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## **NEWSLETTER 06**

**25<sup>th</sup> November 2022**



Reminder: On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, we are having a **non-uniform day**, to help us to assemble a series of Christmas Hampers that we will raffle off to raise money for the school.

You will most likely be aware that school budgets are incredibly tight this year – and the cost of electricity, gas (heating and hot water) and the ever increasing cost of school equipment (basic stationery, books, paper and all other school equipment) is making it very difficult to provide the children with the wealth of enrichment opportunities, and equipment, that makes their time in school fun, engaging and memorable. All of the money raised – along with the money raised at the Christmas Bingo - will be spent on the children who come to our school!

We are asking for Christmas themed items (or chocolate, sweets, toys and other popular items) that people of all different ages would enjoy receiving as a gift in the run up to Christmas to be donated. To enable us to put together different coloured theme hampers, we are asking the children in each house to bring in something of a specific colour:

Bridge = Red or Orange                      Castle = Blue or Purple  
Mersey = Green or Lime                      Priory = Yellow or Gold

If you can't find anything of the designated colour, please consider donating something that is white or silver instead.

As soon as the hampers are assembled, Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will go on sale... and we will make the draw (and announce the winners) on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

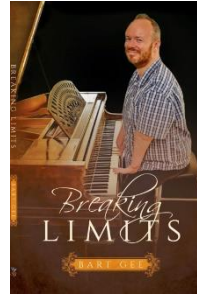


### **Do you need a winter coat?**

**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November there is a "Pick A Coat Day" taking place at Grangeway Community Centre – from 11:00am to 4:00pm.**

**People are able to collect a "FREE" coat from the range of winter coats for Men, Women and Children.**

**Please pop in if you feel this is something that you can make good use of.**



**When something is hard, difficult or challenging...if you believe it's still possible, it's amazing what you can achieve!**

On Monday we will be visited by a **motivational speaker** from Wiltshire. **Bart Gee** was born with Arthrogryposis (weak muscles and stiff joints) and his parents were told that he would never walk or sit up independently.

Despite this prognosis, Bart walked when he was just three years of age, has taken part in a range of sports and other activities and, in the last few years, has completed a 5km swim and three triathlons.

Bart is coming to share what motivated him when he was younger and to educate the older children at our school how, if they are determined and have a positive mindset, they can achieve anything – even if they, or other people, believe it is beyond their capabilities.

We are hoping Bart can inspire a large number of our pupils to 'shoot for the stars' - and always give their best – by developing a positive mental attitude and self-belief.



### **Christmas Workshops**

On Wednesday morning, the parents, grandparents and carers of our Reception and Year 1 pupils have been invited into school to take part in a **FREE Family Learning 'Fun Christmas Workshop'**.

The Family Learning team in Halton do an amazing job – and it would be great if we could fill the hall with adults working alongside their children to take part in a range of different activities.

If you wish to come along, please fill in (and return) the slip that was sent home on Wednesday (30<sup>th</sup> November). **Alternatively, send us a message on Studybugs telling us who will be coming into school – from 09:00am to 10:30am.**

If you come along, your child will come and join you and you will work together to take part in a variety of activities, games and crafts that celebrate the magic of

Christmas – including making reindeer dust, taking part in a snowball throw and doing some Santa spotting.

If you have an older child at our school, you may be pleased to hear that the PTA are organising a **‘Christmas Craft Night’** that will be taking place immediately after school – in the school hall – on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**.

There is a small cost to take part in this event (£1.50 per child) and places can be booked on School Spider up until next Friday (2<sup>nd</sup> December). This will enable the team who are organising this event to ensure they have enough materials for those who attend to make a Christmas Card and decorate a pre-cut Christmas Tree Decoration – which you will be able to take home afterwards.

This event is not aimed at raising money, it is simply an opportunity for families to spend time together doing something fun and enjoyable. If you book a place – by making a payment online – you can come along as a family, work together to complete the two activities, and then head home once you have completed both activities.

Here is an example of what you could make:



### **Are you worried you can't afford to pay for your energy?**

It's hard to believe that some people in the UK are today living without heat, light and power. This is because they don't have money to top up their prepayment meter. This situation, as the financial crisis intensifies, is getting worse.

Families who are facing this reality are recommended to visit <https://www.fuelbankfoundation.org/> - where you can access advice, support and emergency financial assistance.

## **Private Cineworld Screening of Matilda**



Emma Egerton is a local resident who has recently been diagnosed with stage 4 inoperable bowel cancer. Emma has also suffered with Crohn's disease for most of her life, which has impacted hugely on her health. Her only option at this stage is 3 months of intensive chemotherapy with only a 50% success rate.

The best chances of her treatment working is when her immune system is strong. Emma has had the go ahead for immunotherapy treatment in Germany which unfortunately is not available on the NHS. However this would give her a greater chance of beating this. In order for Emma to receive this treatment her family and friends need to raise £47,000.

Emma is from Runcorn and attended St Edwards Primary and St Chads Secondary School. She is a wonderful mum to her 5 year old son Oliver & has worked with the homeless in our community for many years.

In order to help raise funds, a **private screening of the new Matilda film is taking place at Runcorn Cineworld this Sunday (27<sup>th</sup> November) at 3:30pm**.

Tickets are £20 per adult and kids go free! Every penny goes to Emma's Fight.

Each ticket will include a FREE raffle ticket, which will be handed to you on your arrival at Cineworld. The amazing prizes include:

- 6 tickets for Planet Ice
- 2 tickets for Chester Zoo
- Schleich Horse Riding Centre w/figurines RRP £109.99
- £50 Hey Sweetie Voucher
- McDonalds Voucher
- Set of nails by Gels by Jen
- Full face of make up inc lashes by Stephanie Louise
- Nicola Rose Hair Bows
- Wash, cut and blow dry by Hair by Nikki
- Rosie Roo 6 x set of cross stitch calm kits

You can buy tickets here <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8PapF3ZM4I>

If anyone is unable to attend the event but would still like to support Emma's Fight they also have a Go Fund Me page: [Fundraiser by Jenny Graham : Emma's fight. \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com/fundraiser-by-jenny-graham-emmas-fight)