29th September 2023





Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Year 6 Crucial Crewe Safety Event – 4th October

EYFS Stay & Play - 12th October

Whole School Harvest Assembly - 17th October

Flu Nasal Spray Immunisation – 3rd November

FOWS Film Night - 10th November

Parents Evening – 15th & 16th November

Online Safety Notices:

We would like to ask for your support in reminding children that they should not be taking screenshots and posting pictures of other children on to social media without consent. We are encouraging children to use what they have learnt in school and put it into practice in their everyday life as in school they are very knowledgeable about how technology should be used in an appropriate manner.

Online Safety Evening

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents and carers, who came to support our Online Safety Evening this week. We appreciate the dedication you share in keeping Wheelock children safe online within school and at home.

I am excited to announce that the winner of the adult's EE voucher is...... Mrs Rowberry! Congratulations!

Winners of the children's competition will be announced next week.

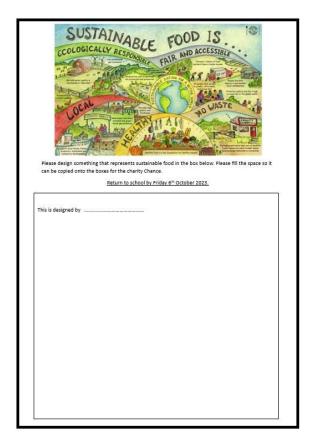
Harvest Competition & Donations

Chance are running a fun competition and we need your help. We would like you with your child to design an image that can be added to the boxes with the theme sustainable food. Please return to

the office by Friday 6th October the winning designs from school will be added to the boxes that we will fill with food donations and sent to the charity. The charity will then judge all the boxes returned and there will be prizes for the winning box.

We are also accepting food donations from now until 16th October.





Class News

Penguins and Puffins

A fabulous week Reception - Well done! 🚖



We have been working hard in our Phonics lessons and learned our new sounds; o,c,k,u. Thank you for practising them at home. A huge well done to those who have read and signed the diary every night- amazing work! Please remember you can access the virtual classroom videos through the Tapestry links and regular practise will help us retain our sounds. We are showing some real improvements with our pencil grip when forming our letters and have been using our magnetic tiles to blend words such as m-a-t, i-t and d-a-d. In Maths, we have been exploring pattern and saying what comes next in our patterns.

Our topic this half term is 'It's good to be me!' We have been talking about key events with our families and comparing our families. We know that families come in lots of different shapes and sizes. We have been working hard to improve our cutting skills too and have practised cutting along lines. Our teachers were very impressed!

We're looking forward to another fun filled week next week! 💥

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

The children have all worked really hard this week in key stage 1!

In Literacy the children have started to write up their narratives about a character that drops their toy beneath the floorboards and finds a special old toy that belongs to a relative. They have been using adjectives and different time connectives to make their stories more exciting to read.

In Maths the children have been learning the term 'fewer' and 'more' and we have started to look at the greater and less than signs. Ask the children what number the crocodile always eats.

Art was fun again this week as we created our own abstract art in the style of 'Kandinsky' using different 2D shapes. We then coloured in the shapes using a variety of different media.

In History we were sorting toys from the past and present into sorting hoops. We then made a timeline in order from what we thought was the oldest to newest toys. The Rubik's cube was a tricky one!!

In Science we are continuing our learning on everyday materials. Today we looked at the properties of materials and compared them. We then had a go at making our own songs up about chosen materials.

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and we will see you all next week.

Owls and Robins

This week the children have started their first big write of the year. They have been writing a circular narrative based on The River. They have created their own character and taken it to new and interesting places. In maths we have continued to explore numbers to 100, finding new ways to

partition them beyond 10s and ones. In history, the children have been looking at different sources of information and how to use them. we have also discussed their validity and why some sources might be better than others. In science we have moved on to looking at the suitability of different materials for different objects or functions. The children have been looking at pitch in music; focusing on low, medium and high pitch to match them to suit different characters. We have been working our long jump techniques and how to achieve the greatest distance.

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week we have been having lots of fun learning all about the functions of bones in science; furthering our knowledge of the lives of children in the past in History and making textured art with tears, rips, cuts and crayons in Art. As well as this, we have been building up to a hot task in Literacy where we aim to include all of our fantastic grammatical learning, employing writing devices such as fronted adverbials and prepositions. Also, we have been experimenting with figurative language to create awesome storm/sea-scape scenarios for our readers. We are still working on place value in Maths but enthusiastically building up to addition and subtraction. On top of all of this, we have been practicing some new routines in class and around the school to help with timekeeping – Phew! What a busy week – keep going Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Thank you to everyone who attended the online safety event on Monday evening. The children enjoyed the activities and love using the technology elements during computing. Thank you for your support.

