

Newsletter Friday 28th May 2021



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Message from Mrs Garratt.

I am very proud to say that Mr Thomas was successful in an interview, to become the Headteacher of Severndale Specialist academy in Shrewsbury. We are obviously delighted for Mr Thomas, and this new exciting chapter of his life, but we can honestly say, he is irreplaceable! He has given Wyre Forest School 11 years of unwavering service and dedication and for that we are truly grateful.



He will begin his new position in September 2021 and we know he will be amazing.

Information for Parents

- We will be advising Parents about classes for September and transition dates the week commencing 14th June 2021.
- Don't forget, last day for ordering school uniform for a September delivery is Monday 7th June 2021
- The DfE are asking school staff and those pupils who are home testing to do the following over the half term break:
 - - continue to test twice a week
 - - report results [online](#) as positive, negative or void.
 - - Go for a further test, to a test site if a positive is found.
 - - ***Test before returning to school either the night before, or the morning of the first day back***

- Pupils returning from holidays outside of the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and Ireland taken during Whitsun week:

Red Listed countries

Pupils or staff who have been to any of these countries in the 10 days prior to entering the UK: **Must not attend school until:**

They have completed 14 days in a managed quarantined hotel and taken 2 COVID-19 tests with negative test results. They should quarantine with a parent or legal guardian, not at home.

Amber Listed countries

Pupils or staff who have been to any of these countries in the 10 days prior to entering the UK: **Must not attend school until:**

They have quarantined at home or in the place they are staying for 10 days.

They have taken a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 and on or after day 8 and these are negative.

Children aged 4 and under do not need to take the day 2 or day 8 test.

Green Listed countries

Pupils or staff who have been to any of these countries in the 10 days prior to entering the UK: **May return to school only if:**

They have taken a COVID-19 test on or before day 2 after they arrive back in England which has returned a negative result (day 0 = day they arrive back in England). This should be undertaken by a COVID-19 test provider, provider lists available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing/list-of-private-providers-of-coronavirus-testing>

Children aged 4 and under do not need to take this test.

Pupils and staff do not need to quarantine unless the test result is positive.

Pupils and staff must quarantine if NHS Test & Trace informs them that they travelled to England with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

- Inclusive Cycling for everyone in the Wyre Forest; These sessions help riders with a range of goals; whether to get into a new sport, meet new friends, improve fitness and confidence or rehabilitate from injury. Riders of any level are encouraged to attend these sessions. The Stourport disability Hub has a range of adapted equipment on site which includes handcycles, tandems and trikes, making the sessions accessible for all. Please have a look on their website and get in touch, there are events this weekend!



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Communication Team News

This week, sign of the week is FINISHED. Please follow the link.



<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>

Swimming at School!!!

A few of our children have been able to swim in our hydrotherapy pool in school, everyone loved it and had fun splashing in the water, as well as doing some physiotherapy exercises.

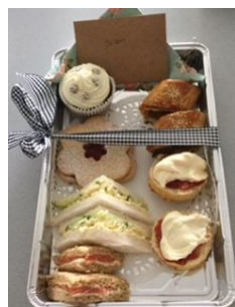


Cooking in School

A massive congratulations to my Year 11 Food Tech exam group. Everyone has successfully passed their BTEC level 2, home cooking skills qualification. I could not be more proud of them all, the students worked so hard and have not only grown in skills, but confidence. Don't forget to keep cooking at home now!

Ms Jilli Guy

Food Tech specialist



Well done Year 11 Food Tech students, you have totally come up trumps with your afternoon tea's for staff. Just saying a big thank you in home baked treats for the help and support given throughout their time at WFS. Excellently prepared and presented and some very grateful Teachers and TA's.

SIXTH FORM News

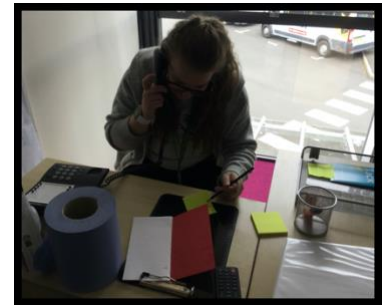


The Sixth Form Class 13B "learning shop," FIASCO's, is nearly open for business! The students will be using this to help them with real-life maths skills.

Also, in Class 13B, Chloe been class secretary for the week she has taken this role on with a professional attitude. Chloe was very polite when answering

telephone and recording messages on post-it notes.

Class Teacher, Naomi, and Chloe where very pleased to receive lovely feedback from a fellow secretary.



Chloe was excellent – so professional, clear voice, I'm a bit worried I might be out of a job soon! Lol! x

Kind regards

Gemma

Gemma Shaw
Administration Assistant

We continued to clear a corner of the allotment where we will establish wildflower and well-being area. We also split seedlings ready to sell as vegetable plants. We have lettuce, peas, beans, radish and beetroot so far.



