

22nd November 2024



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

November

28th November – FOWS School Hall Christmas Decorating

December

2nd December – EYFS Carols at Church (Parents Invited)

3rd December – Year 1 Carols at Church (Parents Invited)

6th December – Judging of the Rainbow Raffle Class Hamper

9th December – Year 2 Hope Journey at Church (Children Only)

10th December – KS2 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip

10th December – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Lunch

11th December – Whole School Flu Immunisation

11th December – FOWS Christmas Fair

12th December – Year 2 Christmas Crafts and Sing-a-long (Parents Invited)

13th December – Elf Run (Children Only)

16th December – KS2 Christmas Carols by Candlelight (Parents Invited)

18th December – EYFS & KS1 New Vic The Three Musketeers Trip

18th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch

20th December – Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

20th December – School Closes

All this information and more can be found under Events on our website

<https://www.wheelockprimary.co.uk/>

Class News

Cygnets and Pufflings

We have had a super week in Reception. We have been writing our own story of The Star in the Jar and have used our phonics to write super captions/sentences. Some of us have even started to use finger spaces! In Maths, we have started to explore equal amounts and have started to spot whether we need more or fewer to make it equal. In our topic, we have been learning all about the differences between night and day and have started to explore the local area. We have been recognising familiar buildings and landmarks in Sandbach. Keep up the great work, Reception!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

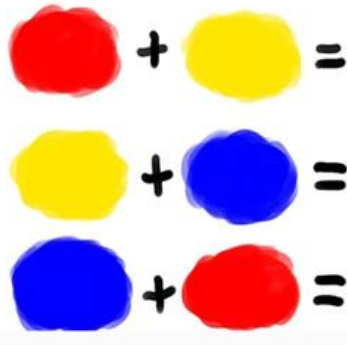
It's been a busy and cold week in Woodpeckers and Goldfinches!

In Literacy we have all planned and written our own escape narrative. The children have created a good character and a bad character and used ideas from 'Rapunzel' to use in their stories. It has been lovely to see the great vocabulary that we have explored, being used in the children's sentences. The children are now working with much more independence - well done everyone.

We had lots of fun in Geography this week where we have been making 'Messy Maps'. It has been great to share the children's Tapestry post about using Google Earth and this has helped them to understand how a map is produced. We received a message from an alien that had landed nearby which was a surprise! We used items from around the classroom to make a map of the classroom to help the alien find his way!

Goldfinches went down to the Woodland on Wednesday and despite the cold, enjoyed exploring the space and learning about the sudden change in weather.

In Art this week we have explored how we can mix primary colours together to make secondary colours. We used plastic shapes, crayons, Acetate sheets, plasticine and paint to find out what colours we could make. Can your child remember the answers?



We have also been practising our songs for the Nativity this week - we have been very impressed how quickly the children are remembering the words and actions. We can't wait to share it with you all.

Owls and Robins

In Whole Class Reading, the children have continued to explore the poem "Where Teachers Keep their Pets". The children have considered the meaning of new vocabulary and have drawn pictures to help them remember what the words mean. The children have also thought about what pet they would have and where they would hide it - there were some fantastic ideas like hiding an axolotl in a bottle!

In RE, the children have been thinking about looking after the world using the 5 R's - reduce, repair, recycle, reuse and respect. The children thought about how some Christians believe the world was created and why it is important to look after it. The children made some creative posters to encourage others to do the same.

In PSHE, the children have been looking at the 'celebrate' module on 'myHappyMind' which encourages the children to celebrate their character and what makes them, them. The children looked at 5 different character strengths and decided which they use most - we agreed with the children that we see so many of them demonstrating "love and kindness" and "teamwork and friendship" in school.

In Computing, the children have continued to learn about Online-Safety - this week using Purple Mash to explore e-mailing.

In History, the children have been comparing school in the past and schools now. The children finished this topic by deciding when they would have rather gone to school (in the past or in the present) and justifying this answer!

The children thoroughly enjoyed Science this week where they were investigating 'do your feet get bigger as you grow?' The children enjoyed gathering the data by using rulers to measure the feet of classmates, teachers and the Year 5/6's! We were surprised by some of the results!

Of course, too, the children have enjoyed accessing the Woodland for some (rather chilly!) Forest School sessions!

We can't wait to see what next week brings!

