

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week of learning we've had here at Waterside! The children have shown great attitudes towards their learning, and we couldn't be prouder. Our visitors this week have commented on how well-mannered and polite our pupils are, which is always wonderful to hear. We're thrilled with the effort that all children are putting into their studies.

In other exciting news, our Pupil Parliament has received their high-visibility jackets this week and will begin their meetings soon. We can't wait to see the amazing projects they'll initiate across the school.

Our enrichment clubs have also begun and, as usual, they are very popular. We offer a range of clubs that will change each term to keep things fresh and exciting for the children. Additionally, we are delighted to announce that we have managed to book Young Voices for our choir. They will be off to Manchester to sing in the near future, which is incredibly exciting!

Attendance overall is improving, and it's wonderful to see as we know how important it is for children to be present at school. Please remember that there are key changes to the fines for unauthorised leave. No holidays will be authorised, and the local authority will be issuing fines for any unauthorised leave of 10 sessions (half days) or more within a 10-week period. Well done to all the children who have improved their attendance from last year; certificates will be coming out next week to celebrate our attendance achievements so far.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,
Mrs Willis

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 Morray or Mr. Grocott.

Enrichment at Waterside

Afterschool Enrichment

The uptake of afterschool enrichment clubs has been fantastic! It's  been wonderful to see so many children enthusiastically  participating and enjoying themselves. They are already learning new skills, trying out different sports, and trying something new! There is a real buzz about the clubs around the school, and it's such a pleasure to  see the excitement on their faces.



New Forest School Area

On the field, we have had a new Forest School area added in for children to independently access at lunchtime. They have loose parts, new tipis, a mud kitchen, weaving time and lots more! The children, from year 1 to year 6, have absolutely loved it so far and are so excited to access each day. Like always, the children have been outstanding with the respect they are showing to this area.



Citizenship at Waterside

The aim of our citizenship program is for all pupils to leave Waterside Primary School with a sense of belonging to a tightly knit community. They will have confidence, aspirations, understand their choices in life and the difference they can make as a global citizen.

How does it work?

- Each pupil has a Citizenship Passport with 10 activities to be completed throughout the year. **These will be posted on Dojo for you to refer to.**
- Each activity is linked to a Waterside value and there is one activity to complete for each one.
- There are 3 additional activities to be completed at home or at school.
- If activities are completed at home, children will be asked to bring in a photograph or send one via Dojo for school to print off and these will be placed in the Citizenship book.
- At the end of the year upon completion, pupils will receive a Citizenship certificate and award for their year group

Year 1	
Activity	
1. Attend a film night or disco after school	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Lead and complete your class job for a term	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Complete a 20-piece puzzle independently three times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Play a game with your friend	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Grow your own plant	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Independently zip or button your coat every day for a term	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Learn a poem or story off by heart and perform it to your class	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Make a home for an insect or small creature	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Go on a walk in the woods and make a collage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Visit the seaside and make a sandcastle	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Year 2	
Activity	
1. Visit the local library and share your book with the class	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Lead a playground game with your friends	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Build a den that will shelter you from the rain	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Play a card game with a friend	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Make a bird feeder for your garden	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Independently tie your own shoe lace every day for a term	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Perform confidently on stage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Independently pack your own school bag every morning for a term	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Help with the dishes every day for 2 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Visit a farm	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Year 3	
Activity	
1. Attend an after-school club for a term	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Lead a playground game with children in a younger year group	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Take part in a team building activity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Share and read your favourite book to someone younger than yourself	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Take part in litter picking around school three times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Grow a plant from a seed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Perform confidently on stage	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Make your bed every day for 4 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Change your own bedsheets 3 times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Take part in an adventurous activity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Year 4	
Activity	
1. Attend an after-school club for 2 terms	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Lead a team building activity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Independently resolve or help to resolve an issue	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Contribute to class discussions regularly	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Hold the door open for someone and say hello to them 5 times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Learn to bake bread	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Create and deliver a presentation to your class	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Tidy your bedroom every day for 4 weeks	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Make a picnic and share it with your family	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Visit a nature reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Year 5	
Activity	
1. Take part in litter picking around school	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Support staff with extra-curricular activities	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Play playground games with a younger year group	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Share your own opinions during class discussions	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Say 'Good morning' to a different person for 2 weeks and find out their names	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Learn to sew on a button	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Create and deliver an assembly presentation to your year group	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Make a cup of tea for someone in your family at least 3 times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Help prepare a meal to share with your family	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Visit a new city	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Year 6	
Activity	
1. Take part in a local club or event	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Date: <input type="text"/>
2. Organise and carryout a charity fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Support others with solving and resolving issues	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Take part in a debate and speak persuasively to change peoples' minds	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Volunteer with a local organisation/or a class in school	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Learn a new skill over the year	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Plan and deliver an assembly to your phase	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Independently cook a meal for your family	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9. Iron an item of clothing with adult supervision three times	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10. Visit your high school	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Parliament at Waterside

At Waterside each year, we encourage pupil voice and leadership through our pupil led school parliament. All children have the opportunity to put themselves forward to be a part of this with democratic votes taking place in each classroom. The school parliament was a great success last year in ensuring that pupils get their say and are actively involved in the school.

On Monday, in our celebration assembly, all the children were presented with their pupil parliament hi-vis jackets which they will wear around school to show which parliament they are a part of. Well done for all those who took part!



Waterside Primary School Pupil Parliament



Year 6 Prime Minister:
Ianis

Year 6 Deputy Prime Minister:
Mia

Department for Pupil Voice	Department for Environment	Department for Health and Wellbeing	Department for Curriculum and Learning	Department for Enrichment	Friendship Leaders
Year 6 Minister: Mudassir	Year 6 Minister: Eliza	Year 6 Minister: Khadija Arif	Year 6 Minister: Lilianna	Year 6 Minister: Tomas	
Sharks: Giulia Whales: Hassan Dolphins: Bexley Narwhals: Ava Manatees: Hannah Stingrays: Jocelyn Turtles: Waliyah Jellyfish: Rumaisa Penguins: Sara. M Puffins: Sophie Seals: Khadijah Sealions: Elsie- Mae Ducks: Vedhasree Swans: Lana	Sharks: Khadijah Whales: Adam Dolphins: Teddy Narwhals: Haris Manatees: Mehra Stingrays: Khadija Turtles: Harry Jellyfish: Olivia Penguins: Roula Puffins: Antek Seals: Sana Sealions: Lawson GDucks: Rayden Swans: Ciara	Sharks: Zaeem Whales: Summayah Dolphins: Reece Narwhals: Sabahat Manatees: Asra Stingrays: Taayab Turtles: Iqra Jellyfish: Ivy	Sharks: Khadija Whales: Hafsa Dolphins: Seth Narwhals: Maja K Manatees: Tilly Stingrays: Leena Turtles: Sophie Jellyfish: Harry Penguins: Ubaid Puffins: Malakhi Seals: Flynn Sealions: Ramisha Ducks: Huzaiifa Swans: Loren	Sharks: Rayha Whales: Khadijah Dolphins: Shuaib Narwhals: Sara Manatees: Ezra Stingrays: Izzy Turtles: Mia Jellyfish: Libby	Sharks: Stanley Whales: Humza Dolphins: Gerda Narwhals: Riyansika Manatees: Maham Stingrays: Olivia Turtles: Elsie Jellyfish: Amelie Penguins: Amelia Puffins: Marnie Seals: Oliver Sealions: Edward Ducks: Nicholas Swans: Malani