1st December 2023





Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Reception Nativity - 6th & 7th December

Whole School Elf Run - 8th December

Year 1 Nativity - 13th December

FOWS Christmas Festive Evening – 13th December

Year 2 Crafternoon Tea – 14th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch - 20th December

KS2 Carols - 20th December

Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of uniform and it is named we will endeavour to return it to the classroom. However, we do have quite a lot of unclaimed uniform hanging in our outside classroom. Please feel free to look through these items to see if you can find your missing uniform.

Sporting News

Last week marked the last of the group stages in The Winter Football League. We now move to the knockout stage. Wheelock Wasps played last Monday evening, and despite the harsh weather conditions, the children amazed us with their outstanding effort, positivity and teamwork. Well done Wasps!

Knockout Stage

Permission letters were given out to all team members yesterday (Thursday 30th November). Please fill these in and send back as soon as possible. We do apologise for the short turn around in responding to this letter, especially for Wasps.

Wheelock Wasps- Monday 4th December.

Wheelock Warriors-Monday 11th December

These dates mark the end of The Winter Football League. Please hand football kits back when possible, so that they can be used by others.

Football Awards

Respect Award- Eddie

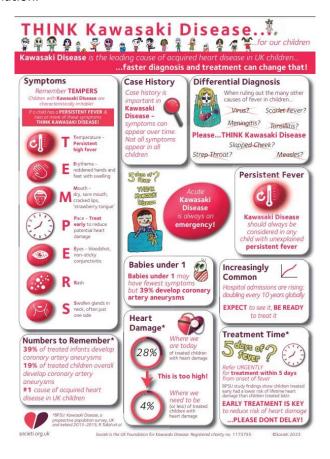
Fair Play Award-Connor

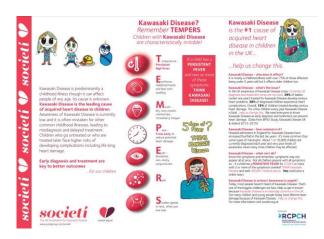
Positivity Award-Oscar

A special thanks goes to Freddy for being Mrs Forrester's Assistant Manager for the evening, when unfortunately, Mr Bateman could not attend.

Wellbeing News – Kawasaki Disease Awareness

Societi - The UK Foundation for Kawasaki Disease. Kawasaki Disease is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children. If it is found and treated early the chances of heart damage are greatly reduced. With the incidence doubling every 10 years in the UK we really want to make sure that everyone knows the signs and symptoms. It is more common than meningitis yet is still not well known. As Kawasaki Disease is most commonly seen in children here are the signs and symptoms and some useful information.





Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A great week this week! In Literacy we have been writing about our missing star! In Maths we have been parts and wholes. We know some different parts of numbers. We have worked hard in Phonics and are practising blending sounds into words. Remember to practise reading or flash cards every night and sign the diary. Well done to everybody who got their gold star again. Amazing work!

We have been learning all about light and dark. We know some different light sources and have started to think about what is in Space!

We have also done lots of Nativity practise. We can't wait to share it with you next week. 💥



Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

This week in literacy year 1 was visited by a witch. She sprinkled lots of glitter around the classroom and left her broom stick and spell book as a clue, so we knew that it was her. The children have been planning instructions on how to catch her using imperative verbs and exploring magical ingredients.

In maths we have started to look at subtraction within 10. The children have been using the partwhole model method to support them in finding the missing part in a number sentence.

The children are really enjoying the painting and mixed media unit in art. We have been exploring different shades of green this week by mixing two primary colours together. The children drew around their hands and then were challenged to paint each finger a different shade of green.

In geography this week we built on our knowledge of maps by drawing our own simple maps and labelling the different features. We also used directional language to describe the location of these features.

The children have worked really hard learning their lines and practicing the songs for our 'Tiptoe Nativity' in a couple of weeks and they are looking forward to performing this very soon. Please remember to bring your child's costume in next week ready for a dress rehearsal.

Have a lovely weekend year 1!

Owls and Robins

Year 2 have had a really busy week this week. We have finished our big write, we have used fantastic descriptive language about a setting in our story.

In maths we have worked on our strategies for addition and subtraction. We have used different methods to solve these problems including using a number line.

In music we have been practicing our Christmas songs ready for our Christmas Crafternoon Tea.

To finish the week, we spent time designing our Christmas Gingerbread. The children are really excited for the next stage of the DT which will be baking these for you to enjoy. Well done Year 2 for a great week.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we made leaf compasses by magnetising panel pins: we now understand how sailors in ancient times were able to navigate across the sea. We have successfully made our recycling displays using levers and linkages in DT.

