



Church Hill Middle School Weekly Update Friday 22nd September

Welcome from Miss Harris.



What another excellent week at Church Hill Middle School!

There have continued to be some excellent learning conversations happening in classrooms:- year 7 in particular as they have been discussing sequences and algebra in their maths this week which has been very challenging but has resulted in some fantastic learning debates.

Two Year 5 classes began their swimming lessons this week, with pupils travelling to Arrow Valley pool to improve their swimming ability and water safety skills. Some pupils overcame great nerves - we are very proud of you!

KS2 district athletics was rearranged for last Friday and the children represented Church Hill Middle School amazingly! Well done to all of our pupils who took part. Keep reading for more details of how they performed.

Finally, a huge well done to all of our celebration assembly winners this week. It was lovely hearing and reading about why you have won your awards. They are very well deserved!

A special shout out to [Brody Blake \(7SF\)](#), [Holly Matthews \(5MP\)](#), [Ella Morgan \(5KS\)](#), [Lyla Coggins \(5CB\)](#), [Megan Pearson \(5OC\)](#), [Lawan Mohammed \(5CB\)](#), [Emily Freeman \(5OC\)](#), [Dexter Wood \(5CB\)](#), [Kemi Rose \(5KS\)](#), [Jaiden Barber \(5MP\)](#) this week for being our top 10 EPraise students of the week. Keep up the hard work!

Parking Reminder

Please can we be mindful when parking to drop or collect your children from school, especially on Wood Piece Lane and Naseby Close.

We have had reports of several vehicles blocking residents' driveways, preventing them accessing or leaving their properties.

We have also had cars parked on the corners of residential roads off Wood Piece Lane which have resulted in limited visibility for drivers and pedestrians in this area, posing a safety risk.

Please can you ensure that when parking you are taking the local residents and their safety into consideration.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPrise.

Monday 25th September Individual and sibling school photographs

Monday 25th September - Friday 6th October Year 5 Bikeability.

Tuesday 26th September - Starting Well Partnership and Early Help Information for Parents 9am

Wednesday 27th September - KS2 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 28th September - KS3 Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 4th October Reading Workshop with Mrs Wilson

Thursday 19th October 5OC and 5MP Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

Friday 20th October 5CB and 5KS Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

Wednesday 25th October Special Halloween Breakfast

Wednesday 25th October Open Evening (6pm onwards)

Friday 27th October Teacher Training Day and End of Term

Tuesday 21st (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 5.30) Parents' Evenings for all classes.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Macmillan Coffee Afternoons are next week!

Please note that the dates and times are as follows:

- **Wednesday 27th September 1.30 - 2.15 Year 5**
- **Wednesday 27th September 2.15 - 3.00 Year 6**
- **Thursday 28th September 1.30 - 2.15 Year 7**
- **Thursday 28th September 2.15 - 3.00 Year 8**

If you wish to attend, please come to the school hall for the assigned time.

Prior to the event, please pay a minimum of £1 donation on Parent Pay per person attending. This donation will provide you with a drink and a cake. **All proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Research.**

On the day, there will also be an opportunity for you to give any further cash donations if you wish.

A Microsoft Forms has been sent out asking if you wish to attend. This is so we can ensure we have an accurate register of who will be on our school site, and also ensure your child is sent down promptly to enjoy this event with yourselves.

Donations

We are taking cake donations for this event!

Please ensure that all cakes and biscuits are pre-packaged and not homemade.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity in supporting this magnificent charity.

Halloween Breakfast



On Wednesday 25th October, we are hosting a special Halloween Breakfast at our breakfast club.

The special breakfast will consist of a range of hot breakfast items.

If you wish for your child to attend, please pay £1.50 on Parent Pay by Monday 23rd October.

Normal breakfast club items will still be available for purchase on this day for children who do not wish to have the special breakfast.

TOP 10 TIPS



Attendance Matters



TOP 10 - Routines, Tips, Organisation to Support your Child's Attendance.

1. Set a regular bed time and morning routine; this makes everyone feel in control and helps the start of the day feeling good.
2. Set more than one alarm - be on time, everyday.
3. Lay out clothes, shoes and bag, organise lunch the night before.
4. Don't let your child stay at home unless they are truly unwell.
5. Avoid unnecessary absences. Keep in mind complaints of a stomachache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.
6. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, pastoral team, or other parents for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning.
7. When your child seems better they may arrive to school for afternoon lessons. (Half days count towards school attendance, but also can help children feel more confident about returning to school after illness.)
8. Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or another parent.
9. Talk about the importance of attendance at home - use examples about how attendance is regarded in the work place.
10. If your child attends an unavoidable medical appointment during the school day, minimise the time they miss out of lessons by returning them to school the same day or asap.

EVENT on 26th September 2023 9am (support for parents)

PLACES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS EVENT - NOT TO BE MISSED !

