

15th December 2023



# Newsletter

## Dates for your Diary

Whole School Christmas Lunch – 20th December

KS2 Carols – 20th December

Year 1 Craft Afternoon – 20th December

## Safeguarding News

Monthly Theme- This month the Junior Safety Officers have given bicycle safety top tips and organised a helmet competition to promote the importance of wearing one when riding a bike or scooter. The competition is to find an old bicycle helmet or cardboard and create a unique helmet design. You can use any craft materials such as pipe cleaners, paint, tissue paper or sequins. Thank you to those that have already entered but we are extending the closing date until Friday 12th January to give more children the opportunity to enter.



Attendance- Just a reminder about the importance of notifying the school office about any absences before 9am, this can also be on the answer phone through the absence line. Any illness not reported will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

We understand that there are times when exceptional circumstances can make children late in the morning, but once the register is taken at 9am the morning groups and learning begin. Arriving late

can have a significant impact on your child's learning and also cause disruption to other children's learning.

Support- Sandbach Pantry – is at the Wesley Centre, Sandbach, CW11 1DG once a week on a Thursday open between 10am -3pm, people living in a CW11 postcode including Haslington. Membership £3 per week for a single person - £18 of food and toiletries, £5 per week for a family - £25 of food and toiletries. It is by Pantry referral form to become a member and you can speak to us to help make that referral.



## Sporting News

The Winter Football League sadly came to an end last Monday evening. Wheelock Warriors stunned with their great teamwork, impeccable behaviour, lovely manners, resilience, and most of all their amazing fair play attitude. We are so proud of all the children. Go Team Wheelock

### **Football Awards**

Positivity - Logan

Fair Play - Oliver

Respect - Levi

### **School Kits and Competition T-shirts**

Please try to hand all kits back by Christmas. Thank you so much for all those that have already done so.

Although we haven't used the black competitions t-shirts since October during cross-country, there are still many t-shirts that haven't been handed back. Please hand these back before Christmas so the children can use them in January for the next sporting competition.

## Class News

### Penguins and Puffins

A fabulous Christmassy week this week! We have been matching numerals to quantities up to 5 and have started to count up to 10. In Literacy we have finished our lost posters and have done super CVC/caption writing.

We have been celebrating Christmas all week and learning about different traditions around the world. We have decorated our tree, started to make Christmas cards and made Gingerbread Men in our dough area.

We have also started to spot some early signs of Winter and investigated melting ice. Keep up the great work everybody. We can't wait to see you next week for more fun!

## Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Wow it has been a busy week in year one this week. We are super proud of all the children for performing a wonderful nativity on Wednesday and we hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did.

In literacy this week we have completed our hot write so the children have been editing their work using a purple polish. The children are getting a lot more confident at editing their mistakes and adding in words to make their sentences more exciting to read.

In maths this week the children have been learning different methods to help them with solving subtraction problems, one of these methods is using a number line. We also challenged the children by getting them to tackle some addition and subtraction words problems.

In art we finished our Clarice Cliff plates by adding on our tree design. We did this by adding a small amount of watered-down black paint and then blowing through a straw to make the trunk and branches. We will be displaying some of the children's artwork in the main office so keep an eye out for it.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend year one you all deserve it. We look forward to seeing you all next week for the run up to Christmas!

## Owls and Robins

This week has been all about Christmas Celebrations! Wednesday night was the Christmas Fair, when many of the children were about to get a glimpse of Santa. Thursday was the year 2 Crafternoon Tea. It was wonderful to see so many of parents and grandparents enjoying the children's singing, baking and crafting.

In maths, the children have finished up this unit on addition and subtraction with the end of unit quiz ready to start the next unit on shape. We went outside to use some of the science equipment to measure outdoor temperatures throughout the day. We have discussed the weather and changing climate here in the UK and overseas.

Our DT lesson this week was about baking gingerbread, with the children using their own designs to create delicious Christmas biscuits. In literacy, we have finished exploring the text *The Night Gardener* and have written our plans ready to write our diary entries next week.

## Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week we have concluded our learning about forces and magnets with an end of unit quiz; we are now preparing for an exciting STEM day next week where we will be making a vehicle using some of our scientific knowledge.

We have furthered our knowledge of coding in Computing using the online app - Scratch. As well as this, we have enjoyed learning about how different religions welcome babies into the world in R.E. We enjoyed watching the Nativity story with a guest assembly on Tuesday, loved watching KS1 rehearsing their own Christmas story and many children appreciated the Christmas Fair held at the school by Friends of Wheelock on Wednesday night.

