

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

We have reached the half way point of the term and 4 weeks in the children are already making superb progress in their learning.

This week has been full of exciting learning opportunities including woodland walks, forest schools, iPad training and much more. The curriculum at Waterside is created to enrich the experiences that the children have and to help them to develop life long skills.

In Forest school this week, Year 3 have been den building. Forest schools helps all children to develop their communication and co-operation skills. Miss Barker, our Forest School Lead, will continue to work with different classes over the year in forest school and through our enrichment clubs.

Enrichment clubs began this week, and the children already have spoken positively about the clubs on offer. Miss Bickerton-Dean was very impressed with drawing club and their owl drawings in which they completed independently.

This week we have also launched TT Rockstars – a times tables app where children get to compete against others whilst developing their maths skills. Every morning the children come into school and practice these. It has been great to see children continuing this learning at home.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Willis
(Head of School)





STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Lena
 Ducks – Mabel
 Swans – Uakatjavi
 Seals – Janna
 Seagulls – Oscar
 Penguins – Shahzain
 Puffins – Sophie
 Turtles – Dinah
 Jellyfish – Chimaboi
 Stingrays – Ken
 Manatees – Elsa
 Narwhals – Hania
 Dolphins – Eliza
 Sharks – Sasha
 Whales – Lara



Value Award



Ducklings – Adanna
 Ducks – Alayna
 Swans – Arissa
 Seals – Mickey
 Seagulls – Shahzaib
 Penguins – Amaar
 Puffins – Iqra
 Turtles – Ellia
 Jellyfish – Gloria
 Stingrays – Seth
 Manatees – Ava and Lily
 Narwhals – Mudassir
 Dolphins – Keyaan
 Sharks – Aroon
 Whales – Jesme



Attendance Matters



Week 4

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	79.2%	76.7%	91.3%



KS1

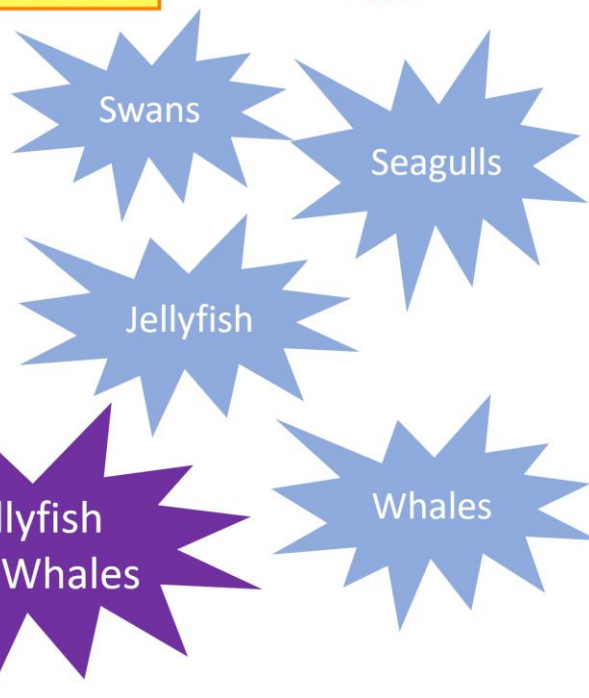
Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	95.3%	97.9%	97.3%	96.3%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	95.3%	100%	94.6%	94.7%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	97.3%	94%	100%	98.7%



School Target 97%

Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) – 96.8%

Whole school attendance – 93.8%

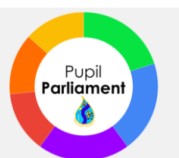
Pupil Leadership

At Waterside, we believe that it is important that the pupils contribute to the development of the school. This year we have launched our new parliament. This parliament is to help leaders shape the school by listening to pupil voice. In our parliament, we have 5 different departments, and in each department we have pupils from Reception to Year 6 who will contribute to meetings led by our Year 6 pupils.

