

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

This week the children have begun to take part in the British Ceramics Biennial 2023. From 23 September to 5 November, the British Ceramics Biennial returns to Stoke-on-Trent for six weeks of exhibitions, installations and events shown against the backdrop of the city's industrial heritage. The children have made clay tiles that will be laid outside of Staffordshire university and will form a wild garden. This enrichment opportunity was planned for the children by Mrs. Acar and Miss Williams our enrichment leads.

Reception had the opportunity this week to tour the local area as part of their topic 'Myself.' They have been learning about where they live and what they can see around the local area of the school. In class they have looked at maps of the local area too.

Thank you for those of you have already donated to our Harvest food collection. This collection will be built up to support the families in our community. If you have not yet donated and would like to please do send your donations in to school. These are donations are gratefully received.

The work on our playground and field is nearly complete. I know the children are looking forward to the day that we can officially open it. Thank you for your co-operation at home time, as we know it has been a challenge with a smaller space.

Parents consultations have also begun this week. Thank you to those who have attended. Please look out for when your child's consultation is.

Mrs. Willis
(Head of School)





STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Leo
 Ducks – Caden
 Swans – Hadiya
 Seals – Afiya
 Seagulls – Olivia
 Penguins – Rumaisa A
 Puffins – Millie
 Turtles – Amina
 Jellyfish – Furqan
 Stingrays – Reece
 Manatees – Abdur
 Narwhals – Khadija M
 Dolphins – Zahra
 Sharks – Alfie
 Whales – Shaho



Value Award



Ducklings – Lana
 Ducks – Ousman
 Swans – Emilia
 Seals – Savannah
 Seagulls – Daarain
 Penguins – Rumaisa S
 Puffins – Ethan
 Turtles – Khadija
 Jellyfish – Maham
 Stingrays – Sophie
 Manatees – Danish
 Narwhals – Omar
 Dolphins – Stanley
 Sharks – Tylan
 Whales – Sinead



Attendance Matters



Week 6

EYFS

Class	Ducklings	Ducks	Swans
%	94.6%	92%	96.7%

KS1

Class	Seals	Seagulls	Penguins	Puffins
%	93%	92.1%	99.3%	98.7%

LKS2

Class	Turtles	Jellyfish	Stingrays	Manatees
%	98.7%	98%	99.3%	90%

UKS2

Class	Dolphins	Narwhals	Whales	Sharks
%	92%	99%	97.3%	97.3%

School Target 97%

Whole school attendance (excluding under 5s) – 96.2%

Whole school attendance – 95.9%



Swans

Penguins

Stingrays

Penguins and
Stingrays

Narwhals



Sports and PE

As you are aware we have been enhancing our school playground to encourage and promote a love of sports and exercise. We are extremely fortunate to have all of these new areas and I know how excited the children are to use them during playtimes and in their PE lessons. As well as our outdoor area we have also enhanced our PE curriculum by ensuring every year group has additional PE lessons, daily fitness and a variety of sports clubs.

Exercise is an essential part of children's development. PE will teach children intellectual skills, help them to navigate social situations, and nurture their emotional development. It will promote and encourage children to lead healthy, active life styles and give them opportunities to find new hobbies and to develop an interest into the possibilities of their future.

It is essential that the children are wearing the correct PE kit in their lessons, our PE kits provide appropriate footwear and clothing to access all activities safely.

Miss Mayer (PE lead)



PSHE/ Personal Development

PSHE stands for Personal, Social, Health and Economic education. It is an important part of your child's national curriculum learning. At Waterside PSHE and Relationship Education provide children with the skills and knowledge they need to live healthy lives in an ever changing and diverse society. PSHE is not just a stand alone lesson but is embedded in our ethos and culture. Our spiraled learning plan with a whole school approach ensure that key themes and topics are revisited and delivered in an age-appropriate manner across the different Key Stages. It is like a golden thread of key messages running throughout the curriculum.

Our aim is to prepare pupils for the wider world. And this year we are focussing on building our character education through our pupil leadership opportunities and our citizenship programme which we will be launching next half term.

Mrs. Willis (Personal Development lead)



Parking and dropping off

At Waterside, we are growing increasingly concerned around the parking of vehicles around drop off and collection outside of the school gates. Safety is paramount. We have been in contact with the local authority on many occasions around supporting school with this, and continue to do so.

We need your continued support as parents to ensure that children can enter and leave the school grounds safely.

We have been in contact with **Lidl** who have confirmed that parents are able to use their car park as a park and stride. Lidl is a 5 minute safe walk from Waterside along the canal.

If you are also in walking distance of school we ask that you walk to school to help with congestion during these times.

Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN

Please see below some important dates for Autumn.

- 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

- 13.11.23 – Diwali Celebrations
- 14.11.23 – Y5 Parent Consultations
- 16.11.23 – YN Parent consultations
- 17.11.23 – Odd socks day

- 8.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 14.12.23 – School Disco
- 19.12.23 – 21.12.23 – EYFS/KS1 Production

Homework

At Waterside, we pride ourselves in the education that we deliver.

We understand that children come to school every day for around 6 hours, and that many parents may not have the time after work to complete homework with their child.

For this reason, we keep homework minimal, but encourage the practise of fundamental skills that will help the children thrive in school such as reading, spelling and timetables.

These tasks should take no longer than 15 minutes.

If you are struggling with completing homework please speak to your child's class teacher.

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.