

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

This week, at Waterside, we have had 2 school trips and begun our parent consultations.

Nursery went on a Teddy Bear's Picnic at Hanley park. They made sandwiches before they went and got to ride in the Mini buses for the first time. They had a wonderful time and made lasting memories.

Year 6 have been to Manchester this week to learn more about the World Wars at the Imperial War Museum following on from their text last half term a War Horse. The children were impeccable in their behaviour and respectful throughout the museum. This gave them an insight into the lives of people who have fought for our country and the harsh conditions they survived.

Today it was a privilege to conduct a learning walk around the school. The children were focused and engaged in learning and it is wonderful to see how the confidence of pupils continues to grow especially in non core subjects such as Art and Music.

Year 6 especially have impressed me with their determination to improve their Arithmetic scores. I have set them an ambitious challenge and I am proud to say that they have risen to it.

Mrs. Willis





		Star		Values
Ducklings		Ciara		Milani
Ducks		Ayan		Nataly
Swans		Julia		Skyla
Seals		Kevin		Violet-Rose
Seagulls		Lottie		Ubaid
Penguins		Arteen		Ivy
Puffins		Milan		Esmail
Turtles		Akhil		Raheel
Jellyfish		Myles		Beatrice
Stingrays		Adam		Maddie W
Manatees		Harris		Aoife
Dolphins		Aisha		Zayan
Narwhals		Shania		Khadijah
Whales		Whole Class		McKenelly
Sharks		Serin		Abdurraheem

Attendance Matters



Week 18

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	88.6%	91%	97.7%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	91%	93.3%	98.7%	97.3%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	95.5%	97.3%	98.7%	98.1%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	97.3%	98%	97.1%	93.8%

School Target 97%

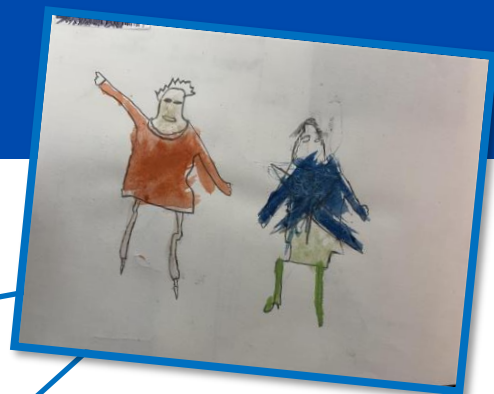
Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) – 96.4%

Whole school attendance – 95.5%

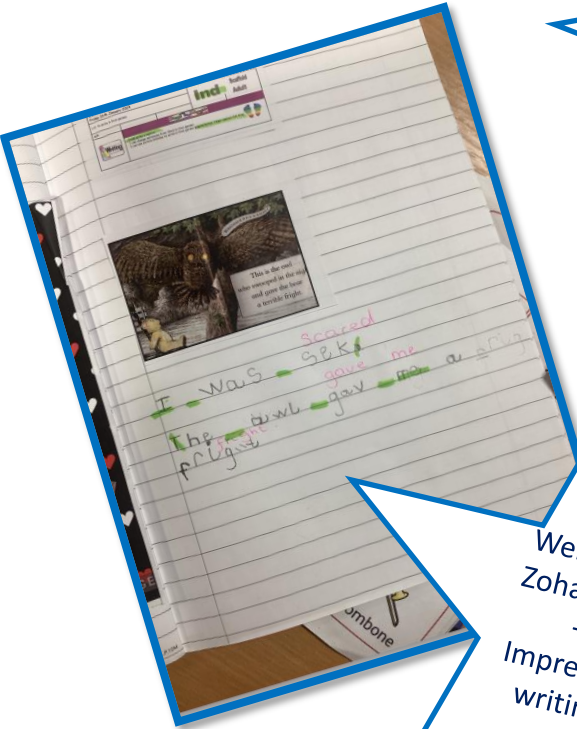


Success is best when it is shared.

Howard Schultz



I was amazed by Zeek's (Y3) art in the style of Quentin Blake



Well done Zohan (Y1) - Impressive writing!

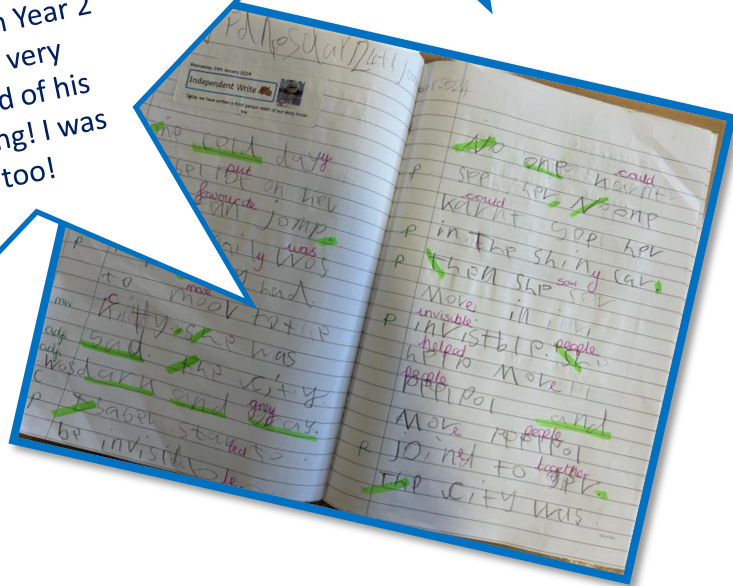


Savannah's (Y1) art work from home was amazing.



