

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

Welcome Back!

It has been great to welcome everyone back after the Winter break. On Monday all staff took parent in training ready to continue to support all pupils across the school.

Last term we launched a programme called Red2Blue and this week, on Tuesday, we had a Red2Blue day to start the term.

It has been a busy week in school. Year 1 and 2 have had a whole day on Design and technology. Year 2 got to make number bunting for Nursery and Reception and used their sewing skills and Year 1 have made faces out of different materials.

Year 2 have also started their Forest school lessons and this week they have made photo frames out of sticks and string.

Year 3 had their first swimming lesson this week. Although they were a little nervous at first they were amazing and many of them got their beginners in week 1. We are very proud of them!

This term is busy with parent consultations and class assemblies so please take a look at the Important dates

Mrs. Willis





Attendance Matters



Week 16

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	88.4%	90.4%	95%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	97.5%	96.7%	98.3%	99.2%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	98.8%	97.5%	97.5%	96%

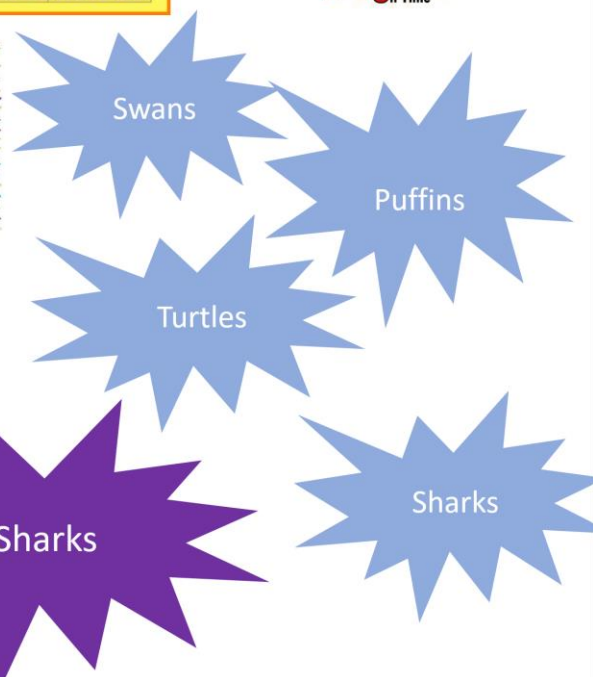
UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	97.9%	89.2%	98.2%	100%

School Target 97%

Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) –97.2%

Whole school attendance – 95.9%

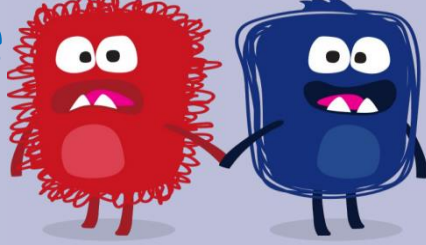




Amazing Art!

This year at Waterside we have started to use a brand new Art scheme to help the children develop their knowledge and skills in Art. Children have been developing a range of techniques and skills in their Art lessons to produce some wonderful artwork. From watercolour in Y1 to typography in Y5, it has been fantastic to see the children grow in confidence with their artistic skills. Children have also begun to learn about a wide range of artists that create art from different disciplines in art. For example, Y6 have learnt about the work of graphic designers and Y4 have learnt about the work produced by book illustrators. Take a look at some of the amazing artwork that has taken place since September! Miss Selma (Art Lead)