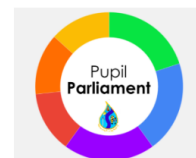
All pupils were voted in by their peers and will take part in at least 2 parliament meetings per term during the school day. Our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister along with the Year 6 Ministers will meet with the senior leadership team at least once per half term to share the voice of the pupils.

Already the pupils are wearing their badges with pride and we are so proud of them already for stepping into these roles.

Well done to everyone who applied there will be more opportunities to be involved in school life in the near future.



Waterside Primary School Pupil Parliament



Year 6 Prime Minister: Bitu

Year 6 Deputy Prime Minister: Aishah

Department for Pupil Voice	Department for Environment	Department for Health and Wellbeing	Department for Curriculum and Learning	Department for Enrichment
Year 6 Minister: Jesme	Year 6 Minister: Rihanna	Year 6 Minister: Andreas	Year 6 Minister: Sasha	Year 6 Minister: Mbekah
Alfie- Sharks Ruken- Whales Aisha- Dolphins Hassan- Narwhals Sara- Manatees Sarah- Stingrays Millie- Turtles Mehra- Jellyfish Aizah- Penguins Iqra- Puffins Eden- Seals Yusuf- Seagulls Filip- Ducks Hayiya- Swans	Addeel- Sharks Zeerish-Whales Raza-Dolphins Sulaiman-Narwhals Haris-Manatess Lara-Stingrays Jocelyn-Turtles Hannah-Jellyfish Maryiam-Penguins Bruce Berki-Puffins Violet Rose-Seals Eiman-Seagulls Imani-Ducks Isaac-Swans	Favour-Sharks Mckenelly-Whales Eliza- Dolphins Hania-Narwhals Archie-Manatees Dylan- Stingrays	Haris-Sharks Miya-Whales Ianis-Dolphins Khadija Arif-Narwhals Lily-Manatees Sophie-Stingrays Scarlett-Turtles Amaya-Jellyfish Kieran-Penguins Walliyah-Puffins Darasimi-Seals Kian-Seagulls Zachary-Ducks Zainab-Swans	Christian-Sharks Louie-Whales Keyaan-Dolphins Omar- Narwhals Shazeb-Manatees Seth-Stingrays Zeek-Turtles Gloria-Jellyfish



Interventions

At Waterside, we provide identified children with targeted mentoring (interventions) to move their learning forwards to reach new challenging targets. As well as children receiving high quality teaching within the school day, extra mentoring is used in order for children's confidence to remain high with the new challenges we want to offer them. School staff can swiftly close progress or attainment gaps in key areas – this will help build children's self-worth, as well as their academic understanding. Our interventions take place in school from 8:30am – 8:50am in a nurturing, safe environment, which can positively contribute to children's overall wellbeing.

Pupil voice:

"Interventions are fun!"

"I like interventions."

"I learn lots of new words."

"Interventions help me with my work in the classroom."

"The reading is fun!"

DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN 1

Please see below some important dates for Autumn.

WB 2.10.23 – Harvest Donations Collected

10.10.23 – Y2 Parent Consultations

10.10.23 – Individual and Sibling Photos

12.10.23 – Y6 Parent Consultations

16.10.23 – Y5 Bikeability

17.10.23 – Reception Parent Consultations

19.10.23 – Y1 Parent Consultations

24.10.23 – Y3 Parent Consultations

25.10.23 – Y6 Bikeability

25.10.23 – Film Night

26.10.23 – Y6 Bikeability

26.10.23 – Y4 Parent Consultation

TT Rockstars

This week we have launched TTRockstars and NUMBOTS.

NumBots is an online maths game which supports children with their understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction, so that they move from counting to calculating.

Times Table Rock Stars is a fun and challenging online maths game designed to help children master the times tables. To be a Times Table Rock Star you need to answer any multiplication fact up to 12x12 in less than 3 seconds!

The children have all been given their individual log in details and they have been busy practising at school and they can log in and play at home too.

These online maths games not only improve recall speed of pupils, but also boost their confidence and reduce math anxiety; it's an entertaining and engaging way to learn the key maths skills

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. Twigg or Mr. Grocott.