Sandpipers and Moorhens

We would like to say a huge well done to all of year 3 this week as they have been working extremely hard on their autumn term assessments. They have taken the challenge in their stride with great positive attitudes towards showing what they have learnt. In the afternoons, we conducted an experiment into forces and begun talking about different materials and friction. In geography, we learnt about different types of volcanoes and used Google Earth locate them. In DT, we used our geography knowledge, to begin designing information posters. We continued to learn the days of the week in French and in RE we have been investigating a box full of Christmas related objects and discuss what we know, think and wonder about each one. A fantastic week of work. Well done Year 3!

Kingfishers and Lapwings

We started the week, writing a chant in Literacy to summon a storm, as if we were a magical wizard! We loved writing our chant and re-enacting the character of Prospero from The Tempest. Then, we wrote our own character description, thinking about Prospero's character traits and his personality. In Maths this week, we have been learning all about area, and calculating and comparing areas. Today, we have our end of unit test, to show off our knowledge! In Computing, we are learning all about keeping safe online, so our focus was on Malware. Ask us what Malware is and what 'spam' is! This half term, our focus in music lessons is on Christmas songs, so we are now in the process of learning the twelve days of Christmas, and next week, we will be dancing to this. We cannot wait! In Science, we learnt about thermometers and how to use thermometers to measure the temperature of water from different places around school. We can now, as a class tell you the day of the week in French, and our favourite day is Samedi! The study of volcanoes and tectonic plates has been our area of focus in Geography this half term, and we are adding to that learning this week by thinking about the positives and negatives of living near volcanoes. I promise you, there are actually some positives! Finally, in DT we are now starting to design our book cover and think about our design criteria – ready to start our sewing in the next few weeks.

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

This week, year 5 have been learning about equivalent fractions and improper / mixed number fractions. Year 6 have learnt about multiplying fractions.

During literacy, we have started to write out flashback narrative. The children are trying hard to write in the present tense and then switch to the past tense- a really tricky skill.

In science, we have learnt about the planets in the solar system. During RE, we discussed how gospels have similarities and differences in the Christmas story. In geography, we focussed on migration whilst in PSHE we looked at name calling.

Thank you for all of the donations for the rainbow raffle. Our hampers will look fantastic!

A really busy and cold week. Have a fantastic weekend ❄️

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Cygnets	Hadley	For super writing about our class text 'The Star in the Jar'.
Cygnets	Millie	For super ideas in our discussion about the differences between night and day.
Pufflings	Porshe	For his hard work in phonics.
Pufflings	James	For fantastic singing for our nativity.
Goldfinches	Audrey	For super independent writing of her story this week.
Goldfinches	Evelyn	For confident sharing of her knowledge about Remembrance.
Woodpeckers	Harvey	For some good retrieval and recapping of previous learning in Geography.
Woodpeckers	Ashbel	For working really hard and being a good talk partner this week.
Owls	Daisy	For putting 100% effort into everything she does!
Owls	Alfie	For being resilient with his reading!
Robins	Alfred	For setting a great example for all his classmates on the carpet.
Robins	Albie	For smashing his reading papers this week and knocking our socks off!

Key Stage Two

Sandpipers	Bonga	For great work on his independent sentences.
Sandpipers	Arthur	For being a supportive friend during PE this week.
Moorhens	Orla	For fantastic progress in her reading fluency.
Moorhens	All Year 3	For displaying a positive attitude and working to the best of their ability on our Autumn tests. Well done!
Kingfishers	Marley	For really trying to include challenging vocabulary and even similes in her writing!
Kingfishers	Aurora	For being enthusiastic in lessons and contributing to class discussions.
Lapwings	Frankie	Frankie is a delight to have in the classroom, she is kind, helpful and supportive of her peers - and of me from time to time! Frankie is always on task, ready to learn and is keen to engage in her lessons and her learning. Frankie, thank you for being such a fantastic member of our classroom, you are a credit to Wheelock and a great example to your peers!
Lapwings	Harley	Harley is a little math's whizz! Clearly this is Harley's favourite subject in school, and in our NumberSense lessons in the morning, we can always rely on Harley to be chanting his times tables as loudly as he can, to support everybody's learning. Well done and thank you Harley!
Kestrels	Phoebe	For pushing herself to create an interesting opening to her flashback narrative. Well done!
Kestrels	Emelia	For working hard to write an interesting opening to her flashback narrative. Well done!
Hawks	Jack	For a notable improvement in his confidence recently which has been lovely to see!
Hawks	Wendy	For a consistently positive attitude towards her learning – well done Wendy!
Eagles	Henry	For excellent ideas for describing the setting in his flashback narrative writing.
Eagles	Imogen	For excellent work multiplying fractions in Maths.
Woodland Praise	Theo and James	For their leadership skills and caring for others in the woodland.
The Hive	Harper & Rory	For being a kind friend and sharing with others.

