

12th January 2024



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 – 17th & 18th January

KS2 Theatre Trip – 24th January

## Elf Run Update

Back in December the children took part in our annual Elf Run to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. Our sponsor money has now been counted and we are pleased to let you know we raised an amazing **£3143.95**. Well done Wheelock!

## Class News

### Penguins and Puffins

A fabulous first week back!

This week we have been sharing our new text Juniper Jupiter and have designed our own superheroes. In Maths, we have been learning all about zero and sorting representations into zero and not zero. We have also been subitising numbers to 5 in lots of different representations. We are becoming experts and developing a deep understanding of our numbers to 5.

This half term, our topic is Creatures great and small. We will be learning about different environments and the animals that live in different habitats. We have also started to spot signs of Winter and talk about how the things change from Autumn into Winter.

We can't wait for another fun filled week next week! 🌟

### Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have had a great first week back to the new year - Happy New Year to all our families.

In Literacy we have begun to look at the story 'Hermelin the Detective Mouse'. The children are very excited to explore this text as they have lots of ideas about what a detective does in a story! We

have already investigated Hermelins suitcase and are really excited to have a go at using a typewriter just like Hermelin. We have explored some of the new vocabulary in the text and have been using the prefix 'un' to think about Hermelin's character - unhappy, unfair, unsure, unbelievable etc.

In maths we have started our unit on numbers to 20 - extending our understanding of 10 and looking at the 'teen' numbers as 10 plus some more. We have been very impressed with how the children are writing their numerals this week. Well done Woodpeckers and Goldfinches.

In History we have been talking about our own history - using a simple time line to talk about and visualise 'past' and 'present' - please make sure we have some photographs to use next week to explore this further. A recent Tapestry post will explain further.

Our whole class reading book this half term is 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the author perform his story and have asked to watch it again several times already! Here is the link if you want to share it at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BxQLITdOOc>

## Owls and Robins

Happy New Year! Year 2 have made a fantastic start to the new term.

We have been looking at our new book for the half term - The Bog Baby. We have been making predictions about the book and looking at new vocabulary within it.

In maths, we have been carrying on with our work on shapes - in particular 3D shapes.

We have started our new history topic as well - How did we learn to fly? We have found this really interesting!

In art, we have been mixing colours and experimenting with primary colours. We are looking forward to carrying on with this next week.

## Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

Welcome back, in Waterbirds this week we have begun an exciting new topic in science - light - and have learnt all about light sources: *ask the children whether the moon is a light source.*

As well as this, we have begun an exciting new art project looking at Egyptian artwork, where we have had to stain our artbooks to make them look suitably ancient.

We have begun reading our vehicle text for literacy and have enjoyed finding all about Arthur and the Golden Rope, by Joe Todd Stanton: Arthur bravely tackles mythological adventures with huge and worrying creatures. We have found the children to have come back full of energy, rested and ready to go, they have been fantastic this week and it has been great to see them back at school enjoying themselves.

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Welcome back and happy new year. We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you for all of the cards and gifts- they were very much appreciated.

This week in maths, year 6 have started their unit in ratio. They have learnt to use the vocabulary 'for every.... there are...' Year 5 have been working on written multiplication methods. This has been a tricky concept but they have tried super hard.

During literacy, we have started our new character narrative unit on a book called The Promise. We have looked at the subjunctive form for the verb and identified abstract nouns. Ask the children what their subjunctive wish is!

We started to look at our new science unit, evolution and inheritance. We looked at how species are varied. In RE we looked at the key questions for our unit on Islam. In music, the children enjoyed listening to soundtracks and the soundscape of a film opening. During history, the children enjoyed exploring portraits of Henry VIII. They find them rather amusing!

Year 5 had a great first rugby session with Sale Sharks whilst Year 6 surprised themselves by enjoying their SATS booster session- sweets and juice helped!!!

