



# Greasyby Junior School

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**Care, Courtesy and Consideration**



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## Merit of the Week



**Year 3:** Phoebe K & Arthur Mc  
**Year 4:** Benjamin L & Elisabeth P  
**Year 5:** Austin Mc & Harper R  
**Year 6:** Orla A & Olivia D

## Attendance

**Year 3:** 97.0%  
**Year 4:** 96.0%  
**Year 5:** 93.0%  
**Year 6:** 97.2%  
**Whole School:** 96.6%



## Kindness Awards

**Year 3:** Daisy P  
**Year 4:** Amelie B  
**Year 5:** Demi C  
**Year 6:** Charlie D



## Golden Table Awards

**Year 3:** Ellie R  
**Year 4:** Joshua W  
**Year 5:** Juliet M  
**Year 6:** James S



## What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February)

### Children's Mental Health Week & 4M Swimming Week

**Monday:** **Dress to Express Day**  
 Fencing (8am)  
 Homework Club (12:00pm)  
 Golden Table (12:00pm)  
 Recorder Club (12:30pm)  
**Parents' Coffee Afternoon (2:30pm)**

**Tuesday:** Homework Club (12:00pm)  
 Drama with Desna (12:30pm)  
 Choir (12:30pm)  
**Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday:** Homework Club (12:00pm)  
 Yr3-6 Gardening Club (12:30pm)  
 Yr5&6 Indoor Athletics (12:30pm)  
**Parents' Evening**

**Thursday:** Yr3 Resilience Workshop  
 Yr3 & 4 Mental Health Workshop  
 Homework Club (12:00pm)  
 Yr3/4 Judo Club (12:20pm)  
 Yr4-6 Time Out Thursday (12:30pm)  
 Chess Club (3:35pm)  
 Fun Ball Sports (3:35pm)  
**Indoor Athletics Event**  
**Parents' Evening**

**Friday:** **Yr5 Catalyst Museum Visit**  
 Golden Table (12:00pm)  
 Yr4-6 Film Friday (12:30pm)  
 School Council (12:30pm)  
 Choir (12:30pm)  
 Yr4/5 Football (3:35pm)

## Anglo-Saxon and Viking Day

On Wednesday, Year 4 had a very special visitor in school who shared so many interesting facts and stories about the Anglo-Saxon's and Vikings. The children loved the hands-on experiences; from trying on the clothing of the time, to grinding flour using a grinding stone to holding the chainmail and weaponry. It was a shock to some just how heavy armour can actually be!

During the morning the Year 4 classes learned the differences in the roles and lives of men, women and children. Some were shocked to find that you were considered an adult at the age of only 12! They also discovered the differences in the class systems during this era and how the rich could treat the poor. Many agreed that was not how people should be treated and were thankful that our community does not work that way today.

The afternoon was filled with play and creativity. The children were able to participate in a number of games from the time, such as knucklebones and a game very similar to the noughts and crosses of today. They were also able to writing their own names using the Anglo-Saxon alphabet and design and make their own wooden ball using jewellery to inspire their colours and patterns. The mystery box kept many of the children on their toes. They were introduced to a variety of items from irons shaped as large marbles and fishing hooks to chains used for keeping their servants.

A very fun-filled and exciting day had by all were the children were immersed into their history curriculum.



## Does your child want to join a music centre?

The Wirral Schools' Junior Choir is **FREE** for all pupils at Greasby Juniors.

For those children that have instrument lessons with Edsential, their ensembles are always keen to welcome new members. Your child can come along and have a go if they're interested.



## CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

5th – 9th February 2024

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **My Voice Matters**. Please see the letter attached to this same email for further information about the week, as well as additional resources for home.

Don't forget about **Dress to Express Day** on Monday!



## Mr Gooden's Quiz - Update

Wow, we have been overrun by ticket requests and have now sold out. Thank you to our families who will be able to join us on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. More details regarding arrangements will be sent out closer to the date.



## Bikability for Year 5

Several places remain available, however, we will have to release these dates to other schools on Monday if they are not taken by GJS pupils.

We are excited to be working with BikeRight to offer Bikeability Level 1/2 combined.

There are several dates available in [February](#) and [March](#). Please click on either of the links to book the week of your choosing.

Please click on the link above for more information about the course and to provide consent for your child to participate.

