

Newsletter Friday 12th April 2019

Menu Week: Week beginning 29th April 2019 will be **Week 1** – A copy of the menu is on our website.



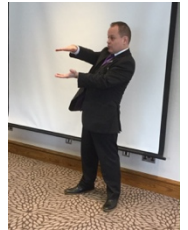
Attendance: Whole School Target 2018/19 is 95%

Week Ending 5th April 2019 – Whole School 92.7%

Top 3 classes; 1. 13S = 98.7% 2. BEECH & 9DG = 97.3% 3. HOLLY = 97.2%

Year 10 & Year 11 Food Tech Students

What an amazing morning we had with 10T and Year 11 food students when visiting Hogarths Stone Manor Hotel. A massive thank you to Mr Spall the Deputy Manager who showed us around the beautiful hotel, we even got to go behind the scenes to see the kitchen in operation and various bedrooms. We rounded things off by a very interesting question and answer session where our students asked some very sensible questions. Really proud to have such sensible students with us.



Year 10 & Year 11 Dance Students

Students from Year's 10 and 11 had an amazing time at the first ever Worcestershire SEN Dance Festival organised by 'Dancefest' at Fort Royal Primary School.



World Autism Awareness Week



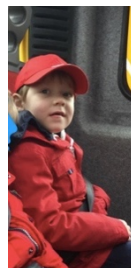
Last week was World Autism Awareness Week and the pupils in school took part in a variety of activities to develop their understanding that, whilst we are all the same, we are also different and this is something to be celebrated.

For World Autism Awareness Week the NAS launched a short animation featuring 'Trummies', colourful characters with very different personalities. Using this as our inspiration, each child made their own Trummie, decorated to reflect their own personality, likes or dislikes. Below is an example of some of the wonderful Trummies the children made.



OAK & PINE Trip

A few of each class went to Rigby Hall School to the Early Years Music Festival. Lots of fun was had by all, we dressed as our favourite animals, took our handmade instruments and joined in the animal songs!



Olivia is raising Money for the Little Princess Trust!

During the Easter break Olivia (from class 8W), will be undergoing an image change in order to raise money for The Little Princess Trust - she will be having a colossal 16 inches of her hair cut off, donating it to be made into wigs. Olivia has refused to have her hair cut for years so that she could do this.

The Little Princess Trust create wigs for children and young adults in need due to hair loss from cancer treatments or other medical conditions. However, each wig costs £550 to create, so we were hoping to raise enough money to turn Olivia's hair into a wig for someone and then to help fund as many other wigs as we could as the charity often receives hair donations from people who can't also provide funding. Olivia regularly receives blood and platelet transfusions (obviously donated from other people) as part of her treatment and like a lot of children at Wyre Forest School spends time in hospital. So, she simply wanted to do something for other children struggling with health issues. And this is entirely her idea.

The family have also created a 'Just Giving' page to direct any sponsor money people might care to give, straight to The Little Princess Trust (see below).

https://www.justgiving.com/Marcus-Rea?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Marcus-Rea&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=xM5bBZ3g4

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Well Done Elly!

Elly in 7A won 5 medals in Wigan last weekend including 1 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze for vault, floor and rhythmic. Well Done Elly.

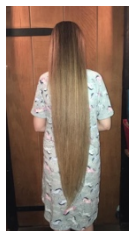


Pupils in the Lower Phase gave a wonderful performance of Pirates vs Mermaids. The pirate adventure has been completed and the mermaids and pirates are now friends. A big well done and thank you to all the children and staff that took part to produce such a wonderful show. We hope Parents enjoyed it as much as they did!

Onesie Wednesday on May 8th 2019

Class 11B are raising money for the Thomas Coram Organisation – Giving Children Better Chances. Children and staff are invited to wear onesies (or matching coloured t-shirts and shorts if it's a warm day!) on Wednesday May 8th 2019, for a small donation of some change please. If children would prefer to wear their school uniform on that day, that's perfectly fine.

For further information, please visit this website <https://www.coram.org.uk/about-us>



Free Easter Egg Hunt



There is an Easter Egg hunt in Brinton's Park Kidderminster on Saturday 20th April from 10.30 - 12. Councillor Juliet Smith has told one of our Parents that if any special needs children would like to attend earlier before it's busy they can meet by bandstand at 10am and Juliet will let them start earlier and they will get an egg even if they don't want to take part in the hunt. To book, contact Councillor Juliet Smith on 01562 633185 advising the number of children wishing to enter and a contact number. Children's names, addresses and ages are not required.

<https://www.kidderminstershuttle.co.uk/news/17554289.easter-egg-hunt-to-be-held-in-kidderminster-brinton-park/>

Parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2 have all been given the leaflet below. Don't forget you are welcome to come along to Poppins with any pre-school children you have at home on Monday afternoons.



Wyre Forest Poppins

Monday's Stay and Play is now known as Wyre Forest Poppins.

We are still supported by Barnardos and Family volunteers so pre-school aged children are welcome.

Pop in and join us at 1:45-2:45pm on the following weeks:—



Monday 29th April,

Sorry we are not meeting today.

Monday 6th May,

School is closed for May Day.

Monday 13th May,

PC Neil Sharpe to meet families and discuss road safety.

Monday 20th May,

Claire and Linda (social workers) to meet families and answer any queries you may have.



Please find below a 'draft' Summer Term calendar - we will aim to confirm times and dates where possible as soon as we can (especially Sports Day!), we're just trying to give Parents as much notice as possible for events / meetings. All of the items listed are subject to change.

WFS School Calendar - Summer Term 2019

APRIL	
29	All pupils back to school for a prompt 8.45am start!
MAY	
3	BIRCH ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
8	Onesie Wednesday! Details in this newsletter
8	Year 8 & 9 Girls HPV Vaccinations
9	Introduction to Signalong Workshop (9.45 – 11.45 at Russell House)
10	WILLOW ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
17	CHESTNUT ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
23	Early Years Stay & Play - TBC
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2019 HALF TERM	
JUNE	
7	Class lists home to parents
7	HOLLY ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
W/B 10 th	Secondary Sports Day (Exact Date TBC)
10	Archery Arrows (pm only)
12	KS3 Employer Event – 9.15-11.00
13	New Middle Meeting for parents - TBC
W/B 17 th	Primary Sports Day (Exact Date TBC)
18	'New Reception' meeting for parents - TBC
19	'New Lower' meeting for parents - TBC
19	Communication Skills – Parent Workshop
20	Prom Night
21	ASH ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
25	'New Upper' meeting for parents - TBC
26	'New Sixth Form' meeting for parents - TBC
27	Sixth Form coffee morning - TBC
28	Year 11 Leavers (those who are going on to college/apprenticeship)
28	BEECH ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
JULY	
3	KS4 Pupils to The Artrix – Dance Competition, afternoon & evening
4	Transition Morning
5	BIRCH ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
9	Transition Morning
10	Early Years Awards Assembly – Time TBC
11	Early Years Awards Assembly – Time TBC
11	RDA Summer Show
12	WILLOW ASSEMBLY – Parents to arrive by 9am please
12	Early Years Awards Assembly – Time TBC
16	Transition Morning
16	Lower School Awards Assembly – Time TBC
17	KS4 / 5 & Leavers Assembly – Time TBC
19	Last Day of Term – Pupils finish at 3pm
22	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS