24th November 2023





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 Crafternoon Tea - 14th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch - 20th December

KS2 Carols - 20th December

Lost Property

If your child has lost an item of uniform and it is named we will endeavour to return it to the classroom. However, we do have quite a lot of unclaimed uniform hanging in our outside classroom. Please feel free to look through these items to see if you can find your missing uniform.

Sporting News

Wheelock Warriors put on a spectacular display of determination and resilience when they played in the second group stage last Monday evening. Before the match the children set themselves a group target of improving on the previous weeks score, and they did just that. The amount of energy that was displayed over the three matches was truly impressive.

The children are desperate to find out their position within the competition. As soon as we find out from the organisers, we will pass the news on.

Wheelock Warriors Awards

Fair Play Award-Amber

Respect Award-Harrison

Positivity Award - Murray

This coming Monday, Wheelock Wasps play in the second group stage. Good Luck Wasps.

Thanks to all parents and carers for supporting us in the, very cold, football league. Your positivity, encouragement and endless support is very much appreciated.

Go Team Wheelock

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A great week this week! In Literacy we have been learning the Christmas story and orally rehearsing our Nativity. Keep practising your lines everybody - you're doing so well. In Maths we have been representing 4 and 5 in lots of different ways.

We have worked hard in Phonics and will be assessed in the next few weeks to see if we're ready to move on to the next group. Remember to practise reading or flash cards every night and sign the diary. Well done to everybody who got their gold star! You're doing a wonderful job.

We have continued with learning all about different religious celebrations and traditions.

A huge thank you to the parents who helped us to plant the bulbs in our outdoor planters. We are so grateful. The children had so much fun!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

Our Literacy this week got off to an exciting start with a letter from Rapunzel. She needs our help to write instructions to trap a witch! We have been using an example text of 'Instructions to catch a troll' and have been looking at the different features of Instructions. We quickly spotted the clear layout and the 'You will need' section. We then realised that numbers were used to order the instructions - well done Goldfinches and Woodpeckers. We have started to think of ideas and talked about the 'Bossy Verbs' we will need. E.g. - fetch, put, throw, chop, cut, get.... Can your child think of anymore?

In Maths this week we have been using the three different methods to work out an addition problem - Part, whole models, number sentences and using a number line. We have been very impressed with how the children are applying their knowledge of number bonds to their work this week. Next week we are moving on to Subtraction.

In Science this week we have been watching the local weather reports and thinking about the typical weather for this time of year. We also went outside to spot the signs of Autumn. Our Art lesson was so much fun as we used Lego bricks to print.

Don't forget to book your seat at our Nativity. We have been learning our songs and we are super impressed with how quickly the children are learning their lines. Thank you for your support from home.

Owls and Robins

Year 2 have had a really busy week this week. We have started some amazing writing of a setting description of a scene from our book, The Night Gardener. They have really considered their language choices and ideas with this.

Also, this week, we have continued to work on our Geographical understanding. We looked at where the equator is, what countries are around this and the conditions of these countries. In music, we have continued to develop our own version of Christmas Shark and consider the instruments needed to enhance this.

We have had 2 fantastic visitors this week. First, we had an NSPCC workshop, where the children learnt how to be safe and identify safe adults in their life that they can talk to. We then had a visit from a lady who shared the story of Diwali with us and involved the children in retelling this.

Well done Year 2 for a great week!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week we have been working hard learning about the earth's magnetic field, the poles and the attraction and repulsion of magnets. We have furthered our knowledge of the design process in design and technology by making prototypes of our recycling displays using levers and linkages. As well as this, Waterbirds' teachers have enjoyed reading all of the fantastic hot tasks about 'outsiders' in Literacy. We have seen great improvements since September! We have been practising songs for Christmas such as 'Away in a Manger' in readiness for a planned outdoor performance. We are mostly working on multiplication in Maths and enthusiastically using table-top counters to help understand groups and arrays. On top of all of this, we have thoroughly enjoyed our visit and assembly this week from a practising Hindu who explained all about Diwali. Overall, we have had an enlightening, creative and productive week. Well done, Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Another busy, but fun week for Year 5 and 6.

During literacy, we have started our work on our next unit- letters. The children have looked at the example text and explored new vocabulary too.

In maths, year 6 have looked at dividing fractions. They have used pictures to help them divide fractions. Great use of times tables too. Year 5 have been looking at fractions and equivalent fractions. They have worked hard on a tricky concept- well done.

During science, the children looked at reflection. They also looked at the eye and the different parts of it. In computing, the children looked at variables when coding. We had fantastic woodland sessions yet again; the weather has been so kind to us this week!

On Tuesday, the NSPCC visited and led workshops. The children were praised on their maturity and great questions.

Finally, we had Krishna visit us to lead the year 5 children in a workshop on Hinduism. They enjoyed dancing and dressing up.

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Ava	Always following Wheelock behaviours – well done!
Penguins	Charlie	Always following Wheelock behaviours – well done!
Puffins	Molly	For being a great member of Puffins, we will miss you.
Puffins	Hettie	For fabulous creations in the junk modelling area.
Goldfinches	Esme	For fantastic progress in her independent writing.
Goldfinches	Ella	For great focus in phonics this week.
Woodpeckers	Mason	For trying hard this week and being engaged with his learning.
Woodpeckers	Josh	For always trying his best and making lots of progress.
Owls	William	For showing us his fantastic dancing in class.
Owls	Oscar	For sharing his wonderful singing and dancing with the class.
Robins	Lucas	For being a respectful member of Robins.
Robins	Orla	For amazing writing this week.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Jasmine	For a notable improvement in her attention and listening; taking responsibility for learning. Well done!
Swans	Jack	For believing in himself and beginning to show great improvements in his attitude to learning. Well done!
Sandpipers	Sid	For his brilliant maths work and engagement in lessons.
Sandpipers	Mabel	For showing an aspirational attitude with her writing – fantastic effort!
Kingfishers	Marley	For working hard and independently on her hot write.
Kingfishers	Beatrice	For writing a great, descriptive outsider narrative.
Kestrels	Amelia	For showing kindness towards others by ensuring that everyone is made to feel welcome and included. Well done!
Kestrels	Isla-Mai	For showing kindness towards others by ensuring that everyone is made to feel welcome and included. Well done!
Hawks	Phoebe	For always being an excellent role model to others in the class and brightening each day with her smile!
Hawks	Tabitha	Wonderful imaginative play in the woodland this week – it has been wonderful to see!
Eagles	Kadence	For excellent work in Maths using fractions this week.
Eagles	Kayleigh	For fantastic ideas when editing her writing.

The Hive	Freddie	For being a good friend to others in the
		Hive.
The Hive	Clara	For always using the Wheelock school
		values.

The Hive

This week in the Hive the children have enjoyed playing outside on the Trim Trail, thank you Mr Sutton.

Thank you to Penny and Anna for assisting with crafts. In the next few weeks the children will be making a start on their Christmas crafts. Next week will mark a start to this with the arrival of the school Christmas tree.

Kerry over the coming weeks will be developing a reading corner in the hall for the Hive children and she has asked if you have any unwanted books at home that would be appropriate for this, thank you in advance.

As always, we are here to help and can be contacted through the school office.

FOWS NEWSLETTER



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Thank you so much for the positive response to the rainbow raffle. The hampers have all been put together and photographed and we are pleased to announce the winning class hampers are:

1st: goldfinches

2nd: kingfishers

Joint runners up: swans and owls.

These classes have received their treats in school today.

Here's some images of the amazing hampers and your chance to win one of these will be shared next week! We will be running an online raffle that will run until the festive evening at school so keep your eye out for an email next week so you can buy tickets!



2 We are still taking donations of Christmas decorations - tinsel, beads, baubles, lights etc up until next Wednesday and donations of preloved cuddly toys until the Festive Evening on the 13th of December. Just drop these into the school office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

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Community News

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A FREE FAMILY EVENT FROM GRACE CHURCH SANDBACH

Come and join us at Marriot House (just inside Sandbach Park) for your trail instructions before you head off around Sandbach on a Christmas word hunt!

Once you finish the trail then make your way back to Marriot House for more fun, including crafts and refreshments.

Every child will receive a chocolate treat and a Christmas book when they leave.

(Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult)

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