Nursery went on their very first trip to the park for a Teddies bears Picnic

Diako in Year 2 was very proud of his writing! I was too!

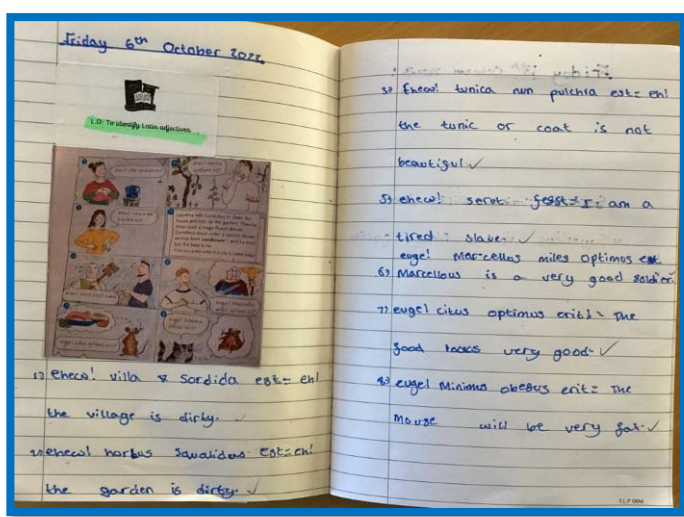
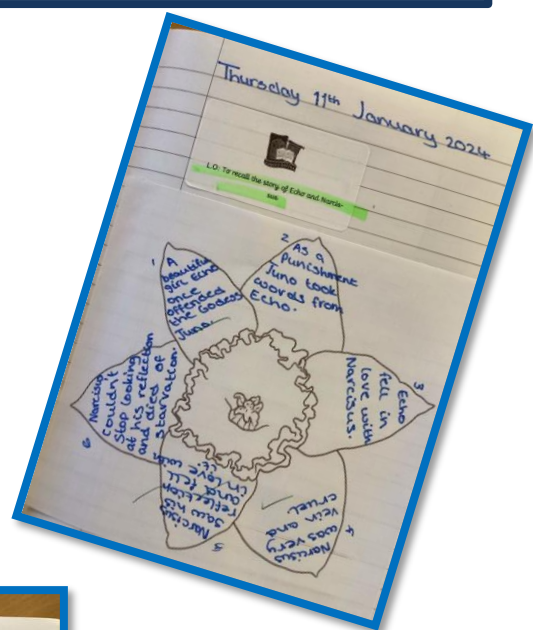




At the start of the academic year, Key Stage Two had a brand new subject to add to their curriculum – Latin! We have been simply astounded by the way our children have taken to this new challenge like a duck to water. One child in Year 3 has even said that they enjoy Latin because it is quite tricky but they ‘love to be challenged’. It is amazing to see our values of determination and excellence in practice during Latin lessons – well done!

In Latin, we have been learning the beginnings of key vocabulary. This has already benefited Year 6 in their Spelling lessons, where we have discussed the origins of words. We now understand the word ‘equestrian’ finds its roots from the Latin word ‘equus’ meaning ‘a horse’. However, our favourite part of our Latin lessons is learning about myths including the infamous Daedalus and Icarus. Year 5 concluded the moral of the story was to listen to our parents’ advice.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Miss Cooke - Latin lead.





I have had the pleasure of spending time in science lessons across school this week. It has been lovely to see the children so enthused about science and talk confidently about their learning.

From finding out how animals survive in winter in Year 1, to investigating how shadows are formed in Year 6, it is clear to see how our science curriculum equips our pupils with the breadth and depth of knowledge and skills to think like real scientists.

We are proud to offer a variety of science enrichment opportunities at Waterside to further develop the children's curiosity and love of science. Our STEM clubs continue to be a huge success and the children's enthusiasm and enjoyment of science is clear to see. Pupils have loved taking on many different roles within the disciplines of STEM this year, ranging from engineers and physicists to biologists and chemists. It seems we have many future scientists in the making!

We have a number of exciting science events planned for the rest of the academic year. We will be celebrating British Science Week in March – the theme this year is 'Time'. Our involvement in The Ogden Trust continues to offer us many exciting enrichment events, including an upcoming Earth and Space evening and a Summer Science Fair! We are also in the process of launching CREST Awards – this is a scheme to inspire pupils to think and behave like scientists. I cannot wait to share more information about these upcoming events and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

Miss Curtis – Science Lead
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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.

