



Newsletter Friday 15th January 2021

Here you will find some helpful information for Parents during lockdown and at the end of this newsletter is a Safeguarding flyer with useful contact numbers on. Please keep an eye on our school website and remember to have a look at our YouTube channel!

www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk
https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=wyre+forest+school+

The Communication Team at WFS are putting 'Sign of The Week' on our website - just follow this link. Week 1 is all about SOAP!

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sign+of+the+Week&pid=333>

Accessing Technology & Data

The Government have set up a web page that gives lots of information about increasing data if needed for remote learning.

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

O.T & Physio Team

The O.T's and Physio Team have a facebook page they would like to share and a telephone number Parents can call for Advice every Wednesday between 10am - 3pm.

<https://m.facebook.com/CYPFOTPhysio/> or call 07562 43663

A Big Thank You to all the Teachers, Parents / Carers and Pupils who have helped contribute towards this week's newsletter. We are a Communication Specialist School and we need to keep in touch with one another, especially at the moment

Sixth Form Allotment Research

For part of our remote learning we've asked the students to research what makes an effective bird scarer to protect our seeds (for when we get back to our allotment visits and can sow the seeds we have).



Zoom with Kidderminster College

It was great to see so many pupils and staff from years 10-14 join the zoom meeting with Kidderminster College this week. You can email the course tutors to ask any further questions

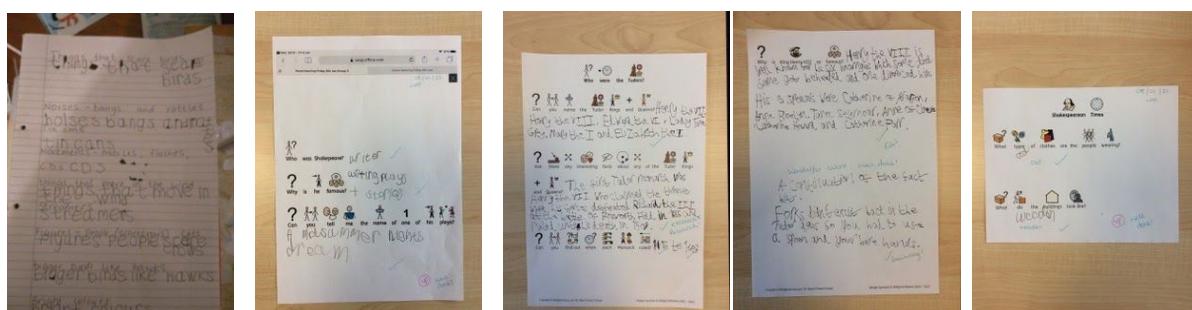
Kirsty: khall@kidderminster.ac.uk and Sharon: shaynes@kidderminster.ac.uk

If you have any questions about making applications, you can email:
admissions@kidderminster.ac.uk

Please contact me if you have any further questions or need some support with making an application. Rebekah Thompson (Assistant Head & Head of Sixth Form)

Class 8C

Class 8C have been working hard on their remote learning writing about Shakespeare and The Tudors and one young lady is getting to grips with homeschooling and doing very well!

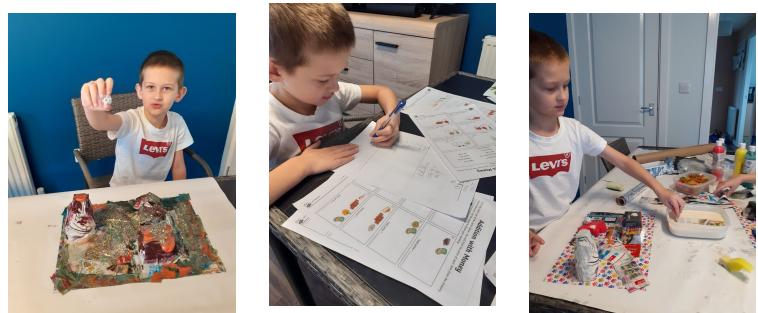


And when they aren't writing - they are taking part in practical Zoom Cookery lessons - making lunchtime snacks and cups of tea!



MAPLE Class

Maple Class Teacher has put a lesson on our YouTube Channel (don't forget to check it out!) about how to build a Fantasy Land out of food packets and papier mache.
<https://youtu.be/61DAPhVWEI>



HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class children have been working on healthy foods this week and making healthy choices.



Bubble 1

Children in Bubble 1 are making the most of the outside space in Forest School and having fun in their classroom.



Bubble 4

Children in Bubble 4 have been very busy; they enjoyed playing 'shape bingo' using tricky clues to find the correct shape. Matty was able to find a shape with "4 sides the same size....a square! Children have also been taking part in a 'listening and attention' group, where we all sit quietly and listen to a noise, we use our cards to hold up the correct photo, if you get it right you get a marble! We had lots of tubs full of marbles by the end of the session. Well done Bubble 4!