Parents/Carers Invitation.

Tuesday 26th September
9am (approx. 1 hour)
Church Hill Middle School.



The Starting Well Community Team for Redditch will be attending our schools to share with you what support they offer to parents.

We'd love to see lots of you at this informal and supportive event whilst you grab an hour for yourself with a cuppa and chat with other parents.

Please confirm your interest via Epraise or Email to Mrs R Evans (Raevans@churchhill.worcs.sch.uk) **ASAP to secure your place. Places are limited.**

Starting Well Bromsgrove & Redditch Community Team
startingwell@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

Holly Trees Hub, Mabey Avenue, Redditch, B98 8HW Tel: 01527 61360

Pear Tree Hub, Broad Street, Bromsgrove, B61 8LW Tel: 01527 835775

Provided by:  Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust

In partnership with:  Sure Start Children's Centres

To find out more
Find us on social media:

 @StartingWellRB

 @BgroveandRditch

Scan the QR code to visit our website startingwellworcs.nhs.uk



Starting Well Partnership
EVERY CONTACT SAVED A LIFE



1 - Contact Mrs R Evans stating your child's name/class to secure your place by Monday. We are incredibly lucky to offer this to our parents. Please report to school office on arrival; looking forward to meeting you!

KS2 - Let's Celebrate!



Another incredible week this week in KS2, here our amazing award winners!

Firstly another outstanding week for **5CB** who have achieved the best attendance for a second week in a row!

KASE Champions

Kemi Rose - 5KS

Kemi consistently works hard, completing all of her work to a high standard. She can be relied upon to add valuable contributions to class discussions and is a delight to have in class.

Amazing work Kemi :)

Dexter Wood – 5CB

For always being engaged and enthused, positive and resilient in his work. As well as this, Dexter is growing in confidence when giving fluent contributions to the whole class in addition to kickstarting learning conversations with his partner! He has settled into Year 5 brilliantly and has made a fantastic start!

Jenson Jones – 5MP

For always having amazing ideas and knowledge that he can share with the class. He shows enthusiasm, engagement, and he is self-aware within his learning and progress. During maths this week, he has understood new learning and supported others with their learning too. Well done!

Megan Pearson – 5OC

For being an incredible hard-working pupil in all lessons. Megan is committed to doing her best with each and every task that she attempts. I have been very impressed with her efforts in Math's and English especially as she has already made lots of progress.

Emmitt Wade – 6JE

For consistently being enthused and engaged in all lessons. He constantly works hard and puts every effort into his learning. Her has settled into year 6 brilliantly and has made a fantastic start to year 6. Well done, Emmitt!

Archie Fryer - 6BD

For consistently showing he is focused and working hard. He always aims to contribute to lessons, asking if he does not understand with the overall goal to improve his learning. Keep up this amazing attitude :)

Alicia McCrea - 6MD

For giving every lesson maximum effort and engagement and taking pride in your learning. You have shared so many valuable ideas this week!

Cody Maeers - 6MH

For consistently putting 100% into all of his work. Cody has demonstrated a keen ability to work well with others and produce high quality work. Especially with mathematics where Cody is one of the fastest in the class! A huge well done :)

Oracy Superstars

Dexter Conran - 5KS

For having lots of valuable contributions in class and working hard to engage in class discussions. He also listens well to other people's ideas.

Super work Dexter :)

Finley Gray – 5CB

For always having the confidence to give things a go. Finley will always put his hand up to share an idea he has clearly thought out, even if he isn't 100% sure on whether he is right. His hard work and positive attitude shines through his brilliant contributions!

Holly Garfield-Matthews - 5MP

Holly is a lovely and polite member of 5MP who is always listening to others and offering great ideas to class discussion. During group and partner discussions, she is not only sharing her knowledge but listening to and understanding the knowledge of her peers. Great work!

Emily Freeman - 5OC

For loads of valuable contributions this week, I have really noticed her increased levels of participation and 'have a go' attitude to all discussion topics.

Karolina Drewniak – 6JE

For always showing excellent listening skills. Alongside this, you provide interesting and valuable contributions to lessons and are great at talking to and helping your partners. Great work Karolina!

Filip Szary - 6BD

For contributing to discussion, even when those around him are not engaging. He has been modelling excellent focus, and always thinks carefully to make sure his contributions are worthwhile.

