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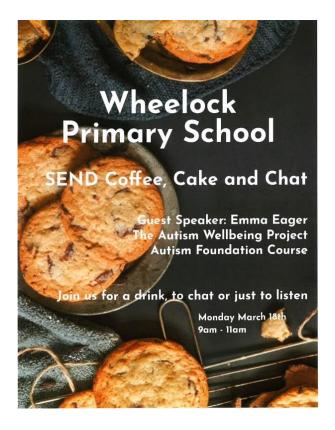
Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Edgmond Hall Residential – 28th February to 1st March Whole School World Book Day (Come dressed as your favourite book character) – 7th 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

SEND News

Please join us on Monday 18th March at 9am for our SEND Coffee Morning. We have a Guest Speaker Emma Eager from The Autism Wellbeing Project to chat to us, we look forward to seeing you.



Sporting News

This week our netball team had one very important match against The Dingle. Miss Sheridan and Miss Bulcock reported it to be a very close match that tested the children's skills, resilience and teamwork...but in the end Wheelock won 4-3. Well done team, we are all so proud of you.

Sports Praise

To Amber for showing passion, determination and great skill.

To Amelia for showing huge amounts of progress with her netball skills.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A super week this week. We have been writing our own letters to Joop to tell her why we should be her sidekick.

In Maths, we have been exploring Mass and Capacity. We have had lots of fun using the balance scale and exploring water in different containers to compare the capacity.

We have also been learning about Chinese New Year. We have made lanterns, took part in dragon dancing, made our own imaginary Chinese banquet in the home corner and shared books to find out about different ways that the Lunar New Year is celebrated.

Our teachers are very proud of us this half term as we have made so much progress in our phonics. Please keep reading and practising sounds over the half term.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Wow we are already half way through the year and we are so proud of how much progress the children are making. We have finished another hot write this week, writing to one of the characters in Hermelin to tell them where their missing item is. The children have used some fantastic language and incorporated some key features in their writing.

In maths we have been making number bonds to 20 using cubes, ten frames and the rekenreks. We have also been throwing doubles with the dice. keep encouraging your child to practice their maths skills on freckle and playing some fun maths games on topmarks!

In history this week we have been talking about time capsules and thinking about what we would put in our own time capsule. We talked about what we would like to bury in the school grounds so people can find out about us in the future. We then dug a hole and picked a spot to bury our items.

In art this week we finished our spider sculpture in the style of 'Louise Bourgeois'. The children painted the spider black and then added some bronze on top using a sponge technique. The children also enjoyed learning how to draw their own spider.

Owls and Robins

We have had a busy week in Year 2. In literacy, we have written our set of instructions on how to make the habitat if someone catches our Bog Babies. We worked really hard on thinking about each step clearly and adding detail so it would be made accurately.

In maths, we have continued with developing our knowledge and understanding of multiplication. We have been practicing our 2,5 & 10 times tables and applying this to grouping strategies.

Also this week, we have finished our history topic on flight. We have really enjoyed this topic and exploring the development of planes and rockets. We completed a timeline of all of the significant figures we have been looking at and put them in chronological order. We have also completed our RE topic of the half term: Who is Abraham and why is he considered important? We did lots of role play, discussion and work on the covenants made between him and God. We then made a promise we would like to keep in school or at home.

Well done Year 2 for a hard working half term. Have a lovely break!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have been finishing out science topic in light, children have been successful in their end of unit tests and demonstrated great development of knowledge.

Across Waterbirds, teachers have been continuing to teach simple sentences to describe facial features in French. As well as this, we have enjoyed finishing our PSHE lessons regarding goal setting and working together.

In Literacy, all have successfully written clear instruction texts, understanding how to guide readers to a dedicated purposeful result. In Maths both year groups have been concluding their maths topic of measurement ready to start afresh in the new half term.

Waterbirds have participated well across the curriculum this half term. The children have worked very hard and enjoyed learning; they are now ready for a rest and to recharge in preparation for the second Spring term. Well done for all your effort so far this year Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

What a great final week.

In literacy, the children have completed their hot writes for the bargain letters. They have worked hard to plan out a sentence before writing and editing as they go along. They are all proud of what they have written this week.

In maths, Year 6 have moved on to look at decimals. We have looked at the place value, rounding and +, - and x decimal numbers. Year 5 have continued to look at fractions and finding fractions of amounts of numbers.

