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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and productive term, I wanted to take a moment to express our thanks for your continued support and engagement in school life.

This term, we successfully launched My Happy Mind, a well-being program designed to support children's mental health. We're delighted that so many of you have downloaded the app and are engaging with this important initiative at home.

Our Aspirations Week was another fantastic highlight. It was inspiring to see so many parents volunteering their time to share their careers and experiences, helping to broaden our pupils' horizons and spark their ambitions for the future.

A special thank you also goes to our wonderful PTA, who organised and ran the ever-popular Spooky Disco. The children had a brilliant time, and we're so grateful for the hard work that made this event such a success.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share that the school's entrance hall and main corridor will be redecorated over the holiday period and we will be refreshing the library area with new books, donated by PTA.

In the new year, we look forward to hosting our Spring Open Afternoon, offering another opportunity for you to see your child's learning in action. Our open afternoon is an opportunity for you to see your child's books and celebrate their achievements. Classrooms are open from 1.30pm and at 3pm (creche available) there will be a talk from DC Andrew Kevan from Cheshire Police about children's use of social media, AI and the law. A talk not to be missed!

For our Learning Reviews, both will be face-to-face, but if you can't attend in person, your child's teacher will be able to telephone you on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th January.

There will also be more exciting PTA events on the horizon (please see our events calendar [here](#)) starting with Cinema Night on 16th January. Thank you once again for your support, encouragement, and involvement. We wish you all a restful and joyful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in the spring term.

Best wishes

Mrs Sach & the whole Ravenbank team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 6th January:

- School closed for staff training

Tuesday 7th January:

- Children return to school

Wednesday 15th January:

- Please send in cakes for our cake sale!

Thursday 16th January:

- Cinema Night

Friday 17th January:

- Dress down day to support charity

Thursday 23rd January @2.30pm

- Y3 assembly

Friday 24th January @9am

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Friday 24th January @1.30pm

- Open Afternoon
- Talk from DC Andrew Kevan @3pm (creche available)

Tuesday 28th January 3.30-6pm

- Learning Reviews

Wednesday 29th January 3.30-6pm

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Monday 3rd February

- Children's Mental Health Week starts

Thursday 6th February @ 2.30pm

- Year 1 Assembly

Friday 7th February @9am

- Year 1 Assembly
- Number Day
- Pizza & Quiz Night (PTA)

Friday 14th February

- School closes at normal time

Monday 24th February

- School reopens

Wednesday 26th February

- Year 5 Residential

Thursday 6th March

- World Book Day

KIRINYA CHILDREN'S CENTRE- A WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE

In January we will be supporting a charity called the 'Helen Margaret Owen Foundation', a charity that is actively involved in the education of the children attending Kirinya Children's Centre Nursery and Primary School in Uganda.

They work to provide education, food and homes for orphans and teachers. The children will have an assembly on the work of the charity and on Friday 17th January we will have a dress down day and children are invited to bring in £2. There will also be a cake sale (run by School Council) after school on Wednesday 15th January. All the money raised will go towards buying new desks for the school.



CHESHIRE'S MIX 56

A huge well done to Esther and Charlie who both won awards from Kids Live@5! Esther won fundraiser of the year and Charlie won an award for determination.

Esther went live on the radio with MP Esther McVey and talked to her off air all about her charity fundraising and school. You can read more about it here: <https://mix56.co.uk/kids-live-5-awards-presentations/>



DICKENSIAN FESTIVAL

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Dickensian Parade last Saturday. We had a lovely time! Thank you to the PTA for the sweet treats we all enjoyed afterwards too!



Y3 VISIT TO TATTON PARK

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tatton Park to experience what life was like in the Stone Age. They learnt how to use flint to make fire and how to make a successful shelter using wattle and daub. The children's behaviour was excellent and we are so proud of them for being respectful throughout the day and for showing good listening skills. Well done, Year 3!



OPEN AFTERNOON

Please book Friday 24th January in your diaries! All parents/ carers are invited in to visit their child's classroom and to sit together and look at your child's books. We must limit this to only parents/ carers due to space in the building.



