

Newsletter Friday 5th March 2021



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https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=wyre+forest+school

Please keep the school informed if your child tests positive for Covid 19, ***even if they are not attending school***, thank you.



Communication Team News

This week, the sign of the week is ANGRY. Please follow the link to watch the video.



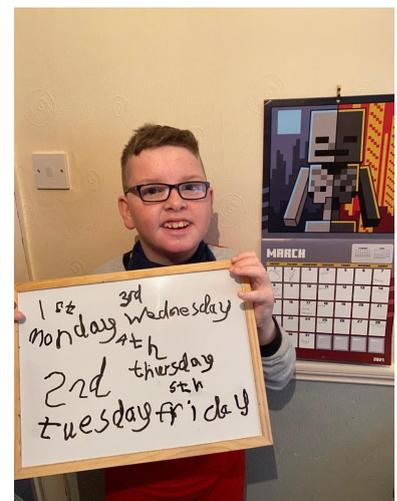
<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Sign+of+the+Week&pid=333>

We have created a “Talking to children about COVID-19’ page in the communication area on our WFS website. The page has lots of videos and easy to read information about different aspects of COVID-19. Go and check it out !!! Just follow the link:

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=Talking+to+Children+About+COVID%2D19&pid=340>



Sue and Alfie from CHERRY Class are both counting down and looking forward to starting back Monday 8th March and seeing all their friends!



We know how sometimes change and transitions can be difficult for some children, so we have put some top tips together for 'Going back to school'.

Top Tips

- Go back to basics...try to lower any anxieties that may surface even if your child seems to be ok.
- simple routines, shown visuals if possible - go through and practice routines in the next few days to get ready.
- Show the child photographs of the school or drive past the school just to familiarise them.
- Maybe mark on a calendar how many sleeps / days until school.
- Listen to and validate 2 worries and then talk / focus on 3 exciting things about being back to school.

We have added some visuals to support with this on our COVID-19 page on the WFS website. Just follow the link

https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/_site/data/files/documents/communication/Going%20back%20to%20school.pdf

Careers and Life Beyond School

Spring is in bloom which means it's that time of year when pupils in year 10 upwards would normally attend the Worcestershire Skills Show. This sadly cannot go ahead this year. To replace it, the Worcestershire Careers Hub has put together a video highlighting some of the options available to Worcestershire SEND young people once they leave school, you can find it on youtube:



<https://youtu.be/PiVT-qpFKsl>

For more information about the Careers and Preparing for Adulthood learning at WFS, please have a look at the 'Careers' and 'Sixth Form' pages on our website. You'll also find here a link to the 'Moving On' booklet which provides further information about future options. For full information regarding provision, advice and support please look at the Worcestershire Local Offer website.

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer>

Planning future pathways and outcomes for your child can be overwhelming to say the least! Our advice is to start planning early, from year 9 or even earlier. Class teachers will discuss this in PSHCE lessons and send home any information we receive from colleges or providers. Have a look at the information suggested above and contact your child's class teacher, Tom George (careers and transition advisor) or myself if you require any further information.

Rebekah Thompson, Assistant Headteacher

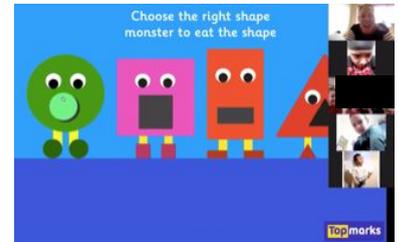
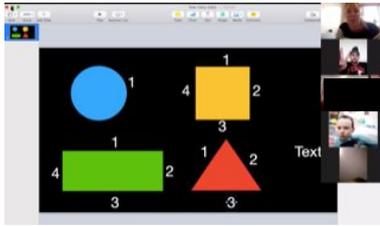
Moving On

Information about Transition and Careers



OAK & PINE

OAK and PINE have continued their work on 2D shapes via Zoom, looking at their properties by counting their sides and corners.



ACORNS - Reception Class

We have been having fun outside exploring different ways of moving, we have been using the tunnel to get from one place to another, using the bikes and cars to move around the tyres and using our feet around an obstacle course. We have also been exploring our skills with kicking and throwing balls.



BIRCH Class

BIRCH Class have been superstars yet again this week! We had lots of fun on our World Book Day themed zooms where we had a tiger who came to our tea party and then a potato character competition! The children all made amazing potatoes from their favourite books! I wonder if you can guess who they made in the picture!



WOODLANDS



We've enjoyed a Jungle sensory Zoom with WOODLANDS Class and WOODLANDS Bubble joined in too.! Megan has enjoyed socialising and just having a good chat



CHERRY Class

It's been another busy week of home learning ! Zoom lessons, phonics, maths and measuring at home, as well as learning about how we are all growing and changing every day!

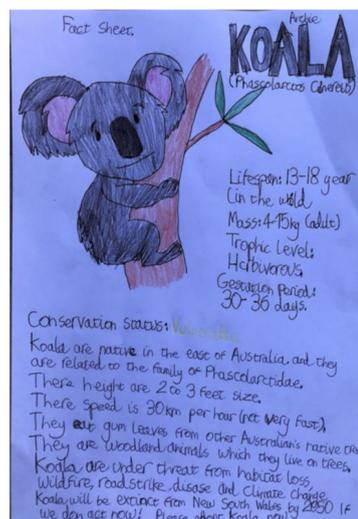
Last Friday we had an active Fun Friday Zoom with children and their families all joining in the activities to stay fit and healthy. A great big THANKYOU to all of our wonderful CHERRY families for their enthusiastic and committed support with home learning again.