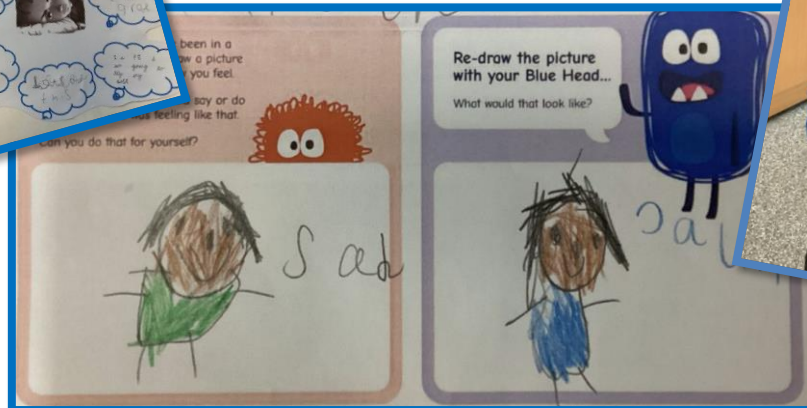
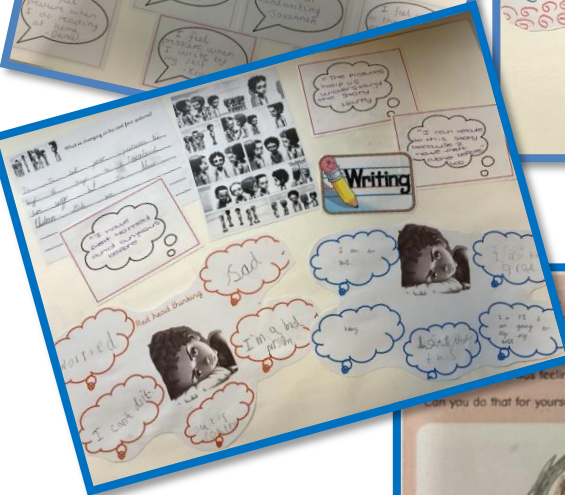
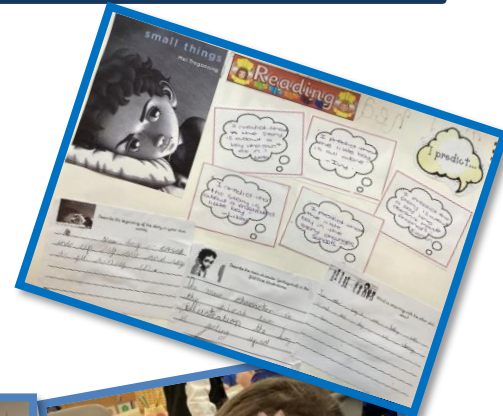
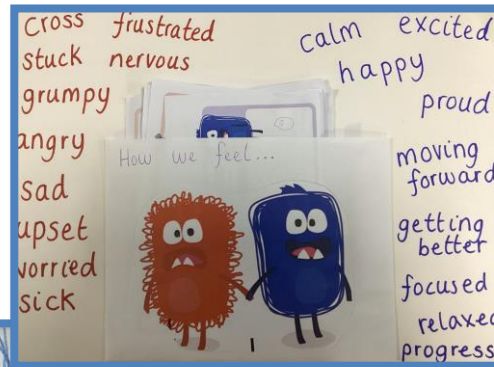
On Tuesday 9th January, the whole of Waterside Primary School completed a day on Red2Blue. This was a great start to 2024 for all of our pupils as we launched Red2Blue across the whole school.

The Red2Blue programme provides an immediately accessible link between mindset and performance, enabling pupils to recognise when they are diverted, and access tools in the heat of the moment to get back on task.

As a Red2Blue School, all staff and pupils will develop and coach the mental skills and resilience needed to perform under pressure, while also building a sustainable performance culture.

We even had a special guest visitor in school on Tuesday from Gazing - the company who started Red2Blue. He was so impressed with all of our wonderful pupils here at Waterside and how they could articulate themselves in moving from a red head to a blue head.

We are looking forward to sharing more Red2Blue work with yourselves soon.





IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

- 08.01.24 – INSET Day
- 09.01.24 – Start of Spring
- 15.01.24 – Enrichment Clubs begin
- 23.01.24 – Y2 Parent consultation
- 24.01.24 – Y5 Assembly
- 25.01.24 – Y6 Parent consultation
- 30.01.24 – Reception Parent consultation
- 31.01.24 – Y6 Assembly
- 01.02.24 – Y1 Parent consultation
- 05.02.24 – Mental Health Week
- 06.02.24 – Y4 Parent Consultation
- 08.02.24 – Y3 Parent Consultation

- 09.02.24 – HALF TERM

- 27.02.24 – Y5 Parent Consultation
- 28.02.24 – Y3 Assembly
- 29.02.24 – YN Parent Consultation
- 06.03.24 – Y4 Assembly
- 07.03.24 – World book day
- 11.03.24 – Science week
- 15.03.24 – Comic relief
- 20.03.24 – YR,Y1,Y2,Y3 Film Night
- 21.03.24 – Y4,5,6 Film Night

Attendance

We have been receiving numerous amounts of requests for special leave requests. Please note that all requests will be reviewed by the Headteacher and meetings arrange to discuss the request. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise holidays during term time as per policy.



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. Marray or Mr. Grocott.