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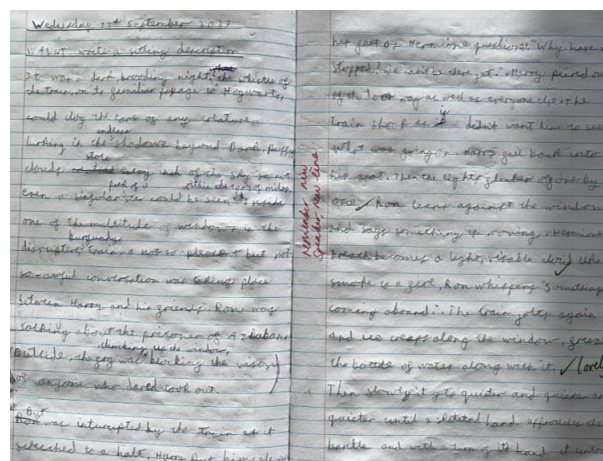
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2 - Writer of the Week - Lara Pereira

Lara has impressed Miss Dalton with her writing this week, a piece inspired by Harry Potter.

Here are some quotes from her outstanding work:

Dark puffy clouds stole every inch of the sky..."

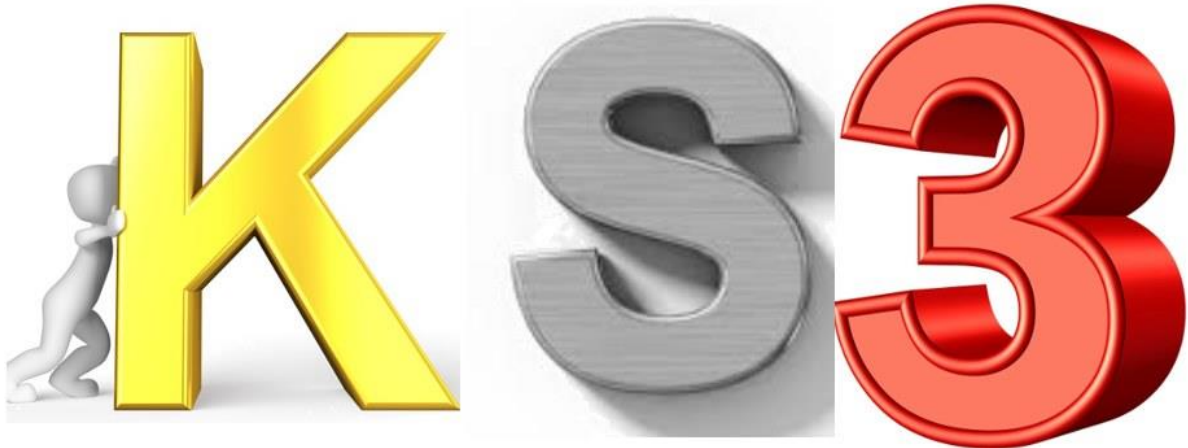
"It was a dark and broody night, as the whistle of the train, on its familiar passage to Hogwarts, clogged the ears of any creature lurking in the endless shadows..."

Reading Shout Outs!

*Well done **Marcel** and **Amelia M 6JE** for completing a quiz already! Both of your books were at the higher end of your ZPD.*

Marcel, yours was even slightly above your ZPD!

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



TUTEE OF THE WEEK

7BP – Miley Nicholls for always willing to be involved.

7AP – Sonny Bagley for always being polite and helpful, in tutor time and in lessons.

7SK– Esmae Blantford for being helpful, kind, and considerate to her peers.

7SF- Brody Blake for always being super positive, polite and proactive with his learning.
Fabulous start!

7JL – Alfie Hanman for having a positive attitude towards learning

8JD - Heidi Dawson for always doing her best, setting an excellent example to her peers, and always smiling – which makes me smile too!

8MO – Kacie Cook for making a conscious effort to turn things around from the start of the week. Getting into school on time, accepting responsibility for her behaviour choices and just being amazing :)

8FG - Rares Amesculesei as he is always polite, helpful and an overall star!

Subject Stars of the Week

ART - Beth Spacie 7SF for seeking constructive feedback on her work and for making fantastic progress already! **Fabian Francis and Jake Jones 8FG** for actively listening during the facial proportions instructions and for producing accurate studies! Well done you!

COMPUTING – Lennon Yates (8JD) and Connor Vasic (8JD) for showing excellence in their knowledge of Computers. **Jared Newton (7AP) and Jakub Opechowski (7SF)** for showing excellent skills in producing appropriate emails.

DT - Maja Jezierska 7JL for showing her excellent sewing skills and helping others during her first sewing lesson. **Lennon Yates 8JD** for the effort he put into his research homework and his engagement in our sustainable fashion topic.

ENGLISH – Emmy Turrell 7BP for being an active listener and applying her new knowledge and skills to a fantastic letter plan. **Romain Whyte 8MO** for the consistent fantastic effort that he makes during every English lesson. He always contributes, offers to read and applies newly acquired skills into his work! Keep it Romain!

GEOGRAPHY - Olivia Wojtanowska 7JL for blowing all my geographical expectations out the water. **Katy Shaw 8FG** for the willingness and engagement in geography lessons this year.