Across Waterbirds, the teachers have enjoyed watching all of the huge effort the children have put into their first week of assessments and have been impressed with the progress many have made. We have been focusing on improving active listening in class and have seen a great response across the phase - well done guys. We are continuing to work on multiplication and division in Maths and enthusiastically using whiteboards, counters, number lines and 100 squares to help understand groups, arrays and related facts. On top of all of this, we have been imagining ourselves as naturalists, engaged with research into Polar Bears to help write an information text. Overall, we have had a hardworking and responsible week. Fantastic effort - a round of applause to Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

It has certainly been a cold week, especially in the woods. The children had great fun, again, building shelters and learning how to complete a knife craft sensibly.

We have started our autumn term assessments this week. The children have shown tremendous perseverance with them. We are very proud of their attitude.

In literacy, we have focussed on the craft of letter writing. We have looked at specific features and the formality of the language.

In RE, the children learnt about the sermon on the mount. In computing, they enjoyed using scratch to code. We have learnt about places in French. We have also been developing our understanding of different suffixes.

A great week- the children are working so hard and we are very proud of their efforts. Keep going UKS2! Have a lovely weekend and happy December

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Martha	For aspiring to be the best she can be!
Penguins	Hollie Grace	For being a brilliant friend to everybody. Well Done Hollie!
Puffins	Hannah	For concentration on her colour wheel art.
Puffins	Etta	For her amazing singing and performing in the Nativity.
Goldfinches	Grace	For super ideas in her plan to catch a witch.
Goldfinches	Harrison	For a great start to our maths unit on subtraction.
Woodpeckers	India	For coming in with a beautiful smile all week.
Woodpeckers	Jakub	For coming in with a beautiful smile all week.
Owls	Thea	For always showing kindness and respect to everyone in school.
Owls	Ada	For hard work and determination in everything she does.
Robins	Edith	For taking pride in her work.
Robins	Saffi	For some amazing descriptive writing. Well done.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Rowan	For a fantastic effort in his assessments and for aspiring others with his enthusiasm
		to answer questions in class. Well done.
Swans	Louie	For an improved attitude to learning and
		for showing resilience when he is finding
		things tricky. Well done.
Sandpipers	Marco	For showing lots of effort over the last
		couple of weeks – amazing!
Sandpipers	Sam	For always demonstrating a mature
		approach to his learning.
Kingfishers	Henry	For working hard on his assessments this
		week, putting in lots of effort!
Kingfishers	Lily	For arriving at school this week with a
		positive attitude, ready to start her
		learning.
Kestrels	Poppy	For creating a beautiful piece of art work
		based on the Sermon of the Mount in RE.
0		Well done!
Kestrels	Matilda	For always being a perfect example of our
		Wheelock behaviours - well done!
Hawks	Roman	Improved effort and concentration in
		Maths this week, securing a better
		understanding of fractions.
Hawks	Jack	Aspiring to be the best he can be with a
		more resilient approach towards his
		learning this week - well done!
Eagles	Oskar	Being a fantastic talk partner who
		supports others when they are completing
		their work.
Eagles	Chloe	Being a brilliant friend to others in class
=		and on the playground.

The Hive	Billie	For being a kind and thoughtful friend to
		others.
The Hive	Ronald	For sharing his creative ideas with others.

The Hive

Well you will be pleased to know that Christmas has arrived in the Hive and the children have loved it!!

It started with the advent calendars, the children loved sharing their creative ideas with others in the Hive. On the theme of Christmas, the children have completed word searches and spot the difference pictures.

Next week the children will be decorating biscuits with Anna and Penny, sing a long Christmas tracks with Mr Sutton and making Christmas decorations with the Hive team.

Thank you for your continued support.

FOWS NEWSLETTER



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The FOWS team were at school late last night putting a beautiful festive garland around the hall and decorating the Christmas tree! Every year FOWS donates a beautiful fresh 12 foot Christmas tree so they children can enjoy some festive decorations for their last weeks of term. It looks amazing I'm sure you will agree!



Our festive evening is coming up soon! It's on Wednesday the 13th of December from 5.30-8pm. If you would like to visit Santa's Grotto then you must prebook a slot before arrival and please also get your raffle tickets for our rainbow raffle! Both of these can be purchased through our new website: https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock

Even if you don't want to visit Santa's Grotto, there will still be plenty for you and your family at our festive evening so come along for festive food and drink and Christmassy crafts and games!

I can't stress enough that we CANNOT run this event without volunteers. The FOWS team can do as much as possible but we all need a break and some time with our own families so PLEASE help us to share the load by volunteering. You can volunteer for just 25 minutes, 50 minutes or the whole evening on a stall either selling cakes or drinks or even helping tidy up the craft rooms or playing games. Please email fowscontact@gmail.com1 to let me know for how long you'd like to help. Thank you so much in advance.

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Community News





A FREE FAMILY EVENT FROM GRACE CHURCH SANDBACH

Come and join us at Marriot House (just inside Sandbach Park) for your trail instructions before you head off around Sandbach on a Christmas word hunt!

Once you finish the trail then make your way back to Marriot House for more fun, including crafts and refreshments.

Every child will receive a chocolate treat and a Christmas book when they leave.

(Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

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