We are still working hard on the conclusion to our hot task writing an information report about Polar Bears and have seen some excellent work by the children - well done Waterbirds! Overall, we have had an enlightening, productive and *beginning to feel a bit like Christmas* week. Super job, well done Waterbirds!

## Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week Year 5 and 6 have been busy learning Christmas songs to perform next Wednesday evening. Also, the Year 6 children visited Lightley Court to sing for the residents on Friday. They sang beautifully and the residents had a lovely time.

During maths, Year 5 have continued to work hard on equivalent fractions. They have struggled with the concept but have preserved and used this knowledge to add fractions. Year 6 have finished their final unit on measure. They converted from metric to imperial. They have also worked on mental arithmetic skills.

During literacy, we finished our final hot write. The children wrote their letter from the father to the son. They worked hard to plan and write in coherent sentences which flow. We also looked at using a range of sentence types.

In RE, the children discussed how reliable the Bible is. In French, we continued to learn different locations, such as supermarket, butchers and bakery. In PSHE, the children looked at an inspiration Paralympian of their choice.

We had our final woodland session of the term. The children, and adults, loved the camp fire and eating smores washed down with a hot chocolate. Thank you so much to Miss Camm, Miss Joyce, Miss Millward and Mrs Moses for leading our sessions. They have been amazing!

One more week to go!!!! Have a wonderful weekend!

## Praise

### Reception & Key Stage One

<b>Class</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Penguins</b>	<b>Melody</b>	<b>For trying hard to follow Wheelock behaviours. Well done!</b>
<b>Penguins</b>	<b>Dottie</b>	<b>For trying hard in Phonics - Well done!</b>
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>Harvey</b>	<b>For learning lots of skills joining materials together.</b>
<b>Puffins</b>	<b>Arthur</b>	<b>For making new friends this week.</b>
<b>Goldfinches</b>	<b>The Whole Class</b>	<b>For an amazing Nativity</b>
<b>Goldfinches</b>	<b>Sonny</b>	<b>For having a much more positive week, full of good choices.</b>
<b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>The Whole Class</b>	<b>All of woodpeckers for learning their lines and performing so confidently in front of a big audience.</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Jacob</b>	<b>For his hard work and great ideas throughout the whole week.</b>
<b>Owls</b>	<b>Thea</b>	<b>For always being a kind and caring friend to everyone.</b>
<b>Robins</b>	<b>Billy</b>	<b>For amazing independent work in maths on shapes.</b>
<b>Robins</b>	<b>Jenson</b>	<b>For making really positive choices.</b>

## **Key Stage Two**

Swans	Gabriella, Holly and Neve	All three girls have won the praise certificate for Swans this week for aspiring to be better writers - well done girls!
Sandpipers	Henry	For showing respect to others and helping out during STEM day.
Sandpipers	Lola	For increasing in confidence and pushing herself.
Kingfishers	Isaac	For being an enthusiastic learner who always tries his best.
Kingfishers	Jacob	For working super hard on his information report independently.
Kestrels	Elsie	For being so entertaining in the woods by creating her own make-up/skin care range. Well done!
Kestrels	Murray	For being creative in the woodland by constructing his own Christmas tree and for trying so hard to improve his handwriting! Well done!
Hawks	Nancy	For an improved Arithmetic score for two consecutive weeks – well done!
Hawks	Megan	For excellent feedback from our writing tutor this week. Working hard to identify and correct changes within her work. Well done!
Eagles	Cody	For excellent work with fractions in Maths this week.
Eagles	Ashleigh	For persevering and showing great determination when converting measures in Maths this week.

## FOWS NEWSLETTER

Wow! What an amazing time we had on Wednesday for our Festive Evening.

I hope you all enjoyed it too! I love the relaxed feel it had to it with no rushing for the tombola and no queuing for hours to see Santa. Everyone just went at their own pace and by making it outdoors instead of in the corridors, it felt a lot less cramped and sweaty!

Thank you ALL so so so so much for your support - whether you baked delicious cakes, brought something in for the raffle, volunteered on a stall, brought a year 6 to help or just came and enjoyed the night. We are really grateful. We managed to take over £3000 on the night which is absolutely amazing! And that means we are at around £2525 profit for the whole event including the raffle so well done all!

I'd just like to extend a special thank you to a few people who worked tirelessly to make it happen and that's Dave the caretaker, Santa himself, the teachers and staff at school, the scouts and the whole Friends of Wheelock School team. I know we say it a lot but we do all have jobs and we run FOWS on the side to ensure our children can have amazing things at school like this trim trail which FOWS raised money for last year so thank you!

We hope to see even more of you at the next event!

Kind regards,

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