

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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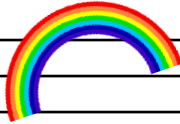
Headteachers Message

This week has been full of lots of learning opportunities. Take a look below at some of the learning that has taken place. Our teachers also every week add to their class blogs on the website so don't forget to have a look and catch up with what your child has been learning about!

Mrs. Wills





	 Star	 Values
Ducklings	Aliza Halim	Rayaan
Ducks	Imani	Nella
Swans	Emilia	Eva
Seals		
Seagulls	Mitchell & Zohan	Antonio
Penguins	Diako 	Ali-Hamza 
Puffins	Elsie	Abdul
Turtles	Leena	Zarnish
Jellyfish	Aarav	Hana
Stingrays	Seth	Shuaib
Manatees	Archie	Sabahat
Dolphins		
Narwhals	Omar and Rugesh	Mutahair
Whales	Jesme	Arnav
Sharks	Addeel	Inaaya

Attendance Matters



Week 19

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	89%	85.7%	94%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	93.3%	94.3%	99.3%	98.7%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	99.1%	98%	98.7%	94.2%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	94.7%	96%	100%	93.4%

School Target 97%

Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) – 96.5%

Whole school attendance – 95.1%



Swans

Penguins

Turtles

Whales

Whales



Early Years Foundation Stage

It has been another fantastic week in our Early Years Foundation Stage and yet again I have been amazed by the learning taking place by all of our children.

This half term the Nursery children's topic has been about Bears, last week the children went on an adventure on the school mini buses to Hanley Park to have a teddy bears picnic. The children were so inquisitive asking lots of questions about the environment and were impeccably behaved, we are so proud of them all! This week they have been reading the story 'We're going on a bear hunt' and have been busy building using different resources.

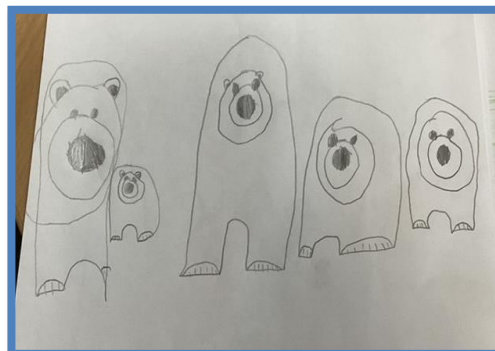
The children have used a variety of 2D and 3D shapes to build solid structures and have been using new mathematic vocabulary to talk about the shapes properties. In the construction area they have been making bridges to get over the river from the story and have been working collaboratively to test different bridges which they have made to see which is the strongest.

Reception are currently learning all about contrasting places so they are currently comparing where we live to colder places such as The Arctic and Antarctica. The children can now talk about different animals which live in these areas of the world and can talk about how they adapt to their surroundings.

I have also been so impressed with the art which the children have produced this week, they have been developing their line work and have created fantastic masterpieces of a polar bear. The children are also now demonstrating the knowledge and skills they have learnt during direct teaching and adult led activities in their own independent play which is amazing to see.

You can see all of the fantastic learning your child is doing via Tapestry, if you are not yet connected then please contact your child's class teacher.

Mrs Morray



Physical Education



This week some of our year 3 and 4 pupils went to Fenton Manor to take part in the 'Active 60 Festival' event. We played alongside other schools, putting our fitness skills to the test. We had so much fun engaging in a variety of sports activities including javelin, races, hurdles and lots more. Well done to every single one of you for demonstrating all of our school values and your positive feedback from the day. We look forward to many more events across the year.



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.