13K

13K had virtual visits to Edinburgh Zoo and Cotswolds Wildlife Park. We were lucky enough to see a panda eating, a sleepy koala and some very busy penguins. Brian drew this amazing Lion and Archie made a fact file about Koala's. We have also been discussing good personal presentation and hygiene when working in a cafe. Chloe produced a staff instruction manual with some top tips on how to present yourself at work.

11. Do be friendly and polite, be helpful ,give good eye contact and always smile.



Good skills at working in cafe

- 1, clean hair, clean nails and clean clothes .
- 2, Have long hair tied back, Look natural, no bright colours.
- 3, Hair accessories plain and simply.
- 4, Be well clean. Natural hair no bright colours .
- 5, Nails need to be clean , short and trimmed and no nail polish.
- 6, Have wedding rings only, watch and simply earring no hoop earring.
- 7, Makeup light and natural .
- 8, Perfumes have natural smells , not strong,
- 9, shoes need to be cleaned and polished .
- 10, Do not chew gum, use mobile phone , fold arms,lean, point at people and run.

Bubble 4

We have looked at The Snail and The Whale, we looked at who, what doing and where. We also matched the sentences to the story.

We also celebrated St David's Day, colouring the welsh flag, learning about the day, Jess also dressed up as a daffodil!

In maths we looked at measuring, we measured items around the classroom using a ruler, we also measured each other and saw how tall we all were!

In PSHCE, we looked at the story of The Colour Monster and we talked about our own feelings and what made us happy, sad and angry.



ASH Class

ASH Class have worked really hard in their final week of lockdown learning. On Tuesday the children participated in a wellbeing Zoom, focussing on returning to school. Su was in school & did a 'virtual tour' of the classroom. The children talked about how they felt about coming back to school, what they were looking forward to, & any worries that they had. Thursday was our last Zoom lesson. We celebrated World Book Day by dressing up & sharing stories. Look for the photos on the World Book Day Newsletter!



12S & 13B Classes

12s and 13B have been enjoying some social and communication time together.

We had lots of fun answering questions and following instructions.

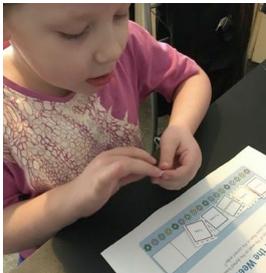


Learning with Wyre Forest School

Once again, our pupils are proving how useful they are around the home, making toast, cleaning cars, recycling and hanging out the washing - all good life skills! Other pupils are busy learning in school.



CHERRY Class Recycling Officer!



Bubble painting linked to The Little Mermaid Story

Elm Class are working hard at home and in school!



Spot the difference? Who's the Pupil and who's the Teacher?



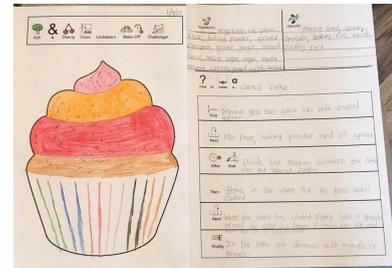
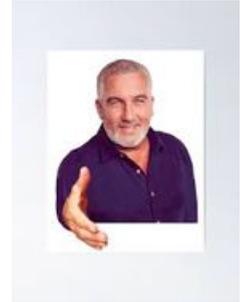
Cookery with Wyre Forest Pupils!

To complete the last week in lockdown, both **ASH & CHERRY** Classes participated in a 'Bake-Off' Challenge! First, came the 'Signature Bake' where the children designed their own cakes.

This was followed by the "Technical Challenge" where children wrote instructions about how to make their cakes. Finally, came the 'Showstopper Challenge' where the children baked their magnificent masterpieces!

Everyone had so much fun and produced cakes worthy of a Paul Hollywood handshake!

Well done Ash & Cherry Class! 🍰 🍩



Meanwhile....the rest of Wyre Forest School have been cooking scones this week, millionaires shortbread and a lovely Victoria Sponge!



Diet starts next week folks!!!





Starting Well Wyre Forest: Parenting & Community Team would like to invite you to our top-tips for parents/carers sessions...

Sensory Differences

- 9th March—Sensory Differences—Understanding our senses 10—11am
- 23rd March—Sensory Differences—Strategies to support 6-11 year olds 10—11am
- 13th April—Sensory play for 0-5 year olds 1—2pm
- 4th May—Sensory Differences—Strategies to support children 12 years and over 1—2pm

To receive details on how to join these webinars please contact admin.wyreforest@barnardos.org.uk
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Starting Well Wyre Forest: Parenting & Community Team would like to invite you to our top-tips for parents/carers sessions...

The Importance of Routines and establishing good sleeping habits

- 12th March—Importance of routines under 10 year olds 10—11am
- 19th March—Importance of routines 10 years and above 10—11am
- 23rd April—Better sleeping habits for under 10 year olds 10—11am
- 30th April—Better sleeping habits for 10 years and over 10—11am

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Let's get talking, listening & understanding our children

- 8th March—Let's get talking, listening & understanding our children – The importance of communicating 11am—12noon
- 15th March—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our babies/toddlers 11am—12noon
- 29th March—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our primary age children 11am—12noon
- 19th April—Let's get talking, listening, understanding our teenagers 11am—12noon

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Starting Well Wyre Forest: Parenting & Community Team would like to invite you to our top-tips for parents/carers sessions...

Coping with Change

- 16th March—Coping with change information for under 10 year olds 1—2pm
- 23rd March—Coping with change information for children age 10 years and over 1—2pm

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