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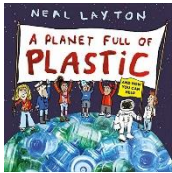
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27.09.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,



This week's focus value is – 'We Care' – Responsibility. The text we are going to share with the children is:



**G7 Speakers Conference:** Wow - what a wonderful weekend for Chorley and our school community. First of all the convoy of cars arrived in the park on Saturday morning carrying Sir Lindsay Hoyle's very important guests. This was followed by the Tree Planting

Ceremony in the walled garden. We were lucky enough to send a Y6 representative – Ike Edwards - to the G7 Speakers Conference on Saturday 18th September. The annual G7 Speakers' Conference brings together House Speakers from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the USA, and the European Parliament. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP hosted the event and the group planted trees with Ike and other Chorley school children. Ike chose the French flag for the ceremony and therefore planted a tree with Richard Farrand, President of the French National Assembly. Monsieur Farrand had an interpreter and didn't speak too much English so Ike spoke to him a little in French – which was fantastic! Ike then met Sir Lindsay Hoyle and told him that if he saw him in Adlington he would buy him a Greggs! The children then gathered with the dignitaries in front of Astley Hall to watch a Spitfire then the Red Arrows. Ike really did 'our school proud' – he's an amazing ambassador and I hope that it was an experience he will remember forever. We could not be more proud!

**Covid – 19 PCR test reminder:** if you or your child is a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 then you/your child are advised to get a PCR test, whether or not you show any symptoms. We would like to thank all our families for their support in getting their children tested in order to reduce the spread of the virus and keep everyone safe

**Harvest Celebration:** We will be holding our annual Harvest celebration on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Sadly, we are unable to invite visitors into school for this event. However, we would still be very grateful for any donations of non-perishable items to be brought into school, to support Living Waters Food Bank and Church. Thank you for your support.



**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** Due to the current circumstances in school we are asking the children to bring cakes into their own classes to buy from each other on Friday 24th September. Cakes will cost 20p but please feel free to donate more if you wish. This way we can still help to raise vital funds for MacMillan. Thank you for your support.

**Parents Consultations:** Our Parents Consultations will be held from Monday 18th October to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Further details will follow about booking and how we will be holding the appointments.

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Well done to Mrs. Davies, Harriet (Rec.), Matilda (Y1), Ruby (Y3), Henry (Y1) Charlie (Y1), Rueben (Y3) and Jacob (Y5) – and any other children who took part in IRONMAN and IRONKIDS over the weekend. Bolton's IRONKIDS is the largest in the global IRONKIDS series and saw 3,000 young athletes run through the streets of Bolton town centre and lap around Bolton Town Hall, before finishing under the iconic IRONMAN finish gantry.

On Sunday, IRONMAN 70.3 covered half the distance of the full IRONMAM triathlon. The gruelling course saw Mrs. Davies start with a 1.2-mile swim at Pennington Flash before taking on a 56-mile bike ride followed by a half marathon that ended in Bolton's Victoria Square. We really do think this is an amazing achievement for the children and Mrs. Davies (she's Wonderwoman!)



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**School Photographs:** Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 29th September from 9am to take your child's photograph. Please note that for children who have siblings in school a joint photograph will automatically be taken during the school day. Your proof photographs will be produced and given to you on the day. You will also be able to view the photos of your child on the Tempest website by inputting the web access code from your proof at [www.tempestorders.co.uk](http://www.tempestorders.co.uk) Orders can be placed through school or via the website by the deadline date.

**Data Collection Sheets:** Data collection forms will be sent out later this week. Please return these to school as soon as possible to ensure all our records are up to date, especially any new or existing medical conditions. If your child requires an inhaler or any other medication in school, please ensure it is clearly labelled and in date. Please also include an email address and at least 2 people who should be contacted in the case of emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.



**Eco and Well-Being Ambassadors:** Y1 and 2 – Year 1 and 2 want to know what is your best Eco and well-being idea for school this term? Ideas to be received by Mrs Cliffe by 9am Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. It is an exciting year for the Eco team and we really need your help!

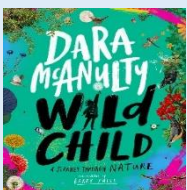
**Dara McAnulty Author Visit:** We have an exciting opportunity for our school to take part in a very special event in Macmillan Children's Books' Virtually Together series. We will be joined, virtually, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September by the brilliant young naturalist **Dara McAnulty** as he introduces WILD CHILD his beautiful family guide to nature and talks about how we can all make a difference to the world around us.

