

26th January 2024



Wheelock
Primary School



Newsletter

Ofsted Inspection

As you know, we were visited by three Ofsted Inspectors on Tuesday this week for the start of our two day section 5 inspection under the revised inspection framework.

We cannot share the results of the inspection with you until the report has been quality assured, which won't be for a few weeks.

I would however, like to share with you how incredibly proud I am of the whole Wheelock team including children, staff, governors and parents for their contributions.

Sally Whitehead

Dates for your Diary

Whole School NSPCC Number Day – 2nd February

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

Parent Parking

Please can we politely remind you to park respectfully on the roads around the school and be considerate of the local residents. The police and our PCSO the last time we discussed nuisance parking with them advised any issues you may have should be reported to the Cheshire East link below.

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/highways_and_roads/road-safety/nuisance-parking-and-parking-restrictions.aspx

Students Sporting Achievement

Mia and Ruth both took part in an Athletics competition last weekend for their club which is Crewe and Nantwich athletics club and they both came away with gold medals. Congratulations girls this is a great achievement.



Students Dancing Achievement

Arabella has successfully auditioned with the English Youth Ballet for the Sleeping Beauty at the Regent Theatre in Stoke. This was Arabella's first professional audition, so it's such a huge achievement to have been awarded a place – Well Done Arabella!!





Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A great week. We have been writing our superhero stories and have been impressing our teachers with our super sentences. In Maths, we have been ordering numbers to 5 and looking at the staircase pattern. We have been learning all about cold environments as part of our theme and have started to look at explorers. We have also continued with making landscape collages in the style of Megan Coyle. Lots of super work Reception - keep it up!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

It has been a busy week this week. Year one have been amazing and we are super proud of them all. Thank you for your supportive comments on the door, on Tapestry and sent to OFSTED - your comments are so important to us.

In Literacy this week we have been writing our own detective story. We each chose a character and used our story friends to sequence a story. We are so impressed with the progress the children have made in their writing. Well done Woodpeckers and Goldfinches.

In Maths we are now working with numbers to 20. We have been making our own number lines, ensuring our 'teen' numbers are formed correctly and been consolidating our number facts when thinking about 1 more and 1 less. We have used a random number generating wheel and using the number chosen to think about 1 more and 1 less. Have a go at home! - <https://pickerwheel.com/tools/random-number-generator/> Next week we will be estimating where certain numbers sit on a number line using our knowledge of the numbers to 20.

We have been using our photographs again in History - focusing on significant events that we celebrate. We have thought about how we each celebrate our birthdays and how these celebrations

form part of our memories. We also thought of other significant events such as Christmas, Easter and bonfire night that we can remember and talk about. Please see our Tapestry post about how you can support us with our History learning next week.

Owls and Robins

In year 2 this week, we have been working really hard on applying our knowledge and understanding of new skills and vocabulary to our hot task. We have designed our own Bog Baby and have written a story about finding them. In maths, we have been exploring money. We have been identifying values, making same values with different coins, and looking at pounds and pence. Also this week, we have continued to explore our history topic on flight. We are really enjoying this topic and learning about significant figures that have developed flight. In music, we have continued our journey around the world. We stopped off in Poland this week and learnt a traditional playground song - we enjoyed joining in with this and adding actions.

Well done Year 2.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have tested materials to see whether they are translucent, transparent or opaque in science. Across Waterbirds, the teachers have enjoyed the children's responses to coding and using algorithms to program using the make code editor on the Micro:bit website - feel free to try at home.

We have begun to plan for our myth story based on Joe Todd Stanton's book Arthur and the Golden Rope for our hot task. We are continuing to work on multiplication and division in Maths and enthusiastically using our reasoning skills to solve problems. On top of all of this, we have been learning about the great pyramids in ancient Egypt and understand why they were built - we have helped a vizier design a pyramid and looked at all the challenges building a pyramid might bring. Overall, we have had a super week including welcoming our visitors from Ofsted into our classrooms!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

We've had a bit of a busy few days this week!

During maths, year 6 have focussed on algebra. They have been strangely excited to begin this unit and have made a great start. Year 5 have looked at division and using written methods for this method.

In literacy, we have started our hot write character narrative. The children have really tried to use impressive vocabulary in their writing.

During science, we explored how animals have adapted to their environment. In computing, the children continued to use the micro:bits. In history, we have learnt about the wives of Henry VIII. Year 5 had another excellent rugby session whilst year 6 enjoyed(!) another productive booster session.

On Wednesday, we visited the theatre to watch the Nutcracker. It was a fantastic show and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were captivated by the magic of the theatre.

This week saw OFSTED visit. We couldn't be prouder of the children. They showed what Wheelock is all about and were proud to talk about their learning. Our children amaze us daily but this week they have really shown what superstars they are. Well done Year 5/6- you are wonderful and we are so thankful that we get to spend each day with you all!

Have an amazing weekend 🌟

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Ewan	For super effort with his letter formation.
Penguins	Harry	For super effort in Phonics and super work developing his conversation skills.
Puffins	Charlotte	For fantastic writing and independence.
Puffins	Freyah	For great team work building the tallest tower.
Goldfinches	Finley	For amazing independent writing this week.
Goldfinches	Ava	For being a great role model in Year 1.
Woodpeckers	Toby	For speaking so confidently and enthusiastically about what he has been learning about in History.
Woodpeckers	Harriet	For writing a fantastic letter at home to Hermelin and applying all her skills learnt in literacy.
Owls	Leo	For coming in to school with a positive and mature attitude – you've been missed!
Owls	Arthur	For his interesting and creative writing about his bog baby.
Owls	Whole Class	For their incredible literacy writing about the bog baby!
Robins	Jax	For trying hard with his writing this week.
Robins	Oscar	For working hard with his spelling and writing.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Sophie	For showing respect and responsibility in class.
Swans	Holly	For being an outstanding example to others and sharing excellent ideas.
Sandpipers	Daniel	For his efforts with reading – he has already completed 7 quizzes this year!
Sandpipers	Mia	For showing great resilience in Maths this week to use new methods.
Kingfishers	Harry	For working super hard on TT Rockstars and Accelerated Reader.
Kingfishers	Jacob	For working super hard on his times tables using TT Rockstars.
Kestrels	Kerr	For going above and beyond, not just this week but always! Thank you for being so unbelievably helpful!
Kestrels	Alice	For always being a positive member of Kestrels and a supportive friend to others. Well done!
Hawks	Darcie	For effort and determination to succeed with her hot write this week. Well done – keep it up!
Hawks	Eddie	For being a reading ambassador for our class and always engaging with accelerated reader – well done!
Eagles	Lyra	For fantastic work in all lessons and taking on extra responsibilities.
Eagles	Alys	For great sentence ideas and vocabulary ideas in her Literacy lessons.
The Hive	Eleanor	For being a king member of the team.
The Hive	Benjamin	For always using his manners and for being a caring friend to others.





The Hive

This week the children have enjoyed the paper crafts and the colouring activities. It is always lovely to see children from all ages across the school interacting with each other.

Soon we will be able to continue our outside sessions with Mr Sutton, we have held off because of the dark nights and the cold weather conditions.

Thank you all for your continued support with the gate safety, please remember to cover the code.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

  Good afternoon from FOWS  

We are pleased to share that our next meeting will be on Thursday the 1st of February at 7.30pm in Barchetta. You are welcome to come and join us!

We will be planning Chocolate Bingo and a Disco for the coming months.



Kind regards,

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Community News



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.



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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