

22nd December 2023



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter



Dates for your Diary 2024

Inset Day – 8th January

Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 – 12th January

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

KS2 Theatre Trip – 24th January

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Wow! What an amazing term we have had! We are so proud of your little people and I know you are too! We have had so much fun throughout the term and especially this week. We have shared lots of Christmas stories and done amazing Christmas writing in our cards, labels and shopping lists.

We have started to learn all about recycling and why we need to recycle. We then finished the week with lots of Christmas crafts. We have used a range of tools and techniques to create cards, photo frames and collaged our own stockings. All finished off with a Christmas party and some super Christmas baking!

Well done everybody.

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

We have had a great final week of the term in Woodpeckers and Goldfinches. We have completed our Maths unit on Shape and Pattern and we have been really impressed with the children's recall of facts that they have learnt previously in Reception. We have been sorting 2D and 3D shapes and thinking about how 3D shapes can be used to print 2D shapes.

In Geography we have designed our own playground this week. We have completed a class survey about what we like and don't like about our playground at present and using the survey results we have changed the playground to suit our needs (and wants!). We had some amazing ideas including trampolines, helter-skelters, a swimming pool and even an ice-cream van - wishful thinking we believe!

Thank you so much to all our families that joined us on Wednesday afternoon for our Christmas Craft afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are so proud of the Christmas baubles that they designed and made.

We ended our week by watching 'Tangled' together. Our Literacy work this half term has been all about Rapunzel and we have been really impressed with the progress all our children have made with their writing. Well done Woodpeckers and Goldfinches.

Thank you to all our families for your on-going support this term. We would like to wish you all a very happy, restful and safe Christmas and we look forward to hearing all about it in the New Year.

Owls and Robins

We have had a great week in Year 2 this week.

In literacy, we have written our diary in the role of the character from our story 'The Night Gardener'. We worked really hard on using first person and emotive language in this.

In maths, we have moved on to shapes. We did really well in recalling our knowledge from last year on this. So far, we have looked at edges, vertices and properties of 2D shapes. We will be continuing to work on this in the new year.

We finished off our Geography with deciding whether we would like to live in a hot or cold location. We really enjoyed sharing our items to reveal our answer.

Also this week, we have made Christmas cards and completed Christmas crafts.

Well done to all of the children for all of their hard work this half term.

Have a very Merry Christmas.

We will see you in the new year!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week we enjoyed an exciting STEM day, where we made fantastic Arctic magnetic lifting machines on wheels. As well as this, we have enjoyed learning about not to stereotype people and that old people can still be full of energy in No Outsiders.

For many, we thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas Carol concert and loved watching all the smiling faces of parents and carers as we sung. We have begun to engage in more Christmas based activities, such as making some fabulous Christmas cards for loved ones which we will be bringing home to share.

All the teaching staff within Waterbirds are grateful for all the Christmas messages, gifts and kind words this week: we are truly grateful to work with such a lovely bunch of children. We are all beginning to feel a little tired on the build up to the holiday and all definitely deserve a well-earned rest.

Happy Christmas Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

What a busy, and long, final week.

Year 5 completed their fraction unit by focusing on subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. Whilst year 6 revised some arithmetic methods in maths.

In science, we looked at what refraction is during our light unit. We made torches using electrical circuits in D&T. In Geography, we compared the Alps to Sandbach and decided where we would prefer to live. Surprisingly, Sandbach was very popular!

On Wednesday, we had a great time singing Christmas carols outside. It was a beautiful evening- thank you to all those who attended.

On Thursday, some children participated in play leader training. They will be able to support our younger children in playing games at break and lunchtimes.

At the end of the week, we enjoyed some Christmas crafts, card making, playing games and watching films!

What a term! Busy, hardworking but so much fun! We hope you all have a merry Christmas and we will see you in 2024! Enjoy the break- we are all ready for one! Merry Christmas 🎅 🎄

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	All Penguins	For an amazing first term in school. Well done everyone! Merry Christmas! 🎄🎁
Puffins	All Puffins	For an amazing first term in school. Well done everyone! Merry Christmas! 🎄🎁
Goldfinches	Arley	For great progress in reading and phonics this term.
Goldfinches	Dylan	For great recall of number facts in Maths.
Goldfinches	Alfie	For becoming a much more independent writer.
Woodpeckers	Grace	For always following the Wheelock behaviours and being a fantastic role model to her peers.
Woodpeckers	Orin	For working really hard in maths this term and showing lots of progression in this area.
Owls	Lily	For being a reading record breaker – most read words and quizzes taken.
Owls	Dawson	For a positive and creative end to the year.
Robins	Sophia	For working hard in all areas.
Robins	Jacob	For being a responsible learner.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Emelia	For being a great creative thinker and for improving her listening skills.
Swans	Finley	For being a positive classroom presence and for trying his best.
Sandpipers	Edward	For his brilliant hot task. He has produced a fantastic information report!
Sandpipers	Rufus	For his excellent writing in his hot task and developing his own ideas.
Kingfishers	Gianni	For being a happy, positive member of the class.
Kingfishers	All of Kingfishers	For working hard throughout the whole 8 week term!
Kestrels	All of Kestrels	For working so hard all term and always making me smile! Merry Christmas! 🎄📺
Hawks	Daniel	For always being a kind and supportive friend to others.
Hawks	Louis	For wonderful progress this half term and brightening each morning with his smile!
Eagles	Georgia	For being a fantastic friend to everyone and for caring for younger members of our school.
Eagles	Olivia	For showing great creativity when making things in the classroom.
The Hive	Lily	For being a super, brave member of the Hive team.
The Hive	William	For being a kind friend to others in the Hive.

The Hive

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from the Hive team. Enjoy your family time and we will see you all in the new year.

Thank you for all of your festive wishes. 🎄📺

FOWS NEWSLETTER

🎄👤 News from FOWS 👤🎄

Thank you all so much for your support this term. We raised a massive £2525 at the Festive Evening and it was so magical to see how enthralled the children were.

We all hope you have a wonderful break and a merry Christmas. See you in the new year!



Kind regards,

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Chairperson

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