A fab first week- well done year 5/6. Have a brilliant weekend 😊

## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Melody	For working hard to follow Wheelock behaviours this week! Well done, Melody!
Penguins	Ashbel	For trying hard to use new vocabulary! Well done, Ashbel!
Puffins	Amberley	For being super helpful in the classroom.
Puffins	Eva	For having lovely and polite manners with her friends and staff.
Goldfinches	Alexa	For using brilliant vocabulary when talking about Hermelin the Mouse Detective.
Goldfinches	Ronald	For using great Historical language at the start of our new topic.
Woodpeckers	Mason	For working hard and having a really positive week.
Woodpeckers	Isaac	For making fantastic progress in reading and moving onto accelerated reader.
Woodpeckers	Emilia	For making fantastic progress in reading and moving onto accelerated reader.
Owls	Thea	For a positive start to every day.
Owls	Elias	For always putting 100% in to all his work.
Robins	Jenson	For coming back with a fantastic attitude to learning.
Robins	Eric	For being a kind and supportive member of Robins.

## Key Stage Two

Swans	George	For showing a great improvement in responsibility and listening skills – great effort – well done!
Swans	Mason	For being a helpful, independent member of the class and tackling more work on his own. Well done!
Sandpipers	Eden	For her amazing efforts with TT Rockstars – keep it up!
Sandpipers	Sam	For being aspirational and challenging himself in Literacy – amazing!
Kingfishers	Darcie	For working incredibly hard in all lessons and being a great role model to the class.
Kingfishers	Lucas	For working incredibly hard in all lessons and being a great role model to the class.
Kestrels	Jamie	For returning after Christmas with a great working attitude and making a big effort in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!
Kestrels	Isla	For pushing herself to arrive on time and working hard to listen to the input at the start of the lesson. Well done!
Hawks	Jack	For lovely descriptive language choices in Literacy this week!
Hawks	Nancy	For trying really hard in her writing this week – well done!
Eagles	Karena	For having excellent ideas for what characters and settings could be like in our new Literacy topic.
Eagles	Felicity	For excellent work understanding ratio in Maths.
The Hive	Grace	For being a super helper and a great member of the Hive team.
The Hive	Zara	For sharing her dance routines with others and being a kind member of the team.

## The Hive

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back.

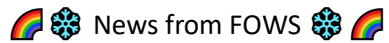
The children have settled into the school routine and have enjoyed sharing their memories of Christmas with all of the staff.

This week the children have enjoyed drawing and colouring in the 2024 activities.

It has been lovely watching the children team up with their friends from other year groups, playing games and acting out new dance routines.

As always, we are available via the school office should you need any further support.

## FOWS NEWSLETTER



Happy new year from Friends of Wheelock School!

We are excited to plan the events for the rest of the year and our next meeting is on Thursday the 1st of February at 8pm in Barchetta.

If your new years resolution was to commit more time to your community and volunteer for charity then please do come along and join us. The more the merrier.



## Community News

Cheshire West End Workshops presents:

# OLIVER! THE MUSICAL

TWO DAY WORKSHOP

Tuesday 20th February &  
Wednesday 21st February 2024

9.30am - 2.30pm

Cranage Village Hall,  
Cheshire

£65 per child

Suitable for ages 6-12  
Discount available for siblings

Following our successful workshops in August 2023,  
join us for two days of **SINGING, DANCING** and  
**ACTING** based on Oliver! the Musical. Have **FUN**,  
make **FRIENDS** and be taught by West End actors  
Jessica Joslin and Joseph Anthony

For bookings & further info email  
[cheshirewestendworkshops@outlook.com](mailto:cheshirewestendworkshops@outlook.com) or head to  
[www.facebook.com/cheshirewestendworkshops](http://www.facebook.com/cheshirewestendworkshops)

The poster features a circular image of two boys in period costumes, a circular logo for "LIGHTEL BARK'S OLIVER!", a circular portrait of a woman, and a circular logo for "CHESHIRE WEST END workshops". There is also a circular logo for "CHESHIRE" with a checkmark.