However, if you cannot make the event due to work or other commitments, you can nominate another family member to visit on your behalf.

Visitors should enter through the main entrance as all gates will remain locked (due to safety reasons) until 3pm. If you wish to leave before 3pm, please sign out with your child's teacher and leave through the front entrance.

DC ANDREW KEVAN

Detective Constable Andrew Kevan is based in the Cheshire Police Cyber Crime Unit and he will be delivering a talk in relation to keeping your children safe online and the use of social media. He has delivered talks in other local schools and parents have said how useful they are and he's an excellent speaker too. His talk will start at 3pm and is expected to last just under an hour. He will also be doing a talk for our Year 6 pupils on Friday 31st January about their use of social media, AI and the law.

WELL DONE

A big well done to Amelia Rose who has won first prize in a Christmas card competition organised by Kelloggs! What a beautiful design!



USEFUL REMINDERS/ INFORMATION

PHOTOGRAPH PERMISSIONS

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our survey for consent to include your child in social media posts. Please note that any images or videos shared will focus on the positive aspects of life at Ravenbank School, and children will not be identified by name unless otherwise agreed upon. Additionally, all social media posts are managed by school staff and are in line with our safeguarding policies. Your decision will be respected and followed as part of our commitment to ensuring the privacy and safety of all children. If you haven't answered the survey, but would like to grant consent, please email the office confirmation.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES

As a school we do try to keep costs down for any school trips or activities due to the rise in travel costs. To help we will sometimes have companies visit us in school to reduce the cost to parent/carers. As you are probably aware, schools have tight budgets to stick to and we are unable to fund some of these activities which enhance the children's curriculum experiences. This is why we ask for support through voluntary contributions. We would never exclude a child from an activity if parents/carers struggled to pay.

HEALTHY FAMILIES WARRINGTON

Please explore this [webpage](#) which gives some useful advice on keeping your family healthy by understanding diet, behaviour and learning in children.



MY HAPPY MIND

We've just completed the first module of My Happy Mind which is 'Meet Your Brain.' We've had lots of positive feedback from children and parents who've engaged with the app. There is still time to download the app [here](#) using the code 148457.



POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for the donations to the Poppy Appeal. Ravenbank raised £410.42 for the Royal British Legion.



PE AND SPORTS NEWS



Huge congratulations to Finn 2AN, Junior 4DG, Henry 5NW, Max 6JB, Hugo 6JB, Jude 6JB, Jacob 6PS, Arthur 6PS and Matthew 6PS who all achieved their next belt in Gen'Dai Martial Arts. The boys worked really hard and showed perseverance and determination.



We are super proud to share Leo's (6JB) amazing football achievements. He won the Wolves Christmas Cup with Everton u11s at the weekend against Liverpool, Arsenal, Man United, Wolves and Forest Green. Leo you are a superstar!

We have a future tennis star in Zac from 1GB. He recently received a Player Award for all his hard work, dedication, good listening and perseverance during his tennis lessons. What fantastic qualities to have! Keep it up Zac!



Well done to Nora 5NW, who won a trophy for her performance at her Christmas ballet show. She was extremely proud to say she was selected out of many children to receive the award. What a fantastic achievement Nora.



Violet 5JE attends a performing arts club and took part in an open class. She was very proud to be awarded as best dancer of the younger group! Well done, Violet! Keep up the fantastic work!



At the weekend, children from Ravenbank superbly represented our school in the Neville Jones Schools Cross Country Race. Huge congratulations to Tom 3MN, Ace 3MN, Polly 5JE, Ava 5JE, Alex 5JE, Albie 5JE, Seb 6JB, Alex 6JB, HUGO 6JB who all completed the race. A special mention to the Year 6 boys team who won the team trophy again! We most definitely have some future superstar athletes here at Ravenbank. We will be looking out for your next achievements. Well done to you all!

Don't forget to share your sporting news with us by sending to ravenbank.primary@thebeamtrust.co.uk



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