This week in maths, Year 6 have focused on prime numbers, factors and multiples. They have found the different terminology really confusing but have worked hard to retain key information. Year 5 have been looking at comparing, ordering and rounding different numbers.

In literacy, the children have started their exploration text hot writes. They have crafted their paragraphs using the SPAG elements that we have covered during this unit. They are trying to write in the present tense using descriptive language. The children have focussed extremely hard on writing accurately.

Year 5 had a 'sing fest' session this week where they learnt songs for the 'sing fest' concert that will happen later in the year (we will keep you updated on this event). Year 6, meanwhile, continued to look at the circulatory system in science. We looked at how blood transports nutrients and water around the body.

In RE, the children enjoyed learning about the story of Rama and Sita. During history, we looked at Viking sagas and the children retold these using drama. In computing, the children continued to develop their excel skills. During French, we are learning to count up to 20. It is quite a tricky skill. Each class is continuing to enjoy their WCR text.

Finally, the children enjoyed a webinar on how to lead class assemblies. This is something which we are keen to develop with the children this year. The listened brilliantly and contributed to the discussions well.

Another super week for Year 5 and 6. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins	Oliver	Working collaboratively with his friends
		and showing perseverance to overcome
		challenges. Well done, Oliver!
Penguins	Harry	Working collaboratively with his friends
		and showing perseverance to overcome
,		challenges. Well done, Harry!
Puffins	Elijah	For fantastic maths.
Puffins	Elsie	For creative ideas in junk modelling.
Goldfinches	Layla	For writing a great story using time
		connectives.
Goldfinches	Alexa	For super handwriting this week.
Woodpeckers	Olivia	For the most time spent on Freckle maths
-		this week.
Woodpeckers	Eliza	For a fantastic piece of art work
Owls	Lily	For her well planned and entertaining
		story writing.
Owls	Jack	For his overall fantastic attitude towards
15.53.5		his learning, his friends and adults in the
		classroom.
Robins	Arthur	For always setting a fantastic example.
Robins	Lucas	For working hard with his writing.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Alfie	For a great effort to listen and concentrate, as well as super effort in his accelerated reader tasks. Well done!
Swans	Mason	For a brilliant effort in his literacy this week where he has shown a sustained focus. Well done!
Sandpipers	Eleanor	For always being ready to learn and enthusiastic!
Sandpipers	Daniel	For sharing great ideas and being creative with his writing this week!
Kingfishers	Archie	For already reading and quizzing 85,000 words so far this term!
Kingfishers	Eleanor	For always aspiring to be the best she can be and working hard in all lessons.
Kestrels	Rowan	For really trying hard with his vocabulary choices, spelling and punctuation in his hot write this week. Well done.
Kestrels	Myla	For always demonstrating great engagement in all lessons. Well done!
Hawks	Oliver	For being the top contributor in the class in TTRS Battle of the Bands so far this week – well done!
Hawks	Kaiser	For his growing independence and determination in Literacy this week.
Eagles	Alys	For always being a good friend and helping others.
Eagles	Chloe	For taking responsibility and sharing strategies to help the learning of others.
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The Hive

The children in the Hive this week have been very busy playing outdoor games. We have seen some lovely creations made from the tyres and the logs.

Many ball skill games have been played with Mr Sutton, we have some super catchers now, well done everyone!

This week the favourite indoor activities have been the Lego and the arts and crafts table.

Can I remind everyone to keep the gate code for adult eyes only. A new code has been set and is available from the Hive or School Office staff. A doorbell is on the gate should anyone need assistance.

Thank you all for your continued support.

The Hive Team.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

Thanks so much to those who attended the coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan. So far we have smashed our target and raised over £150 for the brilliant cause.

There's some left over cakes that school have kindly offered to sell for us after school today under the outside classroom around the right hand side of the school building. Please bring cash for this or you can pay using our QR code.

FOWS next meeting is on Thursday next week at 8pm upstairs in Barchetta. Please come along if you'd like to join the PTA or even if you're just considering it and would like to see what it's like.

Have a lovely weekend

Lisa

Chair of FOWS

Community News





Ministry 4 Sport are delighted to announce that we will be providing a Football Masterclass at Haslington Primary Academy during October Half Term!

In addition to the holiday club, we will be delivering a football masterclass to keen footballers who want to learn a bit more and improve their skills.

This will even be available to beginners who want to take their first steps in to football.

Our football masterclass will cover all of the basics such as passing, dribbling, attacking & defending.

This football masterclass will be delivered by Sam Bradbury who himself is an experienced and qualified football coach and has played semi-professional football with various clubs over the last 12 years.

If you are interested and would like to find out more contact:

To book a place go to:

ministry4sport.org.uk/holiday-clubs

Date

Wednesday 25th October 2023

Time

8.45am - 3.15pm

Venue

Haslington Primary Academy, 36 Crewe Road, Haslington, Crewe, CW1 5SL

Cost

£21.00 per day



