

10th November 2023



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Reception 2024 Open Days – 13th & 14th November

Parents Evening – 15th & 16th November

Reception Nativity – 6th & 7th December

Whole School Elf Run – 8th December

Year 1 Nativity – 13th December

FOWS Christmas Festive Evening – 13th December

Year 2 Christmas Production – 14th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch – 20th December

KS2 Carols – 20th December

Sporting News

Last Monday marked the start of the Winter Football League at Sandbach United. Wheelock Warriors were the starting team, playing three 20-minute games against local schools. They were an impressive bunch, showing amazing skill and behaviour. Well done Wheelock Warriors, you did us, and yourselves proud. It was lovely to see and hear so many parents supporting Wheelock. Your positivity and support is very much appreciated.

Football kits have now been distributed to all players on both teams. Please keep these kits until the league has finished.

Positivity Award-Jason

Respect Award-Kerr

Fair Play Award-Rowan

Next week, Wheelock Wasps take on three teams. Good luck Wasps!

Competition t-shirts- there are still many black competition t-shirts, from cross-country, that haven't been returned. Please return these as soon as possible so other children can have borrow them for other sporting events.

Year 2 & Key Stage 2 Assembly

This week we welcomed Tom Mills from the Dwarf Sports Association to host an assembly for the children. He spoke to us about his life and his achievements. He was an inspiration to us all as he shared his determination and positive outlook on life regardless of his differences. He reminded us all that we are the same at heart and we will continue to remember his motto 'Do something amazing'.





Remembrance

This weekend is the national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have served in the Armed Forces. Today, we have come together has a whole school to show our respects to the men, women and animals who have served for our country both past and present. We held a two-minute silence followed by a performance of The Last Post by Mrs French. Each class has created their own wreath to create a display within school.





Class News

Penguins and Puffins

We have had a great week. In Maths, we have been learning about 'more' and 'fewer'. We have been playing top trumps to help us reinforce our learning.

In Literacy, we have been sequencing the story of 'Star in a jar' and writing a sentence using cvc words. Our topic this half term is 'Let's explore!'.

We have been learning all about Diwali this week. We have had lots of fun making rangoli patterns and diya lamps. Well done everybody!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have had another great week full of new learning. In Literacy we have been analysing the text - looking for features such as; 'doing' words that end in 'ing' - verbs, Capital letters, Question marks and the word 'and' used to join to ideas. The children have also enjoyed thinking about words to describe Rapunzel - thinking about what she looks like and also about how she is feeling in different parts of the story. Year One are working so hard - Ask them to tell you all about nouns, adjectives and verbs!

Our maths focus has been number bonds this week. We have moved from using concrete apparatus such as cubes and counters, to using a 'Part, part, whole model' and now using a number sentence. We have been pairing numbers to make 10. A great game to practice this is - Save The Whale: Learn bonds of 10, 9, 8, 7, 6 or 5 ([ictgames.com](https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/))¹

In Geography this week we have been exploring maps and floor plans. This linked really well to last week's activity looking at aerial photographs. We then received a message from a rather lost alien that wanted to find his way around our classroom! We then set out to make some 'messy maps' using objects from around the classroom. The children really enjoyed this activity and made some great floorplans using counters, cubes, blocks and even conkers!

¹<https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/>



Our highlight of the week must be our Art lesson. Thank you for the old t-shirts and aprons! We used the three primary colours, red, blue and yellow to work out how to make the secondary colours, orange, purple and green. See if your child can remember.

Owls and Robins

In literacy this week, Year 2 have been working on using descriptive language. We have stepped inside of different scenes from our book, *The Night Gardener*, and have worked hard on using descriptive features to describe what we can hear, see and feel.

In maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting across a 10. We have been trying hard on different techniques to do this.

We have started our new geography topic this week too. We have started to recap our understanding of continents and labelling these on a world map and ordering them from biggest to smallest. We really enjoyed taking part in some songs to help us remember this information too.

In art, we have continued to complete our final piece of artwork implementing all of the skills we have been working on for our drawing techniques. These look great!

Also this week, we have taken part in lots of different assemblies and events, including making a class wreath for remembrance day.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have learnt about friction in Science and have investigated how friction effects sliding objects in the classrooms.

In our new Geography topic, we have been learning about the coldest part of the planet - Antarctica! For Literacy, we have been using our new focus text - Leaf to understand features of an outsider's tale and have written some incredible sentences!