The Hive

The weather has definitely changed this week, which has meant changes to the **children's** routines in the Hive. This week we had opened up more classroom spaces for the children to do indoor crafts and sporting activities.



Thank you to everyone involved for making this happen, class teachers included.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 News from FOWS 

 Thank you all so much for your wonderfully colourful raffle donations! 

Your child's class now have just under 2 weeks to put it all together into a hamper and decorate it ready to be won in our Rainbow Raffle! The hampers will be judged on Thursday the 5th of December and you'll be able to buy raffle tickets from next week to be in line to win one of these amazing hampers! The winners will be announced during our Christmas Fair on Wednesday the 11th of December.

 We would like to remind you that we will be decorating the school hall at 6pm next week on Thursday. If you can spare an hour and would like to help make the school look more festive for our kids, please do come along! It would be helpful if you could let me know in advance so I know how many people to expect. Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a FOWS team member to help. Let's get festive! 

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

Friends of Wheelock School

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Free School Meals

Please find below the link to apply for Free School Meals. If you do qualify for this it covers lots more than just the school meals therefore it may be worth taking a look.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Autumn Menu

Dates	Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 02.09.2024, 16.09.2024, 30.09.2024, 14.10.2024, 11.11.2024, 25.11.2024, 09.12.2024.	Main Choice	Chicken Goujons served with Diced Potatoes & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Sausages served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Fish Fingers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Veggie Fingers served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Pizza served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Sausages served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetable Burger served with Wedges & Vegetables	Vegan Dippers served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Tuna	Beans	Cheese & Beans	Tuna	Beans
	Sandwich	Cheese	Tuna	Ham	Chicken	Cheese
	Dessert	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit
Dates	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C: 09.09.2024, 23.09.2024, 07.10.2024, 21.10.2024, 04.11.2024, 18.11.2024, 02.12.2024, 16.12.2024.	Main Choice	Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Mac & Cheese served with Garlic Bread	Roast Turkey served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Vegetarian Choice	Vegan Hot Dog served with Wedges & Vegetables	Cheese & Tomato Pasta served with Garlic Bread	Vegan Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll served with Mash, Vegetables & Gravy	Vegetable Burger served with Chips & Vegetables
	Jacket Potato	Cheese & Beans	Cheese	Tuna	Cheese	Cheese & Beans
	Sandwich	Tuna	Ham	Cheese	Tuna	Chicken
	Dessert	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Cake or Fresh Fruit	Homemade Biscuit or Fresh Fruit

Community News

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FREE MONTH OF SWIMMING LESSONS!

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Limited offer!

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*Book now and pay nothing; first monthly membership fees to be collected via direct debit 1 month after initial sign up. Rolling monthly pro rata membership fees of £33.99 to be collected automatically via direct debit thereafter. One month's notice is required to cancel.

SANDBACH
YOUTH THEATRE
MIDDLEWICH

Hello! Allow us to introduce ourselves...

Sandbach Youth Theatre was relaunched this year. We are a group for young people interested in devising theatre and, showcasing their creative voices. For ages 6 - 12, sessions take place at Sandbach Library on Wednesdays 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

We currently have spaces for new members, we are offering a free trial session after half term! It will be opportunity for your young person to meet new people, participate in drama games, and work creatively!

If you would like to come along to the session, you can sign up with the email below. We look forward to hearing from you!

If you would like to join us, please contact us at info@sandbachmiddlewichyouththeatre.co.uk



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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IMPROVE
ACHIEVE



Football

Wednesday

Yr 3-6

06.11.24 - 18.12.24

3:15 - 4:15

£35 (7 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Old trainers/football boots
 - PE kits
 - Water bottle

Outdoor Adventures

Thursday

Yr 1/2

07.11.24 - 19.12.24

3:15 - 4:15

£35 (7 weeks)

- What does my child need?
- Old trainers/wellies
 - PE kits/old clothes
 - Water bottle

Please note the clubs have switched nights due to school football events running on Thursdays

Click [HERE](#) to book HT2

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