Food Technology Zoom Lessons

Mrs Guy (Food Technology Teacher) is busy setting up practical sessions for all Secondary pupils, with recipes being shared a week beforehand so that everyone has time to get organised at home. She's really enjoying the interaction with the students - even if it's only via Zoom!

Ben made a fabulous spinach and ricotta cheese cannelloni and Class 9H (including the Teacher and TA) all got together via Zoom to make flapjacks.



Sixth Form Cookery via YouTube!

Mrs Sheridan has posted a YouTube video for a chicken casserole. here are the links!

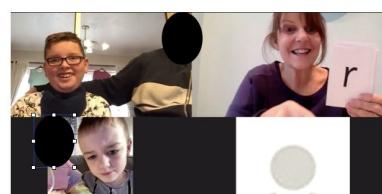
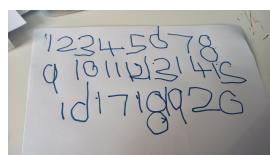
<https://youtu.be/rKYc7FKWU98> &
https://youtu.be/r8uLS1g_qfM

Eddie and Freya really enjoyed trying it out!



CHERRY Class

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CHERRY Class have been finding out about friends... what friends do and who their friends are. They made Friendship Flags to send to their friends in Cherry Class. They have also been working on practising their phonics and numbers and joining in with ZOOM lessons. Great work CHERRY Class!



ACORNS - RECEPTION

Some of our Reception Class have designed and created their own Elmer's as part of our Colour topic!



Max has enjoyed making honey cookies and decorating them with the emotions from the Coloured Monster story, he even managed a bite before the Colour Monster had the rest!

OAK & PINE Classes

OAK pupils have been working hard on their home learning. They have been building sentences by ordering symbols to describe the pictures from the story One Snowy Night by Nick Butterworth. Putting their toys in order and learning a lot about the weather! Well Done OAK Class!



Both OAK and PINE children have enjoyed Maths and Phonics Zoom lessons, it would be really lovely if more children made it next week too! Come and join your friends!



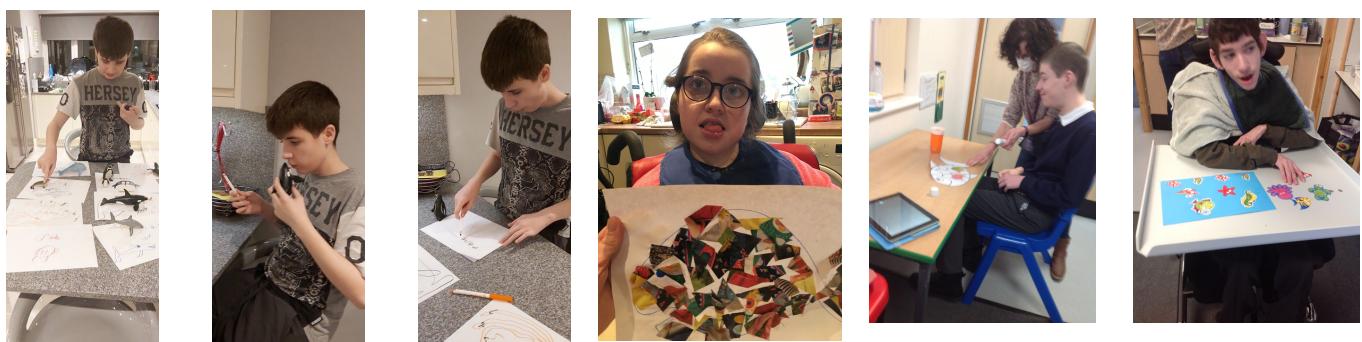
BIRCH Class

Riley has been busy watching our story time and had green eggs and ham for dinner! He wasn't a fan, so back to spaghetti and toast! He has also done some fantastic work on animals who live in the arctic and made some sentences about what he could see. Joseph has built this amazing truck too! Wow it is very big, great job Joseph!



WOODLANDS Class

Pupils in WOODLANDS have been learning about sea creatures as part of their work on the 'Blue Planet'.



