

8th December 2023



Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

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

Year 1 Craft Afternoon – 20th December

Elf Run

Today we completed our Elf Run for St Luke's Hospice. The children had so much fun and thankfully the rain held off! Thank you for all of the sponsorship money, we will share the total amount raised when we have added it all up!









Sporting News

Wheelock Wasps finished off The Winter Football League in true style and wowed other adults with their fair play attitude.

The children showed resilience, determination and courage when they fought a long battle in their first match against Offley. The result was a draw, after a great goal from Elliot, so it immediately went to penalties. The children showed focus and confidence and amazingly, Wheelock won! The next match was against Haslington. With tough weather conditions, the children battled to the end of the match, which resulted in another draw. After penalty shootout number two, unfortunately we lost. Without a thought, the children went immediately to congratulate the winners and, in the team, talk, the children focused on all the positives. This shows what great sportspeople they are and how they have taken 'The Wheelock Behaviours' with them to sporting events. An outstanding achievement. Well done Wasps!

Football Awards

Fair play Award - Cameron

Respect Award - Elliot

Positivity Award - Luna-May

Next Sporting Event

Next week on Monday 11th December, it's Wheelock Warriors turn. Good Luck Warriors!

Coming up in January, there is a Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletic Competition.

Class News

Penguins and Puffins

Wow- what a fabulous week we have had! Thank you for coming to our Nativity. We loved putting on a show for you all! In Maths we have been looking at composition of 4 and 5 and learning about day and night. We have worked hard in Phonics and are continuing with our new sounds. Remember to practise reading or flash cards every night and sign the diary so that you get your gold star.

We have been learning all about Space travel and learned about Tim Peake. We then made flying rockets. We created a pocket on the back of the rocket that had to be air tight so the pressure would build and eventually the rocket would blast off.

The children investigated different pressures of breath and lengths of straw to see if it changed how far the rocket would fly. Next week we will be learning all about Christmas and we can't wait!

Goldfinches and Woodpeckers

It's been a very busy week this week. Woodpeckers and Goldfinches have reached the end of our Literacy unit and the story 'Rapunzel'. After our brief visit from the witch, we have all written instructions to catch her if she dare return!! We have explored the structure of our instructions - Title, list, order of instructions and using bossy verbs. We also finished with a word of WARNING! Well done everyone.

Our maths has been all about subtraction this week. We have used lots of mathematical language related to this - Can your child remember? Our work has been very practical but we have moved onto using number lines to jump back too.

Art this week was all about the artist Clarice Cliff. We used her 'Circle Tree' design to inspire our own paper plates this week. We were very impressed with the attention to detail this week and how the children applied their knowledge of colour mixing to create their designs.

We are so excited to perform our Nativity next week - don't forget to book a seat on Arbor. Our rehearsals are going very well and we are so impressed with how quickly the children have learnt their lines. Well done! Please also remember to let us know if you can make our Craft afternoon on Wednesday 20th December. Have a great weekend everyone.

Owls and Robins

Year 2 have had a very busy week this week.

In literacy, we have started to explore our new text of a diary this week. We have also looked at the new vocabulary and used it in our own sentences.

In maths, we have been problem solving with addition and subtraction missing number problems.

In Geography, we have continued to compare the UK and Kenya. We have really enjoyed looking at the similarities and differences between us.

We had an RE day on Wednesday, where we learnt about the Christmas story and how Christians celebrate Christmas. We also had a fantastic visit to the church where we met the characters from the story, listen to their version of events as well as ask them questions.

Today in D&T we have planned our ginger bread baking. We have looked at the preparation, ingredients and method for this, ready for next week when we are baking.

Well done year 2 for a great week!

Sandpipers, Swans and Kingfishers

In Waterbirds this week, we have tested the strength of magnets by seeing how many paperclips different types can suspend in a chain. Across Waterbirds, the teachers have enjoyed watching all of the huge effort the children have put into their second week of assessments and have been wowed with the progress many have made.

We have begun to get a little festive in classrooms; are looking forward to the results of the Elf Run and have been practising singing carols in readiness for our carol concert.

We are continuing to work on multiplication and division in Maths and enthusiastically using counters, number lines and 100 squares to help understand groups, arrays and related facts. On top of all of this, we have been continuing to learn the skills of a scientific report writer for an information text, building up to our hot task.