During science, we have explored how fossils help us to identify how animals have evolved. In history, we learnt about Tudor inventories and how these were used to identify possessions belonging to different individuals. In PSHE, we looked at our No Outsiders book called Mixed which focussed on racism. We have concluded our units on Islam in RE and sounds of the future in music. The children have been reflective in the learning and enjoyed all topics this half term. Eagles and Hawks have enjoyed their D&T days by making torches.

We hope that you have a great half term break and a well deserved rest - we are all looking forward to it. See you in a week!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Denny	For amazing work in Phonics and really trying hard in his reading. We are really proud of you – well done Denny!
Penguins	Martha	For always working hard and doing some super blending in Phonics. Well done Martha!
Puffins	Coen	For a fantastic half term showing lots of kindness to his friends.
Puffins	Georgina	For lots of independence making her Chinese lantern.
Goldfinches	Ben	For fantastic progress in both Literacy and Maths this half term.
Goldfinches	Olly	For great progress and lots of enthusiasm in Phonics.
Woodpeckers	Piper	For showing lots more confidence and progression in Phonics.
Woodpeckers	Zara	For some excellent questioning and discussion in history.
Owls	Elias	For his descriptive writing and developing his editing skills.
Owls	Leo	For being a good friend to everyone around school.
Robins	Sophia	For working hard in literacy on her set of instructions.
Robins	Nyla	For aspiring to do her best with her work.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Ruth	For showing outstanding responsibility in the classroom by setting a fantastic example to others. Well done!
Swans	Alfie	For continuing to work hard at his reading and writing and aspiring to improve. Well done!
Sandpipers	Oliver	For showing great learning attitudes and being a valued member of the class.
Sandpipers	Marco	For engagement with our RE lessons this week. Great listening and explanations.
Kingfishers	Henry	For being a superstar in the woodlands, making sure to stay safe around the fire.
Kingfishers	Imogen	For working super hard this half term in all of her lessons. Well done!
Kestrels	Freddy	For working with increasing independence and showing super confidence in your own ability! Well done!
Kestrels	Matilda	For being able to identify what she is proud of and speak with confidence about her work! Well done!
Kestrels	Murray	For making a super effort in his work and levels of concentration – its hasn't gone unnoticed! Well done!
Hawks	Austin	For showing resilience and determination to succeed in everything that he does – well done!
Hawks	Wendy & Daisy	For demonstrating excellent teamwork in their DT project this week – a huge well done!
Eagles	Jason	For excellent teamwork and being a very helpful talk partner.
Eagles	Leah	For excellent work in all areas and always helping others.
The Hive	Iris	For having lovely manners in the Hive and for sharing with others.
The Hive	Alice	For having lovely manners in the Hive and for sharing with others.

The Hive

The children this week have been very busy making and tasting the activities that have been set this week.

We celebrated pancake Day with delicious pancakes made by Anna, thank you Anna for baking them and thank you Kerry for adding the extras to the shopping list.

The Valentine's Day treats looked yummy too, the children decorated their own heart shaped biscuit and ate them at snack time.

After half term the children will have the opportunity to go outside with Mr Sutton so if your child has a change of shoes, to be kept in their bag, this would be useful.

Thank you to everyone for you continued support, please be mindful when you enter the code into the keypad.

We are here to help and can be contacted via the school office.

Our direct contact number is 01270 845909 should you need to speak to us during the Hive sessions.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

🏷 News from FOWS 🏷

Important dates for your diary!

Chocolate Bingo: Friday 22nd March from 4.30pm- tickets will be available soon, keep your eyes peeled for more information.

Non-uniform day will be held in exchange for a chocolate item on THURSDAY 14th of March. (It's on a Thursday rather than a Friday due to a school trip).

Summer Festival: Friday 28th of June from 5pm

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th March from 7.30pm in Barchetta if you'd like to come along to help with the planning of these fabulous events!

- Have a great half term holiday!
- Kind regards,
- Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

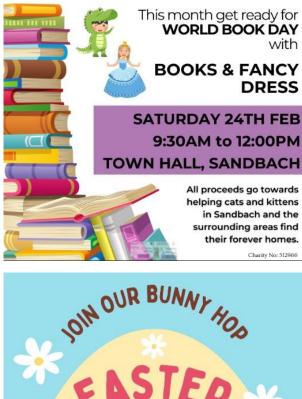
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