

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

It has been a wonderful week at Waterside with amazing learning happening in each class, and we have lots to celebrate.

This week we the children have begun their Citizenship awards where we have had children litter picking, planting seeds for our environment supporting each other, taking part in team building and send in photographs from home of ways they have shown citizenship.

Year 3 have continued with their swimming lessons this week and we are so proud of them as already we have children who have passed their beginners which is wonderful news.

Reception are making great progress in their reading and phonics. Its is important that the children attend school on time so that they don't miss out on these lesson.

A child in year 5 also participation in trying new spacers for asthma with North Staffordshire University hospital, where he received a certificate for that too.


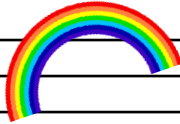
Over the next few weeks we will be starting our parent consultation so look out for the letter to book your time slot.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Willis





	 Star	 Values
Ducklings	Herkus	Hoorain
Ducks	Zachary	Ousman
Swans	Khadijah	Benjamin
Seals	Darasimi	Maria
Seagulls	Sara M	Subaida
Penguins	Nela	Ahmed
Puffins	Musa	Bruce
Turtles	Eric	Malik
Jellyfish	Ezra	Leon
Stingrays	Zain	Dylan
Manatees	Scarlett	Lily
Dolphins	Noah	Giulia
Narwhals	Adam	Hassan
Whales	Rhianna	Vilte
Sharks	Aaishah	Harry

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%

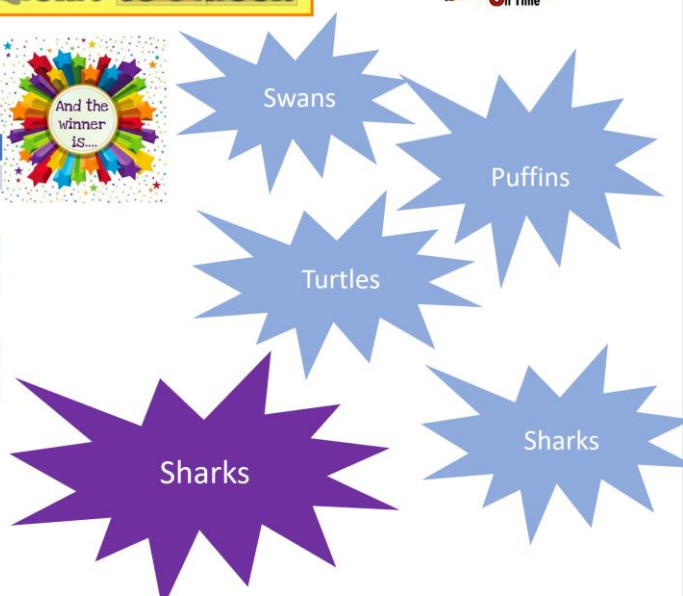
UKS2

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%



Physical Education



Thank you to everyone who signed up for the sports clubs this term. It has been the first week of clubs and the children have loved their first day. We are excited to provide these enrichment opportunities to further develop children's skills, interests and to find new hobbies! At waterside we are very proud to introduce our new netball team. We will be working hard to learn positions, rules and more importantly have fun!

I would like to say a big well done to year 3 who have started their swimming lessons this term. Miss Smith and Miss Barnard have said how brilliant you have all been in the water and look forward to watching you progress and become super swimmers. The children have been very positive and excited when talking about their swimming lessons and look forward to it every week!

This term will see the start of inter school competitions as we begin with 'Active 60 Festival' at Fenton Manor. KS1 and KS2 pupils have been selected to represent our school at this event and I had the pleasure of talking to some of the pupils today. They are very excited to get going and show us how brilliant they are! We can't wait to share this experience with you and show you what we get up to.

We have an exceptional PE curriculum at Waterside and it is always lovely to hear and see the children's achievements in school. However, I know how amazing our pupils are outside of school and have lots of children who attend extra curricula activities. We are always happy to see certificates, trophies or hear about your achievements so please feel free to bring these in to share with your teachers and peers so we can celebrate our brilliant students together.

Thank you for your ongoing support, Miss Mayer - PE Lead.





Communication

Get Involved

Leadership



Citizenship



Independence

Community

Co-operation



Problem Solve



This week the children have begun to take part in our new Citizenship program. This program is to support our children in becoming active citizens and playing an active role in their communities. This is something unique and already we are having interest from other schools and leaders around this. Next week Mrs Willis will be delivering a short session at her Heads Together meeting, where all senior members of the Trust and all school leaders will hear about our programme.

It is really important that we keep the momentum going – encouraging children to go above and beyond. Each term we will set time aside to continue to develop Citizenship. You should have all received your child's Citizenship tasks that they can complete at school and at home. When they have completed their tasks they will then receive their Year groups Citizenship Award. We will be looking at developing a program for children who also go above and beyond and recognise those pupils for the other citizenship tasks that they complete outside of the set year group ones.

We want Citizenship to become apart of what we do at Waterside.





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

REPORTING AN ABSENCE



CONTACT BEFORE 9AM

If your child is not in school by 9am and we haven't heard from you, we begin to worry about your child's safety and implement safeguarding procedures.



STAY IN TOUCH BY PHONE OR EMAIL

You can get in touch by email, phone call or voicemail and all messages will be picked up by our attendance team.



CONTACT EVERY DAY

Even if you have told us you don't expect your child to attend on a future day, we need contact on each day of absence to confirm this. Without this, absences will be unauthorised.



SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IF NECESSARY

We can only approve a certain number of absences without a letter from a doctor, dentist, councillor or other professional.



GIVE DETAILED REASONING

Absences reported without any details will not be authorised. This includes not getting in touch and not giving a thorough reason for absence.

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.

