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Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

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

Safeguarding News

This week for anti-bullying week we wore odd socks on Monday to celebrate our individuality and then we decorated a sock with kind words about somebody else.

The children listened well to the NSPCC assembly about speaking out to stay safe, this gave the children important messages about how they might be unsafe, the importance of talking and what help they can find. This will be followed by NSPCC workshops next week for some classes.

The Mental Health Champions have now started their lunchtime clubs which offer mindfulness colouring, craft, sport and dance that the children can join in when they choose.

Sports News

Last Monday, Wheelock Wasps competed in the Winter Football League. The team played three 20-minute games against local schools. Unfortunately, luck wasn't on their side, but in tricky weather conditions the children showed great skill, resilience, positivity and amazed us with massive amounts of energy. Well done Wheelock Wasps, you did us, and yourselves proud.

We are in the middle of recruiting a couple more players for Wheelock Wasps and will give kits out as we get permission. As we have a limited amount of football kits, if there are any children/friends on opposite teams that could share kits, please let us know or just send the spare kit back with your child.

Wheelock Wasps Awards

Positivity Award- Freddy

Respect Award-Blake

Fair Play Award-Pippa

Next Monday, it's Wheelock Warriors turn again. Hopefully they will add to their points total, have fun and show off their fabulous, positive attitude. Good luck Warriors!

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 borrow them for other sporting events. Thank you if you have already returned it.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Another great week! Thank you to all parents who attended Parent's Evening. It was lovely to catch up and share the progress your children have made. In Maths we have continued with deepening our understanding of numbers to 5 by representing numbers in lots of different ways. In Literacy, we have been retelling the story of Star in a Jar. We have written some super CVC words and have been working so hard to form our letters accurately. Well done to everybody who read 5 times last weekthis is really helping your child to secure those new sounds. We have also been learning about our local town, exploring local buildings and landmarks. We have had lots of fun! Next week we will be recreating the town of Sandbach.

Well done everybody- keep up the great work! 💥



Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

It has been anti bullying week this week at Wheelock so on Wednesday we had a positive noticing day. All the children in year 1 decorated a sock and wrote a positive word on it. We also made a positive paper chain.

In literacy we have been working very hard on our hot writes, retelling our own version of Rapunzel. We have described our character and said where they are trapped and how they are going to escape from the witch.

In maths we have been using number lines to help us with addition problems within 10. Next week we will be finding the missing part so keep practicing them number bonds to 10.

In art we applied our knowledge of colour mixing by painting numbers 0-10 in the style of artist Jasper Johns.

Geography was really fun again this week. The children were given an aerial image of the school grounds which they used to locate and identify key features of the school playground.

Have a fabulous weekend year 1, you all deserve it!!

Owls and Robins

This week was parent's evening and it was wonderful to see so many faces and talk about our fantastic classes. In whole class read, we have been reading about Queen Victoria and recording some interesting facts about her life.

In PE, the children have been developing their throwing and catching skills whilst balancing on a wobble board. In science, they have begun an investigation into different materials.

All day Friday was RE day. We looked at the different stories in the bible and what they can teach people. We have discussed why the bible is important to Christians.

The children have finished exploring The Night Gardener and are preparing to write their creative writing next week.

In maths, we have explored 10s and 1s to help with addition and subtraction.

Fantastic week year 2! Have a lovely weekend.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have introduced the fascinating subject of magnetism in Science and have discovered, which things are magnetic and which are not.

In P.E. we have been learning about orienteering in our outdoor adventurous activities' topic for the term.

For Literacy, we have been planning our own outsider's tale and have written some imaginative plans, ready for our hot task!

We have created designs for exciting posters with levers and a linkages in Design and Technology which will encourage the public to recycle!

We have had lots of positive meetings with our wonderful parents and carers and in class, have prepared fabulous positivity messages in readiness for a school-wide paper chain. Overall, we have had a great week, super job Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Year 5 and 6 started the week coding in computing. They enjoyed the challenges of Scratch and making the sprite move.

In literacy, the children have written their hot writes for their setting descriptions. They worked tremendously hard on implementing gold, silver and bronze vocabulary.

During maths, year 6 were relieved to move on to multiplying fractions. They found it much easier than adding and subtracting. Year 5 have been consolidating square numbers and factors.

In science, we continued to look at light and reflection. During RE, we delved into the meanings behind bible quotes. We had another amazing woodland session this week. The children are developing lots of new skills and thriving being outside. We continued to explore the Alps on geography. The children looked at the physical and human features of the Alps.

