



# Great Wood News March 2022

This month's value is **Humility**

## Joke for Red Nose Day:

Q. Why can't Monday lift Saturday?

A. It's a weak day!!

Thank you for your donations – approx. £320.00 was raised at time of writing.

Thank you to all the parents who completed the questionnaire about the school. One last chance to air your views.

<https://forms.office.com/r/xL01Q7mfcv>

We have been working on further developing what we do at Great Wood. You may want to take a look at this link on our website for the overview which describes how our plans are linked to our vision for the children.

<https://www.greatwood.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum/>

## Science Week

We were inspired by some Science Heroes who have persevered against the odds this week: John McGeehan who is developing a plastic eating enzyme, Wangari Maathai who founded the green belt movement in Kenya, Boyan Slat who started researching at high school and developed a way of collecting plastic from the oceans, Kemball Cook who is working on turning the energy from footsteps into electricity and finally Jane Goodall, the lifelong researcher of chimps.



More Science Heroes are introduced on a display at school and the children are encouraged to learn and share about other

science heroes, today's or in history as part of a poster competition.

In classes, children have been investigating science around food – Year 3 were able to stretch a Curly Wurly to 1.8m; Y2 were making and testing their own teabags.

## World Book Day Thanks

It was super to see so many children and staff dressing up – Year One had just finished Supertato and Mr Vincent and Mr Lockett did us proud.



## Site Supervisor

Mr Mark Wood started as our new site



supervisor this week. Mr Wood is a former parent and we are delighted he is part of our team. Mr Harvey ensured a safe transition and we wish Mr Harvey every success with the Harvey's Pies business he has set up.



Year 4 are filling the hall with song in preparation to stun the audiences with their talent. If you haven't been able to get to the West End in the past couple of years and enjoy a good performance do consider coming – we are looking forward to welcoming some residents from the Sands Care Home, too. Tickets are available through ParentPay.



Messrs Askew joined us for an assembly. We considered their service to our community. Tom who has been a governor at Great Wood for 25 years, and Henry, who has played the piano for assemblies and performances for

ten years, were at school to plan a gingko tree in the raised bed on the junior playground as part of the Queen's Green Canopy. We were also thankful for Queen Elizabeth's service to the country for 70 years. We hope the tree lasts at least as long as the queen has reigned.

### Life Education

Coram Education is a charity with a long history dedicated to children's health. We have visitors each year who deliver a health, well-being and drugs



education programme which builds year on year to help children develop an understanding of how they can care for their own bodies. Children enjoy seeing Harold the giraffe who helps share some of the key messages. This is a programme that used to be funded through parent donations, however it was considered so integral to children's long-term safety, school use funds to secure it; we nonetheless welcome any financial donations towards the programme that costs £3.50 per child – see Parentpay.

### PTA News

Some of the PTA took a cheque for £100 to a local charity, Unique Kidz and Co. This was made up of money from the raffles held at the

Christmas nativities and a contribution from the PTA.



They had a tour and met some of the people that use the facilities. What a welcoming place and a friendly bunch of people who were proud to show us round.

The children were thankful to have the PTA Spring discos – and everyone is asked to put Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> in your diaries – The PTA Summer Festival on our field.

### Happy News

We are glad to announce that reception teacher Mrs McPartlin gave birth to a healthy baby boy, William. FB users will have seen the photos of when he was introduced to the children as part of a GROWING and CHANGING unit.



*Dear Great Wood community, Luna 1V and I would like to thank you so much for your kindness. We have been humbled by your support. A few weeks ago I asked Luna to help me deliver a small donation to the Red Cross. I explained it was for people who lost everything in war and she immediately asked me to go to the shops and send more. She asked how could we get more things to them? She inspired me to*



reach out to you and I am incredibly grateful and happy Luna is going to school with such amazing people.

All donations have been sorted and packed ready to deliver Saturday and the weekend after.

Best wishes,  
Georgianna Cardoso

### Covid News

We are once again seeing rising numbers of covid – many with flu like symptoms.

