

2nd February 2024



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Year 4 Edmond Hall Residential – 28th February to 1st March

Year 1 Peak Wildlife Park – 15th March

Year 5 SingFest – 20th March



Today we have celebrated NSPCC Number Day - thank you for the donations that have been made so far! The children haven taken part in lots of different activities such as number hunts, designing maths t-shirts, games, quizzes and puzzles. KS2 children have also taken part in the NSPCC Rocks competition on TT Rockstars - the winners will be announced next week!

The children all look amazing in their number related outfits - amazing effort!

The QR code is below if you would still like to make a donation, thank you for your support.



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Message from Mrs Landstrom – Reading Ambassador

This week, after watching Dragons' Den, I saw a resource which provides free access to online books. It's called Sooper Books. You can read the stories or listen to them. The books are aimed specifically at primary school children. I had a little look last night and the books look great. I thought it was worth sharing. It just requires an email address, there is no charge for 100 books (if you would like access to the whole collection then it is £2) As always, happy reading!

<https://sooperbooks.com>¹

Sporting News

This week, a large group of year 5 and 6 children went to Sandbach High School to represent Wheelock in The Primary Indoor Athletics Competition. The children showed healthy competitiveness and huge amounts of resilience, when they were competing against other school in relatively new events. Well done, you represented Wheelock beautifully and you did us proud.

Next week marks the first round in The Primary Netball League. This league will go on for approximately 5 weeks and uses 'Stinger Rules'. Miss Sheridan, the local netball guru, is leading the competition for Wheelock. Look out for the results next week. Go Team Wheelock!

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Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Super work this week everybody! We have been reading our 'No outsiders' text Red Rocket and Rainbow Jelly. The children loved sharing the story and talking about what we like. We discovered that we all like different things and that is ok. We also said that actually, it is great that we are all 'unique'.

In Maths we have been making five in different ways and developing our understanding of the composition of 6,7 and 8.

We have been learning about cold places such as Antarctica and shared our learning about Robert Falcon Scott the polar explorer!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

It has been another busy week in year one this week!

In literacy we have finished our detective narratives and we have been using a purple polishing pen to edit our work. The children are getting good at reading back their work and spotting any errors.

In maths we have been learning new mathematical language like greater, fewer, largest and smallest. We then used these words to compare some numbers to 20.

The children loved whole class read this week as they performed a verse from Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen. The children focused on changing their tone of voice to show Michael's guilt and mum's confusion which then turned to anger when she realised the chocolate cake was gone!

On Thursday in history, we had a special visitor. Her name was Pearl and she was 82 years old. She came to tell us how she celebrated her birthday when she was younger. The children were shocked when they realised just how different birthdays were in the past to how they are celebrated now.

In computing the children learnt the term 'debugging' and we looked at how to debug an algorithm together. The children then had a go at sequencing an algorithm in the right order and we challenged them to type their own instructions for it.

Owls and Robins

In year 2 this week, we have started to immerse ourselves in the new part of our Bog Baby - a set of instructions. We have received a letter off the Bob Baby Society about us needing to send a set of instructions on how to build a habitat for our own Bog Baby's. We are really excited to start this next week!

We have completed our money unit in maths this week. We have worked really hard on problem solving and giving change. We have also really enjoyed our 'Number Day' and playing lots of number games.

In history, we continued to explore our topic on flight. We became eye-witnesses of the landing after the first flight by a woman across the Atlantic Ocean.

Also this week, we have completed some craft for the whole school display on the Nutcracker and also made our own character for our e-book in computing.

Well done year 2 for a hard-working week.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have discovered more facts about how light travels and made shadows with light sources and opaque materials in science. Across Waterbirds, the teachers have enjoyed finding out about the secrets of the ancient pyramids and learning about the mummification process in history.

We have been working hard on our hot tasks in literacy, the teachers have been wowed with the amount of progress made by so many since September - excellent work Waterbirds. Year 4's have been continuing to work on multiplication and division in Maths and tackling tricky problems whilst year 3 have been enthusiastically beginning to find out about units of measure.

On top of all of this, we have enjoyed making Egyptian papyrus (paper) to continue our Egyptian art theme and have had fun sticking strips of 'papyrus' together ready for next week hieroglyphics lesson. We have enjoyed the science-based toys at the gadget shop and look forwards to Friday Math's day for the NSPCC! Well done for all your hard work this week Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

During maths this week, year 6 have persevered with their algebra unit. It has been tricky but the new concepts are starting to become clearer. Year 5 have developed their written methods for division.

In literacy, we have started our unit on bargain letters. The children are looking at how to persuade a character to change their mind on a key issue.

During science, the children learnt about natural selection. In computing, they continued to explore micro:bits and how to make them brighter or dimmer. In RE, we learnt about Muslim marriages. During history, the children explored primary and secondary sources linked to the Tudors.

On Friday, we enjoyed number day. The year 6 children enjoyed spending time looking at numbers with their buddies. We played games and completed number puzzles.

This week we said goodbye to Miss Tatler who has been a student teacher in Kestrels. We have all benefitted from her support and we wish her lots of luck as she moves on to her next school placement.