Meanwhile, in Sixth Form Class 13K...the students have been busy during their Maths lesson setting up a small business recycling teapots! We will be selling them in school and at the café £5 each or 2 for £9. All money raised will be going towards the School Leavers Disco.



A new group of students from Sixth Form Class 13K opened Blossom Tree Café this Tuesday. They all worked extremely well having not been in an actual working environment before. They learnt everything they needed during their Hospitality lessons in class. We are open every Tuesday 10am till 12pm please come and support us if you can. The café is in Springfield Park, Kidderminster DY10 2PS.



Both Sixth Form Classes 12S & 13B have been taking part in a dance photography project 'Reimagine Inclusive' by Dancefest. We have been dancing on Zoom, outside and choosing our favourite moves. We have also been exploring movements with ribbons. In June we will be meeting up with schools on Zoom for the SEND dance festival. Students are looking forward to sharing their dance work.



Russell House News

Russell House student of the week is Chloe

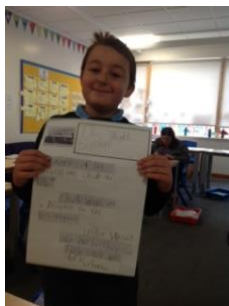
Chloe has been extremely kind to new students. She has shown kindness and compassion.



HAZEL CLASS

In Literacy, HAZEL Class have been working hard to write their own biographies about The Wright Brothers, who invented the first aeroplanes. Everyone has worked really hard to write or verbalise full sentences about them. Well done everyone.

They went on to make their own aeroplanes, they used recycled plastic bottles and sticky back plastic, they also used card to make windows and wings to help it fly. Elissa received a head teachers award for her fantastic design and completing her plane exactly to her plan, Well Done Elissa!



ELM Class

Fraser was able to copy the same duplo tower as the one the adult made and Freddie enjoyed some colour sorting with jelly cubes!



YEW Class

This week in Forest School we had a fire pit and toasted marshmallows, after learning how to do fire lighting in the weeks before with Richard we were all very safe and enjoyed the process. After this we all celebrated the good weather as we had a picnic lunch in Forest School with sandwiches that the children had independently made the day before in our class cooking session. This was all enjoyed greatly by YEW class children and we hope to do a similar session again next term.

We also spent time observing the bugs and bees around us, some of us even had the chance to hold some on our hands!



OAK & PINE Class

Thank you Mr Liggitt !!!

OAK & PINE Classes would like to say a big thank you to Mr Liggitt for all our amazing enjoyable Forest School sessions this half term. We really enjoyed finding bugs, racing them and chilling in the hammock.



This week OAK Class have been looking at creators following their topic helping hands. They have been expressing their selves being artists, pop singers and rock stars!

ACORNS – Reception



Children in ACORNS Reception Class planted the runner beans 4 weeks ago, and have been looking after them each week. We looked at them again today and gave them a good water. Hopefully they will continue to grow and we can have some beans!



Class 9H



9H have planted their runner bean seeds too and also visited the Wyre Forest where we got soaked but had a great time



Class 10L



Class 10L Went on a fantastic walk in the Wyre Forest with Molly the therapy dog and have been toasting marshmallows at Forest School.



BIRCH Class

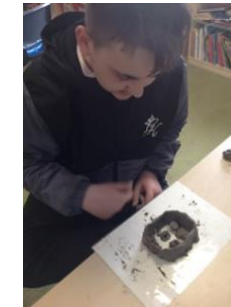


BIRCH Class loved a visit from Molly the school therapy dog with Mrs G! Here's Levi and Archie having a cuddle! They were both very gentle and kind to Molly, it was a lovely visit.



Class 8C

This half term year 8 have been looking at changes through time and we have explored the Stoneage, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. We have learnt all about famous archaeological sites like Skara Brea and Stonehenge. We have recreated some Stone Age cave paintings, built clay models of Skara Brae and used our research of Stonehenge and its link with the sun to create some Stonehenge silhouettes.



CHERRY Class

This week CHERRY Class have been learning about different places. Places that they have visited or seen in photographs or stories. We then thought about the place that make us feel really happy before choosing our favourite Happy Place. The children have some wonderful Happy Places such as a beach, the car racing track, Peppa Pig World, Pizza Hut and the caravan to name a few. We drew our Happy Place and made lists of the things that are at our special places, as well as thinking about why these places make us feel happy. The children are now enjoying making a model of their special places so that they can visit whenever they need cheering up! Hopefully we will soon be able to visit all of the places that are special to all of us and make us feel happy.