## Parent/Guardian:

1. Register with Bikeright by clicking either link above depending on your preferred dates.
2. Once registered and confirmation email received:
3. Click back on the link to book and at the same time, give consent.

Please DO NOT share the link or add any other family members who are not in the year group.

## Continued Concerns

I ask for everyone who either picks-up or drops-off children by car to please prioritise the safety of our pupils by being vigilant about parking around the school. Kindly adhere to designated drop-off and pick-up areas, avoid double parking, and ensure driveways remain unobstructed. Please refrain from reversing into the school and residents' driveways, as well as the entrance to the farmer's field next to the Lower School gate.

Additionally, please avoid parking on the double yellow lines in front of the Lower School gate during drop-off, as it poses safety risks. I appreciate some might be running a little late in a morning, but the safety of our children and the safety of the others on the road must be our first priority. Your cooperation is key to fostering a secure environment for our pupils and community. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.



## Online Safety

For many companies who operate in the online space, attention and engagement are the holy grail. Social media sites in particular make deliberate creative choices to keep people scrolling, reading, watching and clicking. This phenomenon is known as 'persuasive design' and it's being employed in the vast majority of the digital world's most popular destinations.

A study by the charity 5Rights Foundation concluded that "...the brain's response to rewards and punishments can be leveraged through persuasive design to keep children online." To tie in with Safer Internet Day 2024, our #WakeUpWednesday guide can help to educate youngsters on the effects of persuasive design – and suggests ways to insulate themselves from its influence.

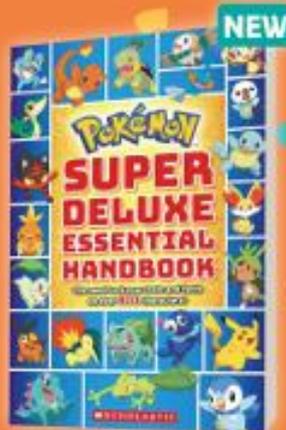
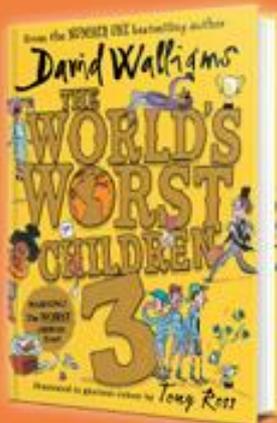
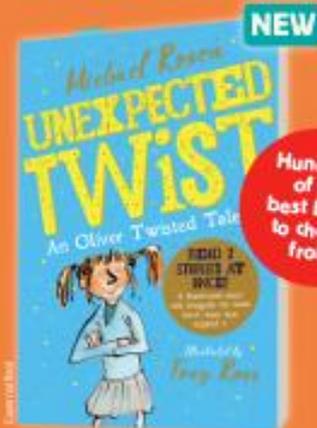
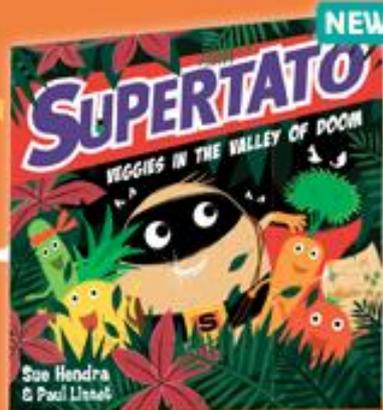


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Come to our

# Book Fair

and earn **FREE BOOKS** for our school!\*



**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

The best **NEW** books at pocket-money prices!



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**Menu**

Please see the [school website](#) for allergy menus.

