1st March 2024





Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Whole School World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character) - 7th March

French Day – 8th March

Parents Evening - 12th and 14th March

Whole School Non-Uniform Day (In exchange for a donation of chocolate) - 14th March

Year 1 Peak Wildlife Park - 15th March

Year 5 SingFest - 20th March

FOWS Chocolate Bingo - 22nd March

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A great first week back everybody - Well done! In Literacy we have started our new text called Little Red. We have been exploring the characters feelings and using new vocabulary linked to the text. We talked about a similar well known story 'Little Red Riding Hood' and how this text is a different version. In Maths, we have been working on developing a deep understanding of numbers to 10 and ordering numbers to 10, noticing the '5 and a bit' structure. Our topic this half term is 'Once upon a time' where we will begin to explore what life was like in the past. We will talk about the lives of the people around us and their roles in society. We will be learning to describe some similarities and differences between things in the past and now, drawing on our experiences and what has been learned in class and from our families. This week we have started to think about our own timelines from when we were a baby to now. We have also started to talk about what we will look like when we are older and how our bodies and lives will change. We have also been practising our colour mixing techniques and have done a super job of mixing colours using the three primary colours.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Well done year one for working so hard on your first week back!

In literacy we have been immersing ourselves into our new text 'Where The Wild Things Are'. We read the story and looked at new vocabulary that could be used in our own writing.

In maths we have been making doubles and nearly doubles. We have also been looking at odd and even numbers within 10.

On Monday we started our food and nutrition unit for D+T. The children told us what their favourite drinks are and we talked about whether these are healthy drinks or not.

In Geography we have been discussing the United Kingdom and what countries make up the UK. We learnt a song to help us remember and looked at the United Kingdom on google earth. We then labelled our own maps.

In Science we have been labelling the different body parts. We drew around each other and then labelled the different parts of the body.

Owls and Robins including Years 3 & 4

Welcome back after a busy half term break. This week we have had some lovely year 3 visitors in the Owls class, sharing in our learning.

In Geography, we have been looking human and physical features around us. Have a look in your local area and see what features you can spot. We have had a wonderful art afternoon creating some minibeast inspired art work to decorate the outdoor classroom.

In literacy, we have begun to immerse ourselves in the new text, Grandad's Island. In computing, we are looking at how to create animations. This week in maths we are looking at division by sharing. As a class we have discussed the purpose and significance of a leap year and why we have them.

Year 4 Edgmond Hall Visit

Year 4 have had an amazing residential at Edgmond Hall. The children have taken part in lots of activities including, archery, blind line, firelighting, shelter building, animal care, orienteering and a torch lit night time walk. We have seen great resilience and team work, lots of mud and laughs! We all need a good rest this weekend for sure!







Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

What a busy first week back. When was half term???

During maths, year 6 have focussed on decimal numbers. They are leaning to multiply and divide decimals as well as convert them to fractions. Year 5 have been learning about equivalent fractions, a tricky concept. They have also been mastering working with decimals up to 2 decimal places.

In literacy, we have started a tricky cliff hanger narrative unit. We have been reading extracts from The Hound of the Baskervilles. The children are finding this historical story tricky. Well done for persevering.

In science we have started out living things and habitats unit. We classified animals into different categories. In PSHE, we became agony aunts to solve problems. During geography, we learnt about desert biomes. In French, the children are learning the names for different clothes.

On Thursday, year 5 enjoyed another sing fest rehearsal whilst on Friday they had their final Sale Sharks rugby session.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone 😊



Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Carter	For super work in Phonics! Well done.
Penguins	Bella	For super reasoning in Maths! Well done.
Puffins	Griffin	For becoming a big brother and looking after his little sister.
Puffins	Tommy-John	For joining in with our dance class.
Goldfinches	George	For using the suffix 'ing' in his poem and reading it out to the class.
Goldfinches	Layla	For fantastic independent writing this week.
Woodpeckers	Albie	For writing some fantastic descriptive sentences about The Wild Things in literacy.
Woodpeckers	Lola	For recalling some great prior knowledge in geography this week.
Owls	Reuben	For his positive contributions to the class discussion about leap years.
Owls	Millie	For taking such care and responsibility of things she's given around school.
Owls	Louie	For some very positive learning experiences this week.
Robins	Oscar	For trying hard to aspire to do his best.
Robins	Noah	For brilliant effort in phonics this week.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Harry	For always following the Wheelock behaviours and being a great role model to others.
Sandpipers	Ava	For always going above and beyond with her work and showing excellent independence.
Kingfishers	Gianni	For working hard on the tasks set this week.
Kingfishers	Marley	For being a lovely calming presence in the Owls class this week.
Kestrels	Billy	For great positivity shown at all times – Billy is a friend to all! Well done!
Kestrels	Mikey	For showing super independence this week and always having a wonderful sense of humour! Well done!
Hawks	Luis	For always giving 100% in everything that he does. Excellent Geography and Science knowledge shared this week too – well done!
Hawks	Emmie	For a noticeable increase in effort and determination which is really paying off. Keep up the hard work!
Eagles	Pippa	For excellent work and ideas in all subjects.
Eagles	Olivia	For always showing excellent enthusiasm in all of her lessons.
The Hive	Luis	For being a kind friend to others and for having lovely manners.
The Hive	Charlie	For being a kind friend to others and for having lovely manners.

The Hive

This week we have welcomed the lighter evenings and the children have enjoyed playing outside with Mr Sutton and Penny.

The children have enjoyed role-play games with their friends, as ever it has been lovely watching the children play together with children from across the school.

Well done to the Jigsaw teams, your patience paid off!!

FOWS NEWSLETTER



We are excited to announce Chocolate Bingo!

Friday the 22nd of March with 3 separate sittings. You will be able to book one sitting for your family, choose from either 4.30-5.30pm, 5.45-6.45pm or 7-8pm.

There will be a cash/card bar, snacks, chip baps and of course... Chocolate!

We have acted on feedback from last year and have added in an additional sitting to accommodate even more people and will also increase capacity within the room. This means it will be a very busy night for FOWs volunteers so please do your bit to help us as much as possible: arrive early, help us keep the place tidy and put all rubbish in the bins provided.

Tickets will go on sale at 8pm on Monday the 4th of March on the following website: www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock/1

This year, in response to feedback, we have introduced a ticket that does not include bingo so you have the option for the youngest members of your family (babies on knees are free). This ticket will include entry and a chip bap but they can share someone else's bingo card. It does mean less chance of winning though!

Important information for the evening:

- Please arrive promptly for your sitting and wait by the main school office reception to be signed in.
- Bingo will take place in the main hall so the hive will be in an alternative venue those who need to know will be contacted.
- As usual, the school carpark will be closed, let's pray for good weather so as many people as possible can walk to avoid parking congestion.

We can't wait to hear you shout 'BINGO!'

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

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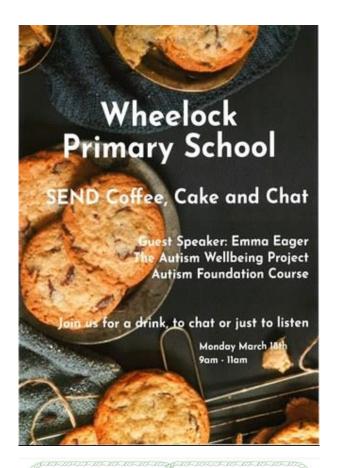
¹http://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock/

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Community News









Join the repair and reuse revolution!!

Repair Cafés are all about repairing things. You bring your broken items from home and our Fixers, who are unpaid local volunteers, will try and repair your item. You are invited to watch the repair, allowing you to take away not only your repaired item but a new shared skill!

We have a range of skills available including computer tech, bicycles, joiners, mechanical, sewing and more!!

lt's also an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and/or home bake

We have tackled toys, clocks, luggage and hairdryers. You can even book your repair in advance by emailing your details to repairs for and have beateners in a cult.

Don't forget to join our Facebook group for all the latest.

Spread the word Location: St Peter's Church Hall, Elworth

Future dates & times

Saturday 17 Feb 11am until 2pm

Saturday 16 Mar 11am until 2pm

Saturday 20 Apr 11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 May 11am until 2pm

Saturday 15 Jun 10am until 1pm

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