

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

Welcome back!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful half term.

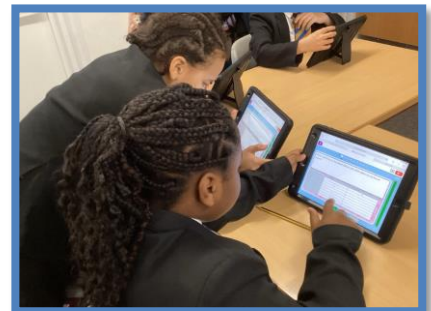
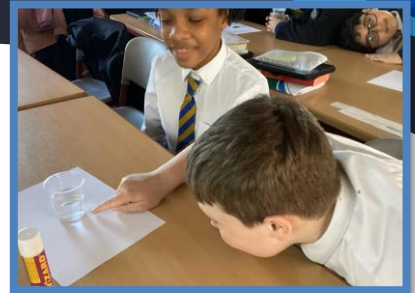
The pupils have had a great first week back, and have settled back well into the routines of schools.

On Monday, my assembly focused on the word 'Pride' and being proud of who we are, the community we belong to and our school. In the assembly the pupils spoke about how they could show pride in their presentation, in their learning and in their behaviour. Our school uniform is an important aspect of having pride, as this will be a focus this half term. Uniform including PE kits are apart of our school, and as a pupil in Year 6 said 'they make us feel a part of a community where we are all equal.' With this in mind teachers will be focusing on uniforms and ensuring pupils are showing pride in their appearance.

On my learning walks around school this week, pupils have shown great attitudes to learning and I have been impressed by the knowledge that pupils are retaining and then using across school. Our pupils are highly driven and consistently produce exceptional pieces of work that we are proud of.

Make sure you take a look at your pupils class blogs at their amazing learning.

Mrs. Wills



Assemblies



On Tuesday, our Year 5 pupils performed an assembly to parents, using their knowledge of the history topic of Vikings. Even though they only had a day to plan and practice, the children were amazing when it came to learning their roles and taking part in creating a production. Their musical talents shone through with their rendition of Valhalla Calling and the knowledge that they were able to recall, to contribute to what they wanted their parents to know, showed how much they had learnt and remembered. They performed a show that we are immensely proud of and we can't wait to see what they come up with next time!



Welcome to Nursery



This week in Nursery the children have had a new role play area of a supermarket which the children have loved, they have really impressed me with the vocabulary and language which they have used whilst playing. The children are now engaging in each other's play and are demonstrating their own experiences of visiting the supermarket.

The children have also been using the song '5 little ducks' to support them with their maths knowledge and skills, the children are able to sing the song fluently and use the duck props correctly as they sing and can say how many ducks are left. The children are now transferring their maths skills in the environment as they learn independently.

From the beginning of the academic year the children have been developing their fine motor skills through various activities and resources, I was so proud to see so many children drawing and writing during my learning walk this week and lots of children are now holding their pencil in a tripod grip.

I cannot wait to see what learning they do next week!
Mrs Morray- Early Years Foundation Stage Lead

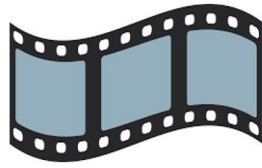


Physical Education



This week selected pupils from KS1 and KS2 have been on different sporting events at Fenton Manor and Excel Academy. KS1 took part in an 'Active 60 Festival' where the children remained active during a variety of sporting activities for a whole 60 minutes. KS2 attended 'Change4Life' event which consisted of using lots of skills in different ways and showing us how to remain active outside of events.

We had an amazing time representing our school and can't wait for the next one.



On Wednesday 20th March we will be hosting a film night for YN-Y3 from 3.30 – 5pm

On Thursday 21st March we will be hosting a film night for Y4-6 from 3.30- 5.30pm



IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING

- 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.

