

Waterside News

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Headteachers Message

Welcome back!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful half term break. The weather definitely was a bonus for the May Half Term and it is looking like we will have some warm weather a head of us as well. On that note, can you please ensure that your child comes to school every day with a water bottle. We have water dispensers all around school for children to access throughout the day. School uniform still must be worn and shorts and dresses are permitted in the Summer.

As a part of the curriculum, this week Year 3 had the opportunity to go to Clip n Climb in Stone where they could experience bouldering first hand to support them in their writing and develop their PE skills. The children are reading a book called 'Cliffhanger' and this experience has helped them to understand how the main character felt. The children had a wonderful time and their behaviour was exemplary. They showed great determination and courage and pushed themselves which is great to see.

On our weekly learning walks this week, Year 2 Puffins amazed me with their dancing. They were absolutely superb and had remembered all of the steps with precision. Maths across school wowed Mr Mosely (Our school improvement developer) and Mrs Rathbone (AHT). Children were engaged in a variety of maths learning including problem solving.

Next week Year 1 will complete the Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 the Multiplication Test Check. I know they will do us proud as always.

Mrs. Willis
(Head of School)





STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Ayah-Noor
 Ducks – Domonique
 Swans – Vivaan
 Seals – Diako
 Seagulls – Alfie
 Penguins – Zeen
 Puffins – Sami
 Turtles – Kaiden
 Jellyfish – Teddy
 Stingrays – Antonia
 Manatees – David
 Narwhals – Jesme and Adam
 Dolphins – Aroon
 Sharks – Danny
 Whales – Zeenat



Value Award WINNERS



Ducklings – Almirah
 Ducks – Violet-Rose
 Swans – Ubaid
 Seals – Aizah
 Seagulls – Floella
 Penguins – Filip
 Puffins – Jena
 Turtles – All
 Jellyfish – All
 Stingrays – Tomas
 Manatees – Adam
 Narwhals – Zeerish
 Dolphins – Zainab
 Sharks – Nissi
 Whales – Adam F



Value	Rule
Respect	We always show respect for ourselves, each other and our school.
Excellence	We always do our very best.
Friendship	We always follow our friendship code.
Courage	We always tackle challenges and try being brave.
Determination	We are determined to get our school to outstanding
Inspirational	We will always be good role models to inspire our school.
Equality	We are always fair and value every individual.

Value of the half term

This half term we are focussing on all of our schools values. Through assemblies and lesson children will look at how the value will support them in the outside world not just in school. We want all of our children showing these values consistent whether that be at school, at home or even at the park.

Class Blogs

At Waterside, we know how important it is for parents to be a part of their child's education. Our new school website will hopefully allow you to see what is being taught and events that take place at Waterside. Your child's class blog is full of learning that the children have complete. Please make sure that you take a look.

<https://www.waterside.stoke.sch.uk/class-blogs>



How to grow a beanstalk!
 This week Year 1 have been writing a set of instructions for how to plant a beanstalk so that Jack can say sorry to the giant. They had lots of fun planning the seeds and learning all about imperative verbs. During their independent write they produced some outstanding instructions including a...

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Colourful Cubism
 Year 1 have loved learning about Picasso this half term. They have been amazed by his art work and his use of colour to express his emotions. The children have also been fascinated by Picasso's Cubism and even worked on creating their own piece in the same style.

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Sports day prep
 This afternoon Year 1 had lots of fun on the field preparing for sports day. We worked together in teams to complete relay including running and jumping. The children all showed great sportsmanship in cheering one another on. We can't wait for sports day!

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Jack and the... ocean?
 Year 1 have been superb authors when writing their alternative retell of Jack and the Beanstalk. They changed characters, settings and key events in the story. During their independent write the children used adjectives, suffixes and conjunctions. Some even used speech marks correctly without any...

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A royal parade fit for a king!
 Year 1 enjoyed showcasing their fantastic crown designs in front of their friends, year 2 and year 3. They paraded on to the stage with confidence and wore their crowns with pride. The children continued to wear their crowns for the rest of the day's celebrations including their royal tea party...

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Year 1 Geography: Physical features of the countryside
 Wow! Year 1 were absolutely amazed by the images of the countryside when learning about the physical features, such as valleys, farms, fields and mountains. They were able to recall and rehearse their new knowledge before applying it independently to their own task. Year 1 were able to abate...

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Sports Week

On the week beginning the 19th June, in the afternoons, from 2pm – 3pm, each year group will take part in sporting activities. A flyer will be sent out this week giving you more information. Please note there will be no 'PE lessons' that week.

Eid Celebrations

On week beginning 26th June, some of our community will be celebrating Eid al Adha. In school on Friday 30th June all children will learn about the significance of Eid to the Muslim faith and take part in celebrations as part of our RE curriculum. More information will be sent out near to the time.

Attendance Matters



Week 33

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	89.2%	95%	98.3%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	98.3%	95.8%	97.5%	99.2%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	95.8%	97.5%	90.8%	95.8%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	99.1%	94.2%	96.6%	93.3%



Swans

Puffins

Jellyfish

Puffins

Dolphins

School Target 97%

Whole school attendance – 95.7 % Whole school attendance (excluding nursery) – 96.2 %

Attendance

At Waterside, we put a lot of emphasis on attendance as we know that there is a pattern between attendance and attainment. Children who are in school every day and have attendance above 95% are more likely to achieve their potential and develop their social skills. The government recommend that a child's attendance is above 95% however at Waterside our attendance aim is 97% to enable our children to be the best they can be. There are 32 school days left of this academic year. If your child attends school every day before the summer break they could improve their attendance by 19%. There will be a few changes to our attendance procedures in the new academic year. Please look out for a letter in the coming weeks which will provide more information.

If you require any support with your child's attendance or have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Twigg on 01782 234630.

Upcoming Attendance Challenge

There will be a 2 week attendance challenge taking place between the 10th - 22nd July. All children who have 100% attendance during those 2 weeks will receive a certificate and a reward during our attendance reward assembly on the 22nd July. We will also be celebrating children who have had 100% attendance through the year and children who have significantly improved their attendance.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SUMMER 2

Please see below some important dates for Summer 2. More information regarding each event will be sent out separately.

WB 12.06.23:

Year 4 Multiplication Check Test
Year 1 Phonics Screening

WB 19.06.23

Sports Afternoons 2.00 – 3.00
Monday-Year 6/5
Tuesday-Year 1/2
Wednesday-EYFS
Thursday- Year 3/4

WB 26.06.23

Eid Celebrations

WB 03.07.23

Transition Days (05.07.23/06.07.23)
Nursery Stay and Play

WB 10.07.23

Year 5 and 6 Production (11.07.23/12.07.23)

WB 17.07.23

Showstoppers (18.07.23)
EYFS Graduation (20.07.23)
Leavers Assembly 1.30 – 3.30 (21.07.23)

WB 24.07.23

Disco (24.07.23)
Last day of term (25.07.23)

Parent Survey

Your feedback and parent viewpoints are important to us all at Waterside and to the Shaw Education Trust. Please see below a link to a parent survey. The result of these questionnaires are shared with Headteachers.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Parentsurveyterm32023>

School playground equipment

Please ensure that after school if your child/children is/are playing on the equipment that they are supervised at all times. We are having multiple cases of children returning to the site without parental supervision. Our priority is to ensure all children are safe as staff may not be onsite during this time.



Help with Learning

If you require any support with learning, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

Help with Behaviour

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak with the class teacher or your child's Phase leader.

Help with Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these immediately with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke)

Help with online safety

If you would like information on how to ensure your child is safe online, please contact Mrs. Twigg or Mr. Grocott.