**THE POSITIVES**

# WEEK TWO

AVAILABLE DAILY – SELF SERVICE BAR  
Salad bar, fruit bar, homemade breads & water.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>MAIN MEAL</b> Italian Beef Lasagne <i>GLUTEN</i> <i>MAY CONTAIN EGGS</i></p> <p><b>VEGGIE MEAL</b> Veggie Lasagne <i>GLUTEN/MILK</i> <i>MAY CONTAIN EGG</i></p> <p><b>SIDES</b> Garlic Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>) Pasta (<i>GLUTEN</i>) Peas &amp; Sweetcorn Homemade Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>)</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b> Oaty apple crumble &amp; custard <i>MILK/GLUTEN</i></p>	<p><b>MAIN MEAL</b> Homemade Sausage Rolls <i>GLUTEN/EGG/MILK/SULPHITES</i></p> <p><b>VEGGIE MEAL</b> Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza <i>GLUTEN/MILK</i></p> <p><b>SIDES</b> Chips Baked Beans or Peas Homemade Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>)</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b> Fruit jelly</p>	<p><b>MAIN MEAL</b> Roast Chicken Dinner with Yorkshire Pudding <i>GLUTEN/EGG/MILK</i></p> <p><b>VEGGIE MEAL</b> Veggie Roast Dinner <i>GLUTEN/EGG/MILK</i></p> <p><b>SIDES</b> Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy Carrots &amp; Cauliflower Homemade Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>)</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b> Chocolate Spongewith custard <i>GLUTEN/EGG/MILK</i></p>
<p><b>JACKET POTATO FILLINGS</b> Baked Beans Cheese <i>MILK</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH</i></p> <p><b>SANDWICH OR PANINI</b> Ham <i>GLUTEN/SOYA</i> Cheese <i>GLUTEN/MILK/SOYA</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH/GLUTEN/SOYA</i></p>	<p><b>JACKET POTATO FILLINGS</b> Baked Beans Cheese <i>MILK</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH</i></p> <p><b>SANDWICH OR PANINI</b> Ham <i>GLUTEN/SOYA</i> Cheese <i>GLUTEN/MILK/SOYA</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH/GLUTEN/SOYA</i></p>	<p><b>JACKET POTATO FILLINGS</b> Baked Beans Cheese <i>MILK</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH</i></p> <p><b>SANDWICH OR PANINI</b> Ham <i>GLUTEN/SOYA</i> Cheese <i>GLUTEN/MILK/SOYA</i> Tuna Mayo <i>EGG/FISH/GLUTEN/SOYA</i></p>
Thursday	Friday	<p>Remember to eat plenty of Salad and Fruit with your lunch.</p>
<p><b>MAIN MEAL</b> Chicken Korma</p> <p><b>VEGGIE MEAL</b> Vegetable Curry</p> <p><b>SIDES</b> Plain Rice Naan Bread Green Beans Homemade Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>)</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b> Lemon drizzle cake <i>GLUTEN/EGG</i></p>	<p><b>MAIN MEAL</b> Fish Fingers <i>FISH/GLUTEN</i></p> <p><b>VEGGIE MEAL</b> Cheese Sausage Roll <i>GLUTEN/MILK/EGG</i></p> <p><b>SIDES</b> Chips Baked Beans or Peas Homemade Bread (<i>GLUTEN</i>)</p> <p><b>DESSERT</b> Ginger Biscuit <i>GLUTEN</i></p>	

**Allergen Coding:** ALLERGENS ARE IDENTIFIED UNDERNEATH EACH DISH – NOTE ALL PANINI CHOICES INCLUDE MILK

**Community Events**

## WEEKLY NEURODIVERSE DROP IN

### For Parents

Little ones welcome!

**2024**  
22nd Jan to 19th March  
(not including 19th Feb half term)  
9:30am-11:30am  
Windsor Close Community Centre, CHG2 5BZ

Refreshments included!

Topics including:

- ATTENTION AUTISM
- POSITIVITY THROUGH REWARDS, LANGUAGE AND BEHAVIOUR
- HOW TO USE VISUAL AID
- UNDERSTANDING SENSORY
- MELTDOWNS VS BEHAVIOUR

We are offering a weekly drop-in session with different topics, tips, and peer support for parents.

Cheshire and Wirral Partnership  
NHS Foundation Trust

# MHST

MHST – The Mental Health Support Team are part of the Wirral Children and Young People’s (CYP) Mental Health Service. We are able to work with children and young people who experience mild to moderate mental health difficulties, and/or their parents/ carers. These are difficulties that are newly emerging, have not lasted for more than 6 months and are starting to affect the children’s lives or experiences. The team are linked with your primary school, and work closely with the Mental Health Lead in your child’s school. If you have any questions about any mental health concerns your child may be having, please speak with the Mental Health Lead within your school.





### Kicks for Inclusion

LFC Foundation are running football sessions as Activity 4 All every Friday 5-6pm for children aged between 6 and 15, and 6-7pm for those aged 16+. These sessions are designed for pupils with Special Educational Needs, and many of the participants have ADHD, Autism and Cerebral Palsy.

If your child has a Special Educational Need, and is interested in playing football, please contact Activity 4 All, or head down one Friday night to find out a little more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Ball, Headteacher

#### INSET Days 2023-2024

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