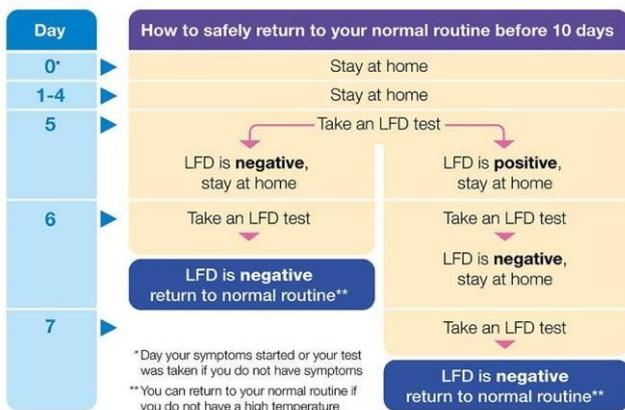
The following measures remain important:

- Get vaccinated
- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- Consider wearing a face covering in crowded, enclosed spaces
- Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms
- Stay at home if positive

### Self-Isolation

- There is no longer a legal requirement for someone with COVID-19 to self-isolate.
- Anyone who tests positive is still advised to stay at home for 5 full days and then have two negative LFTs in consecutive days before returning to work or school.
- Contact tracing has now ended.
- This means nobody is required to test daily or self-isolate anymore regardless of vaccinal status.

We are using the following advice: Returning to your normal routine after Covid-19 – a pictorial guide



**NOTE:** If your day 5 LFD test result is positive, you can continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results.

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests' results are negative, they should return to their educational setting, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.

Avoid meeting people at higher risk of becoming seriously unwell from COVID-19, especially those with a severely weakened immune system, for the 10 days after your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you did not have symptoms). After 10 days if the LFD test is still positive, you should stop testing and return to school or work (if you are well enough to do so) on day 11.

Extract from the Covid-19: people with COVID-19 and their contacts (Published 24 February 2022)

### Traffic Management

Frustrations have been shared with school and we ask all parents and grandparents in the community to act in a community minded way rather than selfishly:

A pupil was bruised when the door of a car half parked on the pavement was opened into her – the driver didn't say sorry.

Parking on the double yellow – more photos have been sent and offenders can expect a visit and potential prosecution.

Unfortunately, a driver on Redwood was blocking access up the street, recently – Please be considerate and consider parking further away when spaces are taken.



We have had some complaints of early bird drivers sitting waiting with the engines idling for long periods. Please note the following:

To reduce the impact of harmful pollutants, there are laws to discourage drivers from idling: Stationary idling is an offence under [Section 42 of the Road Traffic Act 1988](#). The act enforces Rule 123 of the Highway Code, which states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road." If you're caught idling you could be hit with a £20 fixed-penalty fine under the [Road Traffic \(Vehicle Emissions\) Regulations 2002](#), rising to £40 if unpaid within the required timeframe. Research has found that an idling

car causes enough emissions to fill 150 balloons with harmful pollutants – every minute.

## Community News

# FAMILY FUN CANAL WALK



Join us for a fun canal walk and quiz!  
**SATURDAY 2ND APRIL**

Come along with the kids (dogs welcome too!) and enjoy a walk along the Lancaster canal, searching for clues to answer the quiz, with a chance to win a prize!

## A GREAT FAMILY DAY OUT

**£5 PER TICKET**  
1 CHILD FREE WITH EVERY  
PAYING ADULT  
**BOOK TODAY:**  
SCAN QR CODE  
OR EMAIL  
FUNDRAISING@AGEUKLANCS.ORG.UK



### Walk details

**Start/Finish point:**  
The Waterwitch Pub, Canal Tow Path, Aldcliffe Rd, Lancaster, LA1 1SU

**Distance:** 5 miles (approx.)

Registration/start between 12pm and 1pm  
Outside the Waterwitch on the tow path

Each group will receive a question sheet to complete along the walk (optional). Completed sheets will be handed in and entered in to the draw to win prize.  
Each child will also receive a chocolate egg.

**To enter the walk, please follow the instructions on the front of this leaflet.**

100% of the money raised will go directly to Age UK Lancashire, helping support our vital local work for vulnerable older people.  
For more information on our charity and the service we provide, visit: [www.ageuklancs.org.uk](http://www.ageuklancs.org.uk)

## Diary Dates

w/c/ March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Life Education Visitors
Thurs March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Science Hero Poster competition Deadline
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm	Y4's Rock Bottom performance for parents
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> March 6pm	Y4's Rock Bottom performance for parents
4 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
Sat June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Festival

## JB School of Dance

- Offers classes to children age 3 and up
- At St Christopher's Morecambe
- Over 20 years of experience in ballet, acro, dance fusion, modern, Tip Toe Academy, musical theatre and much more.
- Opportunities to take part in IDTA professional exams, exciting workshops and large theatre productions.
- £3 per class but first session free!!
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