HISTORY - Laiton Burson 7AP for being thorough and engaged in his Tollund Man autopsy. **George Turner 8FG** for being super thorough with his Historical Enquiry evidence.

MATHS – Charlie G - Excellent attitude and fully engaged in his learning.

Faye Lacks-Emes- Excellent work in lessons.

MUSIC – Flynn Bovington 7SK – great application of knowledge when identifying different parts of the ukulele. **Marley Bosworth 8MO** for his enthusiasm – encouraging the rest of the class in the process.

P.E – Harry Graham 7BP for his controlled serving during table-tennis.

Ava Higgins- Excellent attitude in football. **Casey Cook-** Fantastic attitude in football, great skills seen

R.E – Logan Little 7SF for his fantastic contribution to our class discussion on the Holy Trinity. **Mickie McCormack 8FG** for his detailed answers to why there is suffering in the world in response to the Adam & Eve story.

SCIENCE – Isla McKeon 7BP for working really hard in her science work. **Ashleigh-May Craig 8JD** as she has exceeded all expectations in science.

WHO HAS BEEN ON THE KASE?

Active Listener

Mikayla Thibault 8MO for being *Reflective* throughout all lessons and always showing respect when teachers or peers are talking.

Polite & Respectful

Ollie Manison 7AP for having such wonderful manners, for always being polite and for showing great *Empathy* when supporting his peers.

Pride

Year 7 athletics participants for being *Resilient* and *Cosmopolitan* when competing at the district athletics last week.

Ready to learn

Harry Graham and Cooper Wackrow 7BP for (always)being *Self – Directing*, arriving to lessons on time, with the correct uniform and equipment ready to learn.

Student Leadership



Pupil voice is an important part of our Church Hill Community. We feel that students' opinions and perspectives are vital in the running and improvement of our school and therefore the pupils have many opportunities to get involved!

We had over 200 applications handed in for our different roles in school! This is fantastic and shows how keen our pupils are to get involved and support the running and development of our school.

Interviews for these posts are being organised for next week so good luck!

Watch this space for our announcement of our new student leaders!

Sporting Superstars



KS2 District Athletics

After being rained off before the summer holidays, some of our current Year 6 and 7 children returned to their previous year to compete at the Redditch District Athletics Competition. Church Hill saw much success on both the track and field, especially from our Year 7s, bagging several podium spots. Well done to all our students who took part and represented our community with grace and respect. Extra special mention to the following, who bagged themselves a medal (or three):

Sonney Bagley - Y6 Boys 80m - Bronze

Nikita Sydorenko - Y6 Boys Long Jump - Bronze

Elsie Harris - Y6 Girls 1200m - Bronze

Jessica Williams - Y6 Girls 1200m - GOLD

Milly Burgess - Y6 Girls 150m - GOLD and Y6 Girls Vortex Throw - GOLD (new district record)

Lastly, our Y6 girls relay team, made up of Phoebe Andrews, Isla McKeon, Felicity Moody and Milly Burgess, took home bronze in the 4x100m relay race.

Keep working hard. We go again next summer!













Year 8 Football

Our Year 8 football teams kicked off the season this week. In the Redditch Cup, our 11-a-side team had a tough outing against Birchensale. However, our students represented themselves well and are looking forward to next week's fixture against St. Bede's.

On Friday, our Year 8 7-a-side team took part in a football tournament held at Arrow Vale. The boys did incredibly well - scoring many goals and winning the majority of their games. There were lots of smiling faces when they returned to school. Well done boys!



Message from West Mercia Police



Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are writing to you following a number of concerns that have been raised by the local community regarding the use of E-scooters and hoverboards on the road network.

We understand that buying one can be tempting, especially as you can get them from many popular retailers. It can also create confusion as it is legal to buy them but becomes illegal to use them in any public place, road, pavement, or cycle lane. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land. The reason for this is that e-scooters are treated, in legislation, as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements including:

- MOT
- Drivers Licence (Class Q)

Road Tax

- Insurance

To outline that it is currently not possible to obtain insurance for e-scooters in the U.K.

You may have seen e-scooters for hire, but these were subject to exemptions as they were part of a government trial. There are currently no government trials taking place within West Mercia. If your child is found using an e-scooter or hoverboard in the above circumstances the Police Officer/s may use powers provided to them to seize and destroy the scooter. Every effort will be made to contact you immediately and, if applicable, arrange for you to collect your child from the location. In some circumstances, there may be offences committed by parents of allowing or permitting your child to ride without insurance or a driving licence.

The aim of this letter is to educate the community about the risks of using e-scooters in a public place and hopefully this letter will prevent enforcement being required. We would very much seek your support in our approach to safeguarding children and help us to reduce the risk of harm to your child and to other vulnerable road users. For further information please visit the West Mercia Police website and type in 'e-scooter' to the search area.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Yours Faithfully,


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Inspector Richard Field

District Inspector