

# Newsletter Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021



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[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=wyre+forest+school](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, sign of the week is SAD. 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 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>

## Comic Relief – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Pupils and staff can wear something red to school. We have set up a go fund me page where families can donate. A suggested donation would be £1 for pupils if they wanted to wear red to school on that date.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/wyre-forest-school-rednoseday21>

Pupils will also be taking part in a whole school zoom dance-a-thon throughout the day in their class bubbles as well as engaging in a range of Red Nose Day activities within their classes. There will be some joke telling and nose designing competitions for pupils to take part in as well whilst at school.

**Unfortunately, due to current circumstances we will not be selling noses in school and would advise that your child not bring them into school as they could be passed between pupils which would not be covid safe.**



## Friends of Wyre Forest School

The friends of WFS are having a zoom meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend, please email Chloe Smith for an invitational link [chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk)



## Parent Carer SEND Survey

A survey has been launched to find out what Worcestershire Parents & Carers think about the services available for their children and young people with Special Educational needs/disability (SEND).

The SEND Improvement Parent Carer survey has been co-produced by Families in Partnership and Worcestershire Children First. This annual survey forms part of Worcestershire's improvement journey and is where we ask about what is working well and not working so well with our services for SEND.

The survey is open to all parent carers in Worcestershire and is anonymous, it closes at midnight on Sunday 18th April 2021. If you would like to share your views, please click on the following link <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=161035436599>



## Pupil covid home test kits

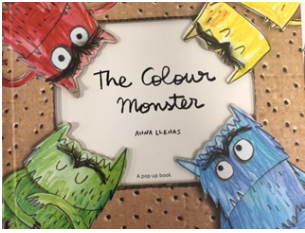
Some secondary pupils have been given home test kits to be completed Monday and Thursday before coming in to school. If you would like test for your secondary aged child, please contact us at school. Don't forget if you want tests *for yourself and others in your family* these can be arranged by following this link ...

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

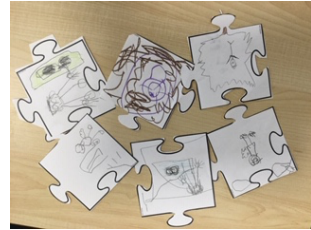
There is a booklet with the test kit that explains the process including;

- if pupils have a positive test at home, they must go to a test centre for further test. Members of the household must isolate until the result of the test is known.
- if a pupil then receives a positive result, the pupil and family need to continue to isolate at home as per Government guidance.
- if the second test is negative, then the pupil can go back to school.

## CHERRY Class



CHERRY Class have settled back into school happily and enthusiastically. We have enjoyed listening to the 'The Colour Monster' story and drawing how each of our colours felt during the current lockdown. We then worked together to make a Happy Puzzle - thinking about all of the things that we could do in school to try to make everyone in Cherry Class feel Happy. What a fantastic start to our "Happy" Term.



## ELM Class

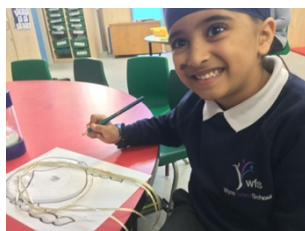


ELM have been looking at Holi Festival and how they celebrate using coloured paints. We have made our own painted people and enjoyed flicking and spraying paints outside!



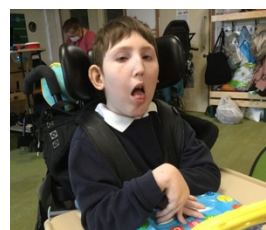
## OAK Class

The children in OAK Class have had an amazing return to school. We have been exploring the story of Rapunzel, making totals to 10 and making bird feeders and searching for signs of spring in Forest School. The children have really impressed us with how well they have settled back in to routines, well done Oak Class!



## WOODLANDS

In WOODLANDS we have been doing some communication work and choosing around our Rainforest theme and have also been exploring different sensory items and asking for "more".





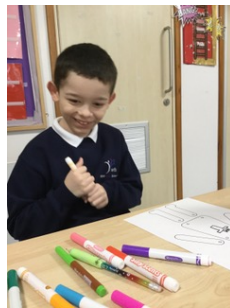
### HAZEL Class

HAZEL Class have had a fabulous first week back in school and we've had lots of laughter, jokes and big cheesy smiles. It is lovely to be back and to celebrate, we have had a Back to School Party with party games to celebrate lockdown birthdays and our first time being in school in 2021!