We have made a simple machine with a lever and a linkage in Design and Technology which can wave! On top of all of this, we have been practising spellings in our new books from Oxford Owl and all aiming to get better.

We have had an amazing assembly from Tom from the DSA all about being the best you can be, and we have prepared fabulous poppy wreaths for our remembrance event. Overall, we have had a great week of learning. An excellent week, well done Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week in literacy, the children have enjoyed drama sessions to help understand the emotions of different characters. They have explored how writers build descriptions through background, middle ground and foreground details.

In maths, year 6 have had a challenging week adding and subtracting fractions. They have persevered when they have found it challenging and had to do many different steps. Year 5 have been exploring factors, multiples and square numbers. Lots of tricky vocabulary to remember.

In science, we started our new unit on light. The children learnt that light is faster than sound and travels in straight lines. In RE, we started to discuss what we already know about Christianity. During geography, the children have learnt where in the world the Alps are.

But this week the children were most excited about the woods. They loved their first session as did the teachers. Their imaginative play was superb! We had Christmas displays and tyre roller coasters being made!

A great week for UKS2 - have a wonderful weekend!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Adeline	For working hard in Phonics to learn here new sounds and blend words. Well done, Addie!
Penguins	Kit	For working hard to orally blend in Phonics. Well done Kit!
Puffins	Freya	For wonderful Diwali art.
Puffins	Griffin	For wonderful math language.
Goldfinches	Harley	For showing lots of interest and understanding when making our Poppy wreath.
Goldfinches	Olly	For always making good choices in Goldfinches.
Woodpeckers	Toby	For having a fantastic week in class and being engaged with his learning.
Woodpeckers	Bella	For working really hard and independently in maths.
Owls	Leo	For his great musical Christmas lyrics.
Owls	Elias	For being really helpful around the classroom today.
Robins	Jacob	For fantastic work in maths this week.
Robins	Deacon	For being a supportive member of Robins.

Key Stage Two

Swans	George	For showing improving responsibility in class by making better choices within learning time.
Swans	Ted	For showing an aspiring attitude towards learning within lessons and focussing on improving his skills within Literacy work.
Sandpipers	Phoebe	For her recent efforts to improve her spelling.
Sandpipers	Freddie	For working hard to include our key features within writing including new vocabulary.
Kingfishers	Lowen	For always showing the Wheelock Behaviours and being a fantastic role model.
Kingfishers	Lewis	For always showing the Wheelock Behaviours and being a fantastic role model.
Kestrels	Skye	For working extremely hard in the woodland but also having such fun too. Well done!
Kestrels	Levi	For being inventive when in the woodland by creating a 'Levi-coaster'! Well done!
Hawks	Tilly	For displaying the Wheelock behaviours of respect, aspiration and responsibility. And for always giving me a helping hand too!
Hawks	Francesco	For improved confidence increased participation and engagement in the lesson.
Eagles	Cooper	For excellent work across the curriculum this week.
Eagles	Leah	For being an amazing friend in and out of the classroom.
The Hive	Alys	For being a helpful and kind member of the Hive team.
The Hive	Eva	For being a kind friend to others.

The Hive

It has been another busy week at the Hive. The children have enjoyed the Remembrance crafts and the colouring activity table.

This week the Chess and Connect4 games have been very popular, there have been many games played with children of all ages.

Thank you for your patience regarding the gate lock and a big thank you to Dave for sorting out the mechanism.

Have a lovely weekend

FOWS NEWSLETTER

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We look forward to welcoming you all to our movie night tonight!

Thank you all so much for your amazing donations to our rainbow raffle this morning! The class hampers were overflowing when I walked around the classrooms!

We will have more information on how to win one of these amazing hampers by next week!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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Community News



Bonfire Night

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2023

Sandbach Cricket Club
CRICKET GROUND & CLUB
CW11 3LZ

All money raised will go towards supporting youth & senior cricket at the club.

Gate prices (Cash or Card) £8 Adult, £5 Child, Family of 4 £22, Under 5's Free.

Click here to buy your tickets in advance for a 10% online discount and entry into a draw to start the firework display*

*Booking fee applies. Winner drawn and contacted on 11/11/2023 at 5pm.

TIME: Gates open at 5pm
BONFIRE: Will be lit around 6pm
FIREWORKS: The brilliant display by Blitz will begin around 7pm
PLUS: Great food & drink on sale
PLUS: A children's funfair

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