50am**. We should be able to close the gates at 8:50am. It is vital that your child is in school on time as otherwise they miss out on vital learning across school.

Parenting programme: Timid to Tiger:

We have sent out details regarding this great opportunity for parents to take part in an 8-week remote course via Zoom. This course is specifically for parents with children aged 8-12 years and focuses on providing parents with strategies that they can use with children who struggle with anxiety. Details for booking onto the course are outlined below.

NHS
Cheshire and Wirral
Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

HEALTHBOX
COMMUNITY WELLBEING SERVICES

Timid to Tiger Parenting Course

**Does your child struggle with anxiety?
Are you looking for ways to support them?**

Timid to Tiger is an entirely parenting-based approach to managing anxiety in children (available to parents of children aged 8-12).

It is based on evidence that anxious children benefit substantially from a parenting style that is clear, calm and consistent.

8-week remote courses via Zoom starting on

Mon 7th March 2022 6pm-7pm

Tue 8th March 1pm-2pm

To register your interest in one of the online parenting courses, email cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net

For more information email us at cwp.adminmhst@nhs.net

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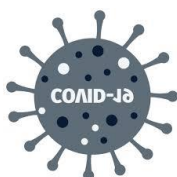
We are looking for the following items to enhance our outdoor play opportunities at Gayton. If you do have any of these items, please drop them off at the school office.

- Adult clothing e.g. hats, jackets, coats, shirts, ties or any dressing up clothing
- Any small world items: E.g. dolls, dinosaurs, cars etc.
- Prams, pushchairs or suitcases
- Any scooters that are no longer required
- Any plastic spades or buckets (anything that you would use in a sandpit)
- Any off cuts of astro-turf that may not be required



Covid- 19 updates:

As shared already this week, our covid-19 cases are rising within school. Please ensure that you are vigilant and please do not send your child to school, if they are displaying any of the symptoms of covid-19.



If your child tests positive on a lateral flow device, you do not need to take them for a confirmatory PCR test. However, if your child has symptoms of covid you must still take your child for a PCR as they may test negative on an LFD but still have covid. If your child has symptoms, you cannot rely on the results from a lateral flow device.

Please remember that if your child tests positive on a lateral flow test then their isolation period starts from this day. The day is counted as day 0 and you should log the results via the NHS website and Test and Trace should make contact with you.

Daily testing for close contacts:

People who are fully vaccinated, or children identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their school as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

The flow chart below provides helpful information regarding the self-isolation periods and when the isolation period can be ended earlier.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. McAleny'.

Mrs McAleny

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Ending self-isolation early through lateral flow testing

Self-isolation can be reduced from 10 to 5 days if you have 2 negative lateral flow tests (on days 5 and 6). This explains the process:

DAY 0

- Self-isolation starts on day 0. This is the day when you developed symptoms or had a positive lateral flow or positive PCR test.

Days 1-4 continue to self-isolate.

DAY 5

- Continue to self-isolate and take a lateral flow test at home. You must stay at home whether you receive a positive or negative result.

DAY 6

- Take another lateral flow test at home 24 hours after the test you took on day 5.

If you test positive on either day 5 or day 6



- If you receive a positive result on any of the lateral flow tests you must continue to self-isolate.
- You can continue to test daily from day 6, 24 hours apart.
- If you receive two negative tests in a row (24 hours apart) you can end your isolation early, as long as you don't have a high temperature. E.g. if you test negative on day 7 and day 8, you can leave self-isolation on day 8 after the negative result.
- If you test positive on all tests after day 6, you must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days, with your isolation finishing at 11:59pm on day 10. (Unless you have a high temperature).

If you test negative on day 5 AND day 6



- If you have taken two tests 24 hours apart that are both negative you can end your self-isolation period early, as long as you don't have a high temperature.

If you leave self-isolation on or after day 6 you are strongly advised to:

- Limit close contact with other people in crowded and indoor spaces.
- Work from home where possible.
- Minimise contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness.
- Wear a face covering (unless exempt) and keep a safe distance from others.
- Regularly wash or sanitise your hands.



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Key Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 31 st January 2022	Final payment for Y6 Robinwood Residential trip to be made.
Monday 7 th February 2022	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 th February 2022	Y6 Robinwood residential meeting for parents at 7:00pm. (via Google meet- link to be sent out to parents prior to the meeting.)
Friday 11 th February 2022	Wear your scarf to school day as part of Children's Mental Health Week.
Wednesday 16 th February 2022	Parents' Evening 3:40pm- 7:00pm- Arrangements for this evening to be confirmed closer to the time.
Thursday 17 th February 2022	Parents' Evening- 3:40pm- 7:00pm – Arrangements for this evening to be confirmed closer to the time.
Friday 18 th February 2022	Break up today for half term holiday.
21 st February 2022- 25 th February 2022	Half term holiday- school not open
Monday 28 th February 2022	Children return to school following half term break.
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	World Book Day
Thursday 3 rd March 2022	Cross Country at Arrowe Park (Y4-Y6) Further details to be sent home.
Friday 11 th March 2022	Y4 trip to Chester- Romans.
Wednesday 23 rd March 2022	Deadline for entries for the Young Artists' Summer Show.
Friday 25 th March 2022	Deadline for school returns for Christopher Salmon Poetry competition.
Friday 8 th April 2022	Break up today for spring break at 2:30pm.
Monday 25 th April 2022	Return to school following the spring break.

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