It was so lovely to chat to lots of parents at parents evening on Wednesday and Thursday. We loved sharing the successes of the term so far!

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Emmy	For super writing of cvc words – well done!
Penguins	Pippa	For super writing of cvc words – well done!
Puffins	Maddison	For orally retelling the Star in the Jar story.
Puffins	Edie	For always making us smile and doing the right thing.
Goldfinches	Isaac	For showing lots of enthusiasm in our geography map work this week.
Goldfinches	Daisy	For spotting lots of rhyming pairs in our book this week.
Woodpeckers	Albie	For trying really hard in phonics.
Woodpeckers	Cezar	For trying really hard in phonics this week.
Owls	Harper	For her amazing recall of facts about Queen Victoria.
Owls	Cara	For her beautiful work in RE looking at different stories in The Bible.
Robins	Olivia	For amazing reading in Phonics.
Robins	Matilda	For working hard and trying her best.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Henry	For a concerted effort, improved concentration and believing in himself in maths. Well done!
Swans	Billie	For a super effort in her writing this week. Well done!
Sandpipers	Amber	For always demonstrating Wheelock behaviours and being a supportive member of the class.
Sandpipers	Liam	For brilliant creativity in his hot task writing this week!
Kingfishers	Sophia	For being a hard worker and showing great creativity in her writing.
Kingfishers	Lucas	For focusing well on his learning this week and producing fabulous literacy work.
Kestrels	Mikey	For showing such enthusiasm during WCR, being able to share opinions in front of the whole class and for being a team player in the woods. Well done!
Kestrels	Georgee	For great determination when trying to use higher level punctuation in her hot write - well done!
Hawks	Layton	Excellent contributions to lessons with increased confidence and self-belief.
Hawks	Elliot	A huge turnaround this week in attitude to learning. It has been wonderful to see - keep it up!
Eagles	Pippa	For showing excellent friendship qualities to her peers in class.
Eagles	Layla	For showing fantastic understanding of calculating with fractions.

The Hive	Amelia	For being a kind and supportive friend to
		others in the Hive.
The Hive	Charlotte	For always using her manners and being
		kind to others.

The Hive

In the Hive this week the children have enjoyed performing with others, we have heard lots of singing and watched many dance routines.

Many Board Games have been played with more Chess champions on the rise. Thank you to Mr Sutton for refereeing these matches.

The children have enjoyed the craft activities.

Thank you to Anna for her fresh bakes, the children love to know what is on the menu each evening.

Thank you for your support during the Parents Evenings.

Enjoy your weekend from the Hive team.

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Thank you all SO much for your donations to our rainbow raffle! The hampers look like they are coming on really well and they will be judged next week and we will then launch the raffle to win one!

We will be taking donations of cuddly toys for the Festive evening from now until the 13th of December - just drop them into the school office in water tight bags please.

⚠ We will also be decorating the school Christmas tree next week - if you have any tinsel or unwanted decorations, please drop them into the school office for us too! Thanks! ⚠

It is our next FOWS meeting on Thursday the 23rd of November at 7.30pm in Barchetta - feel free to come along if you'd like to help us organise the Festive evening this year!

⚠ Our Festive evening will be on Wednesday the 13th of December from 5.30pm-8pm - We hope to see you there. ⚠

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

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Community News



We are excited to be running a brand-new competition during the Christmas Holidays where your pupils have the chance to participate in our 'Winter Games'. This is a series of sporting and enrichment activities with a points system that could lead to your school having the opportunity to win a £250 PE provision voucher or a new team sports kit. Therefore, the more children that

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attend the camps from your school, the better your chance! We are more than happy to come in and run an assembly regarding the holiday clubs and would be very appreciative if you would take the time to send the links below to your parents and carers, which includes our free camps.

The links below are for the following venues which our multi-sports provision is running in your area.

Sandbach United FC: https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/159

SCG Sandbach Hub (Ks1 Only): https://sports-coaching-group.classforkids.io/camp/158

We also have our HAF programme running which provides **free places** for children who receive income-related free school meals. Please can you identify the relevant families and forward the below link.

In addition to the FSM places, Cheshire East also allocates a small number of places for those who are identified as 'vulnerable'. If you have any families who you feel would benefit from one of these places, please let us know.

The links below are for the following schools where we are running our HAF provision in your area.

Sandbach United FC HAF: https://eequ.org/experience/5300







