

Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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Headteachers Message

It has been a long half term, and I know that the children are ready for a break to rest and come back ready for Autumn 2.

This half term we have introduced TT rock stars and numbots, we have started our new forest school program, developed our new school parliament, ran our enrichment clubs, had our outdoor area revamped, conducted a film night and much more.

It has been a busy half term of learning and it has been great to watch the children continue to develop over the past 8 weeks. I have seen them grow in confidence. One of our focuses has been around developing language and communication. We encourage all children to speak in full sentences at all times. Children are increasingly able to talk about their learning and are developing their language skills to develop conversations. It always makes my day when a child asks 'How has your day been?' and in return they can tell me about theirs.

Reading is always a priority at Waterside as it is an essential skill that all children should have to help them in every aspect of life. This half term, we have continued to develop their love for reading with our book club session where children have the opportunity to share what they have read, and make recommendations. Thank you for your support with reading at home – every little bit of reading helps.

Next half term, we will be focusing on social and emotional learning, and using a technique called Red to Blue to help support children in developing emotional resilience and how to self manage their emotions. Thank you for responding to our questionnaire around workshops in school. Emotional support for children was one of the top requests, so we will be keen to invite parents into school so that we can share our strategies with you.

Alongside our school Parliament, we want to support pupils in being global citizens. To do this, we will be introducing our citizenship program with children where they can earn badges over their time at primary school for make positive contributions.

Next half term will be just as busy as we head towards our assessment week where we will conduct our in school assessments.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. And I look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th November.

Mrs. Willis





STARS OF THE WEEK



Ducklings – Rayaan
Ducks – Khadija
Swans – Safa
Seals – Kevin
Seagulls – Eiman
Penguins – Imogen
Puffins – Tahmina
Turtles – Muharrem
Jellyfish – Jena
Stingrays – Maddie
Manatees –
Narwhals – Mustafa
Dolphins – The class
Sharks – Serin
Whales – Bitia



Value Award



Ducklings – Hajrah
Ducks – Nella
Swans – Eesa
Seals – Shekinah
Seagulls – Khloe
Penguins – Omid
Puffins – Poppy
Turtles – Jocelyn
Jellyfish – Muneeb
Stingrays – Amie
Manatees –
Narwhals – Mutahair
Dolphins – Nelson
Sharks – Halima
Whales – Sinead



Rewards

Each week we have our rewards assembly where we celebrate children for showing our school values and where children have produced exceptional work. This half term we focussed on friendship as our value and the children have been able to show friendship in lots of different ways.

Next half term we will be focussing on how children can make positive contributions and become global citizens and will be focussing on our value inspiration.

Our assemblies will focus on: how to be inspirational, inspirational people; being a good citizen and the British Values.

We will be looking for children who show this values each week and celebrate their achievement in assembly.

Keep an eye out for our citizenship program that will be coming out in the next half term too.



Harvest

Thank you for your Harvest donations. These donations will be going towards our Waterside food bank to help support our school community in times of need. Every food item will help support a family in need. Although Harvest is a time when we have launched this, our food bank will be open all year round and we hope that people are able to continue to donate. If you would like to donate to our foodbank, please bring your items to the office. Thank you for all your help and support.

Gates and Site lock up

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DATES TO REMEMBER

IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN

- 13.11.23 – Diwali Celebrations
- 13.11.23 – Odd Socks Day
- 14.11.23 – Y5 Parent Consultations
- 16.11.23 – YN Parent consultations
- 17.11.23 – Children in need

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

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.