We have been talking about The Colour Monster story and just like the colour monster, we have been putting our feelings into jars. We now know that we can pull out a feeling and find ways to think about that feeling and talk about it if we need to or would like to. Here is Joshua with his finished feelings jar and a close up of Ethan Hewitt's with lovely soft feathers to look after his feelings and keep them safe in the jar.

Everybody drew somebody that made them feel happy: some of us drew our favourite story or movie characters and some of us drew special people in our lives like our Mum's, Dad's and ourselves! Maddi drew herself; Elissa made a beautiful picture of her favourite Disney character and Ethan drew Mummy.

Rebecca was 10 years old on Thursday! Happy birthday Rebecca. Love from all of your friends and Teachers in Hazel class.



### WILLOW Class

WILLOW Class have been planting Gladioli bulbs for their Mummies for Mother's Day.



### YEW Class

YEW Class engaged with activities to develop an understanding of the Hindu festival of colour, Holi.



### BEECH Class

BEECH Class have been working really hard on their independence skills so far this half term. Our current focus in class is to make a drink and drink it out of a cup! We have followed instructions, poured our ingredients and tasted our creations. Well done Beech!



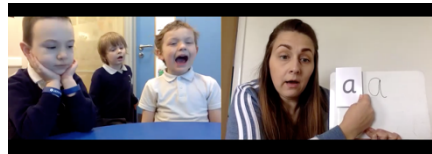
## ACORNS Class

The children have loved this week's story on The Gingerbread Man. We have done lots of baking, looking at the story and pretending to be the characters from the story.



## OAK & PINE

3 pupils from OAK & PINE have been working on their phonics over zoom and have moved on to learning their speed sounds, set 1. They have been practising making the sounds, letter formation rhymes, and air-writing.



## 13K

13K have settled back into sixth-form life perfectly - it's as though we've never been away! Staff have been so proud of their conduct and maturity.

This week's Employee of the Week goes to Chloe who worked so hard during lockdown attending all of the zoom sessions and completing all of her work on time. She demonstrated the following employability skills;

**Maturity, Time Keeping, following instructions, using initiative & Problem solving**

This week, students have been gathering together some questions ready for a zoom meeting with OurWay Advocacy and Night Stop to find out more about the service they offer in our community.



**Advocacy  
Groups**



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**NIGHTSTOP  
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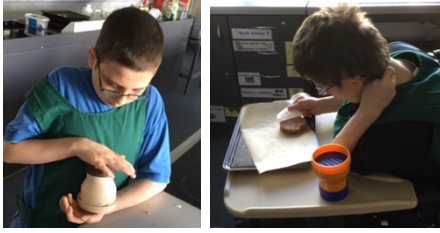
## 12S

Students in 12S have been making their own lunches!





## 10L



Pupils in 10L have been making home-made burgers, and checking they are cooked through by using a temperature probe!



## Molly & Russell House pupils

We've emailed a letter home with the newsletter about Molly, our wellbeing dog. Here she is with Mrs Garratt and a few of the students at Russell House.



West Mercia Police are running an Easter Bonnet competition for all you crafters!

# WEST MERCIA POLICE



# EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Entries to be sent to: [kidderminstereast.snt@Westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:kidderminstereast.snt@Westmercia.pnn.police.uk)



## Information from Worcestershire Association of Carers - LD Register and importance of registering as a carer at GP Surgery

The Learning Disability Register is a record of people with a learning disability who are registered with each GP practice. The Register is sometimes referred to as the Quality Outcomes Framework (QOF) Register.

Mencap have some information around this as well, but in short -

If you have a learning disability you can get extra support when visiting the doctor. To get support you need to join the learning disability register - which could also mean you can have a free Annual Health Check. It has become more apparent recently in line with the vaccination roll out how important this is.

### **We are also trying to raise awareness of the importance of carers registering with their GP.**

If your doctor knows you are a carer, they can ask you about any physical or mental health issues you may have because of caring. And the practice can try to be more flexible in terms of finding you appointments, etc.

There are various reasons it is useful to register as a carer with the GP Surgery. If your doctor and surgery know you are a carer they can:

- support you with any physical health issues related to your caring role, like tiredness
- make you aware of the carer's flu jab each year
- talk to you about your mental health and the impact of your caring role
- provide you with general information and advice
- refer you to helpful organisations and services that can improve your caring situation
- give you flexible appointments at times that suit you

Carers can contact their GP Surgeries to request to be added as a carer.

Worcestershire Association of Carers can also support carers to get them on the GP Register so I would recommend any carer in a caring role, getting in touch with WAC, referring to the service if not already registered with us and requesting support to be added to their GP Surgery database as a carer.

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