A wonderful week- have a lovely weekend all.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Samuel	For great teamwork when tidying up.
Penguins	Rowan	For super writing about Juniper Jupiter!
Puffins	Matthew	For always coming to school with a happy smile.
Goldfinches	Charlotte	For showing lots of interest in our history this week and asking our visitor some great questions.
Goldfinches	Isaac	For amazing maths this week – having a great understanding of numbers to 20.
Woodpeckers	Orin	For showing lots of progress in phonics this week.
Woodpeckers	India	For confidently performing a verse from ‘Chocolate Cake’ in front of the class and supporting her talk partner.
Owls	Oscar	For being a superstar with his group in Maths and Literacy.
Owls	Elias	For impressing every one with his mature attitude and incredible nature knowledge.
Robins	Bonga	For making a settled start to Robins.
Robins	Orla	For trying her best in all areas.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Fearne	For outstanding contributions and respectful behaviour in her PSHE lessons. Well done Fearne!
Swans	Emily	For excellent effort and improvement in her literacy. Well done Emily!
Sandpipers	Aurora	For pushing herself out of her comfort zone with swimming this week.
Sandpipers	Arnie	For pushing himself out of his comfort zone with swimming this week.
Kingfishers	Lowen	For working super hard on TTRockstars and scoring high on the leaderboard.
Kingfishers	Marley	For working hard in Literacy lessons this week and becoming more independent.
Kestrels	Aurora	For showing tremendous confidence in class especially during maths. Well done!
Kestrels	Skye	For being a wonderful friend who is kind, thoughtful and considerate towards her peers. Well done!
Hawks	Seb	For a huge improvement in his writing in recent weeks. I loved reading your hot write! Well done.
Hawks	Tabitha	For your engagement and enthusiasm during our SingFest rehearsal this morning – well done!
Eagles	Henry	For excellent ideas for vocabulary in our Literacy lessons this week.
Eagles	James	For fantastic understanding of solving algebra problems this week.
The Hive	Henry	For never giving up on the Roman jigsaw, super problem-solving Henry!
The Hive	George	For being a polite member of the Hive team.

The Hive

This week the children have enjoyed different problem-solving activities. It was lovely to watch children from all age groups join together to complete various jigsaw puzzles.

As always Lego and Chess have been popular activities. The children have also enjoyed their paper craft activities with Anna.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

  News from FOWS  

Signs of spring are here and we are excited to announce that Chocolate Bingo is back!

It will be on Friday the 22nd of March from 4.30pm. There will be 3 sittings this year to try and allow even more people to come and enjoy the event!

Tickets will be on sale soon, we will give you plenty of notice.

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

Thanks so much to all who attended the meeting last night. The turn out was really excellent. Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 7th of March.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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Community News

IT'S ALMOST HALF TERM!

Remember to join us this February half term and take part in our exciting drama activities

Free admission for 6 - 13 year olds

Sandbach Library
Wednesday 21 February
12pm - 1.30pm

Sandbach Leisure Centre
Friday 23 February
11.00pm - 12.30pm

Minerva Arts
'Creative Expression without Boundaries'

MACCLESFIELD FC COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTISPORTS FUN

19th TILL 23rd FEBRUARY 2024

AGES 4 TO 13
3 YEAR OLDS WITH OLDER SIBLING

NEW EXTENDED TIMES - 9am TILL 4pm
DROP OFF FROM 8:45am

£20 PER DAY OR £85 PER FULL WEEK

BRING A FRIEND OR SIBLING FOR A £5 DISCOUNT PER CHILD (£15 PER DAY)

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HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOL AT OFFLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Offley Primary



Academy

Ministry 4 Sport are delighted to announce that we will be providing three days of football fun at Offley Primary Academy during February Half Term!

Designed for boys and girls, our provision will include a wide range of footballing activities which will include a Football Masterclass, Goalkeeping Masterclass and a Football Tournament Day. The club will be led by experienced football coaches who will design and plan each fun filled day to make sure the children have the best time possible.

Below is the schedule for the three day club:

Tuesday - Football Masterclass

Wednesday - Goalkeeping Masterclass

Thursday - Football Tournament Day

Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd February 2024



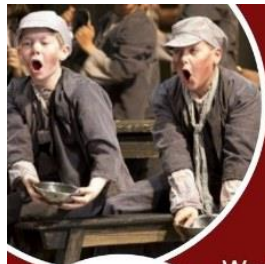
All of our football coaches are:

- Enhanced DBS checked
- Trained in Safeguarding & First Aid
- Insured
- At least FA Level 2 or above qualified football coaches



£25.00 per day or £65.00 for three days
8.45am - 3.15pm
Offley Road, Sandbach, CW11 1GY

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Cheshire West End Workshops presents:

OLIVER! THE MUSICAL TWO DAY WORKSHOP

Tuesday 20th February &
Wednesday 21st February 2024

9.30am - 2.30pm

Crnage 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 or head to www.facebook.com/cheshirewestendworkshops



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Week 1 - An introduction to Autism**
An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.
- **Week 2 - Communication**
Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.
- **Week 3 - Sensory Processing**
Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.
- **Week 4 - Pathological Demand Avoidance**
A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held on a Monday evening from 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

You can benefit from all 4 workshops for just £100 and you will receive a certificate of attendance after the final workshop.

We are only running the 4-week programme in February, March and April.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com with the month you would like to attend, and you will be sent the link to book on.