Dara McAnulty is a naturalist, conservationist and activist from Northern Ireland. He's a truly inspirational 17 year old who has received awards for his conservation work, and has appeared on Country File and BBC Springwatch. Dara is the youngest ever recipient of the RSPB medal for conservation. He won the Wainwright Prize for his first book *Diary of a Young Naturalist*. He lives with his family and Rosie the rescue-greyhound at the foot of the Mourne Mountains in County Down.

### About the event

During his 45 minute event Dara will chat to Jess French, TV presenter, author, vet and conservationist. He will share his top tips of what to look out for – and what to do – when out and about whether in a town or in a rural setting, we'll watch a clip of him discovering some of his favourite plants, insects and animals, and he'll answer questions from children.

### About the book WILD CHILD



WILD CHILD is illustrated in full colour by Barry Falls, and is divided into five sections: looking out of the window, venturing out into the garden, walking in the woods, investigating heathland and wandering on the river bank. Dara tells the reader about each habitat and provides fantastic facts about the native birds, animals and plants you can find there. Each section contains a discovery section covering natural phenomenon such as metamorphoses and migration, or categorization in the animal kingdom. The sections finish with activities to do at school or at home. School are ordering a number of the books for each class and pupils will be able to order too – details to follow.

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Reminder: **Fruit ONLY Snacks/NUT ALLERGY** - As we are a healthy school and we are educating and promoting healthy lifestyles to our children, fruit and vegetable only snacks are allowed for break times from September. **Please could you also ensure that your child does not bring any food into school that CONTAINS NUTS as we do have a child with a nut allergy in school.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**School Admissions:** Primary and Secondary applications can be made online and you should clearly state 3 preferences for your child.

If you are applying to a church school there is a supplementary form which needs to be completed.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS** - The closing date for Secondary School Admissions is 31st October 2021.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSSIONS** - The closing date for Primary School Admissions is 15th January 2022. Supplementary forms need to be returned to school. For information about our admissions criteria please visit the school website.



**Rivington Foundation Primary Open Day for Prospective Parents:** The proposed dates for our school open days are Wednesday 13th October and Wednesday 24th November – 9:30am-10:30am and 1:30pm-2:30pm for new and existing parents. Mrs Davies (Reception class teacher) will be demonstrating a 10 minute phonics session in EYFS at 09:50am and 1:50pm. If you would like to book onto any of these visits, please contact the school office.

**Celebration Worship:** As we are proceeding with caution, we will not currently be inviting all parents into school for Get Together. However, we will be continuing with our Zoom invites so that any parent who wishes to attend or whose child is receiving an award will be able to join in with the celebration. If your child has any achievements outside of school to celebrate, please continue to forward their photograph and a brief description of what they have achieved to [head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) or [bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk) by Wednesday lunchtime. We will include these achievements in our Friday morning Get Together and post them in our weekly newsletter.

**Gardening Club- Green fingers:** If you think you can commit to keeping our gardens tidy once or twice a week please let us know.

**Labelling Uniform:** Please could you ensure that ALL of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled including school shoes and school pumps. Thank you.

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### Free School Meals - How to claim:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all qualify for a free school meal (Universal Infant Free School Meal) worth up to £418 per year, per child; you do not need to apply for this.

Year 3 and above

For school pupils in Year 3 and above they could qualify for a free school meal if you receive:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply, you should contact your [Area Education Office](#). You will be required to provide your:

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number

If you get any of the [qualifying benefits](#), your child's school can get extra funding called pupil premium if you [register](#) with Lancashire County Council. More information can be found on Lancashire County Council's [free school meals page](#).

**Best Wishes,**

*The Rivington Team*

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**Dates for Your Diary:**

Date	Event
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> of September – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Virtual Book Week Dara McNulty Author Visit McMillan Coffee Morning 8:50am TriKidz Visit PALs Training for UKS2 Mad Science Visit
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30-10:30am and 1:30-2:30pm Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School Open Days for Prospective Parents  Lancashire Archives Visit to Y5/6
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Consultations (details to follow) School Closes for half-term School INSET – Restorative Behaviour
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (Every Tuesday 3:15-4:15pm)	School Half-Term Holiday Mad Science After-School Activity Club
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day Y5/6 Class Assembly
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week NSPCC Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm	Dress Rehearsals for EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Productions EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00-7:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance) – video to be done
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 6:00pm-7:30pm	KS2 Production (subject to guidance) EYFS/KS1 Nativity (subject to guidance)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:30am and 1:30-2:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30-2:30pm Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 12:00pm-16:30pm	Grandparents Tea Party (subject to guidance) Whole-school Dukes Theatre Lancaster Visit –
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Beauty and the Beast
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Parties Breakfast with Santa (carried out subject to guidance)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Closes for Christmas Christmas Holidays – School re-opens – Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January