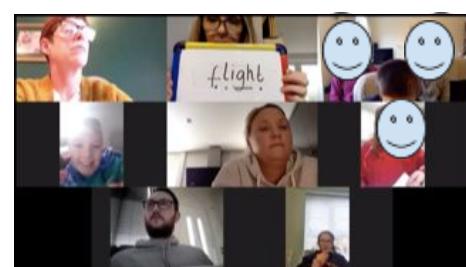
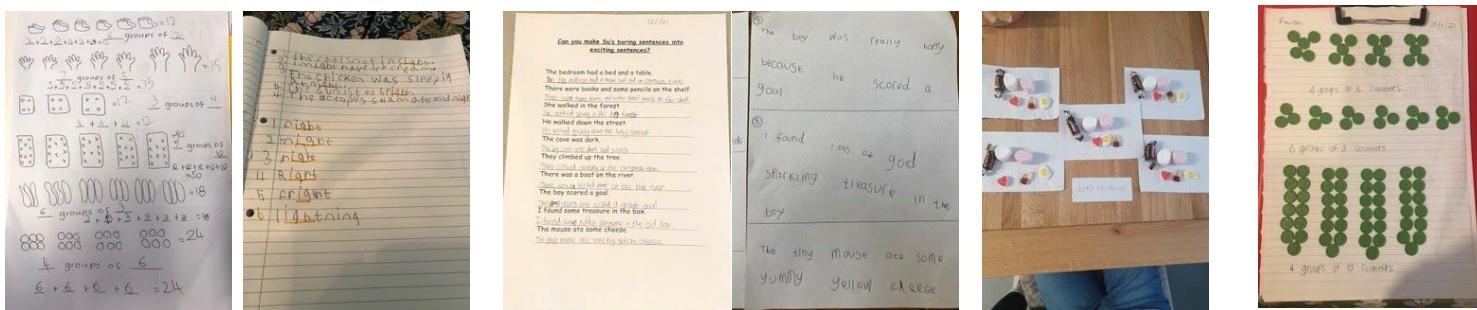
Bubble 5

Bubble 5 have been making friends from the Arctic - polar bears, penguins and seagulls!



ASH Class

ASH Class have been working really hard this week. In English the children have been focusing on the 'igh' sound in phonics. They have also been making 'boring' sentences into exciting sentences with the use of adjectives. On Wednesday our Zoom maths lesson focussed on repeated addition & early multiplication skills. After the lesson the children had great fun making groups/multiples at home with lots of different items!



HAZEL Class

HAZEL Class have been working very hard this week! We have had lots of Zoom live lessons including a great phonics lesson with our friends on Monday and in their own time, the children have been exploring the differences between 2D and 3D shapes and their properties in Maths, the Greek myth, The Midas Touch in English and how to stay healthy and lead a healthy lifestyle in Science.



Independent Living Skills & Remote Learning

Once again, Wyre Forest Pupils rise to the challenge of remote learning and picking up some useful life skills . Well Done Everyone!



Screen time

We now use and need screens more than ever. During lockdown, technology is a way of keeping in touch with friends, a source of entertainment, and a way to do school work. Spending all day on a screen isn't healthy, even for us adults!

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health suggest that phones should be avoided for an hour before bedtime as it can disrupt sleep. Too much screen time can also raise your child's risk for attention problems, anxiety, and obesity.

Parents shouldn't feel worried about limiting screen time for their child/children. Sit down and have a conversation, explain your decision, and agree times or time limits.

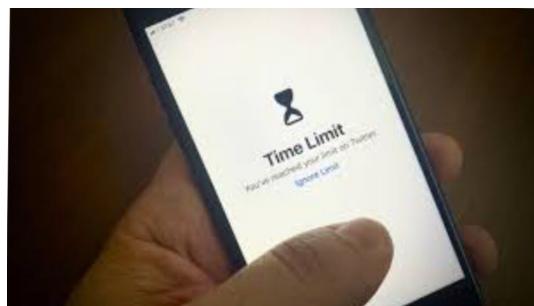
Below is a quick guide of how to limit screen time on your child's devices. More information can be found online with a quick search.

If your child has an iPhone/iPad/Apple device

1. Make sure you're on the device used by the child.
2. Tap Settings > Screen Time.
3. Tap Turn on Screen Time, then tap Continue.
4. Select This is My Child's [device].
5. Set up Downtime, App Limits and Content & Privacy with all of the limitations you want for your child, or tap Not Now.
6. Tap Use Screen Time Passcode, then enter a passcode when prompted. Re-enter the passcode to confirm.

If your child has an android device

1. Open settings
2. Tap "Digital wellbeing and parental controls"
3. Scroll down to an app you want to limit
4. Tap the hourglass next to it
5. Set the time limit and press OK



Safeguarding News

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Happy New Year Everyone!

This is not the start to 2021 that any of us wanted, but rest assured that we continue to make your child's safety a priority here at Wyre Forest School during lockdown. Here are some numbers that yourself, or friends and family may find useful during this difficult time.

CALM
Call **0800585858**
For men

SAMARITANS
Call **116123**
Free

WOMEN'S AID
REFUGE
Call **08082000247**
Free

HELP!

CRISIS
Text SHOUT to
85258

KIDDERMINSTER
FOOD BANK
CALL **01562 746600**

Hello there!



Alison Hopkins , Assistant Head at Wyre Forest School.

As part of the safeguarding team, my role is to ensure that all our pupils are safe and that families are well supported

If you have any concerns about keeping your child safe, your child's attendance or would like some advice or support regarding an issue at home please contact me at

ahopkins@wfs.worcs.sch.uk

Family Front Door

01905 822666

Dial this number if you are concerned that a child is at risk of SERIOUS HARM