Overall, we have had a fantastic week - great stuff Waterbirds!

Eagles, Hawks and Kestrels

Another great week for our oldest children.

We have continued to work through our SATS and NFER assessments. The children have worked hard to answer in detail and accurately. They are all finished now - well done!

In maths, year 5 have had a look at equivalent fractions and being able to convert fractions. Year 6 have completed a unit on measures. They looked at imperial and metric.

In literacy, we have started to write our letter based on the book FARThER. The children have been trying to write in the first person with a formal tone. They have really developed their language recently.

In science, we focussed on shadows and how they are formed. We looked at how they change during the day. In the woodland we enjoyed being creative by making bug hotels, climbing trees and playing hide and seek - sorry about the muddy clothes! During computing, the children used Scratch to create scoring games. In RE, we explored what parables are and what the morals behind them mean. During geography, we explored our local area by using OS maps. We learnt what the different symbols mean and how to create our own maps.



Year 5/6 had a great time this morning running the elf run.

A super week - two more to go. Have a magnificent weekend!

Praise

Reception & Key Stage One

Class	Name	Reason
Penguins and Puffins	Whole Class Praise	All of Penguins and Puffins for working so hard to practise their lines, using beautiful singing voices and putting on an amazing Christmas show! Well done everybody!
Goldfinches	Alfie	For showing some independence in his writing this week.
Goldfinches	Sophia	For creating a beautiful Clarice Cliff inspired plate design.
Woodpeckers	Maisie	For taking her time and producing some fabulous art work in the style of Clarice Cliff.
Woodpeckers	Lola	For contributing more to class discussions.
Owls	Louie	For an outstandingly positive end to the week and being a great support chef.
Owls	Jacob	For his interesting contributions to class discussions throughout the week.
Robins	Eric	For working hard and practicing lots with his handwriting.
Robins	Arthur	For working hard and practicing lots with his handwriting.

Key Stage Two

Swans	Wren	For a fantastic effort in his writing and for sharing insightful ideas with others in class. Well done!
Swans	Frankie	For an excellent effort in Geography and for showing responsibility in class. Well done!
Sandpipers	Harper	For her hard work during maths and always staying focused.
Sandpipers	Arnie	For his efforts in reading this week and doing well in his quizzes.
Kingfishers	Darcie	For working extremely hard in Maths lessons and doing fabulously on her Maths quiz.
Kingfishers	Hollie	For working extremely hard in Maths lessons and doing fabulously on her Maths quiz.
Kestrels	Ella	For showing kindness when helping in classroom without being asked. Well done!
Kestrels	Megan	For working really hard in maths on difficult measure conversions – great perseverance! Well done!
Hawks	Luis	For taking responsibility in his role as class librarian and making the reading area a more inviting space to be in. Well done!
Hawks	Ellie	For always displaying the Wheelock behaviours. A fantastic friend and role model to others.
Eagles	Cerys	For excellent ideas for using formal vocabulary in her writing.
Eagles	Amber	For always taking on extra responsibilities around the classroom.
The Hive	Sid	For being a great Chess Champion and teaching others how to play the game.
The Hive	Esme	For being a super star helper in the Hive.

The Hive

In the Hive this week Christmas has arrived with the different craft activities and games. The children have enjoyed decorating Christmas biscuits...and sampling them!

Over the next few weeks we will continue with the theme of Christmas with role play and crafts.

Thank you to all the staff for helping with the activities.

FOWS NEWSLETTER

 News from FOWS 

We can't wait to see you at our Festive Evening next Wednesday the 13th from 5.30pm until 8pm.

There will be festive food and drink and Christmas crafts and games. Fun for everyone, all are welcome.

The rainbow raffle will be drawn at 7.30pm on the night and winners will be announced in the raffle room and via email so please make sure you buy your tickets online asap. Here's the link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/wheelock/>

Please note that for this event all corridors in the school will be out of bounds and you will move from room to room via the outside space so there will be a lot more space for everyone. However, this does mean you may get cold and wet! So, wrap up warm and bring a brolly.

Thank you so much to all those who have volunteered for the event and all those who've donated pre-loved cuddlies. We are really grateful for the support with this event and hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Lisa Sumner

Chairperson

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