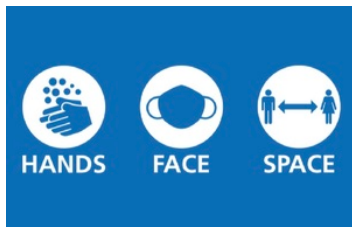


# Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021



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## Information for Parents – Lots to read!!!

### Public Notice on the proposal to increase places at Wyre Forest Special School

I am writing to inform you of the proposal of Worcestershire County Council to increase the number of places at Wyre Forest Special School from 271 to 300 pupils from September 2021. Full information can be found on this link.

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20585/school\\_organisation\\_and\\_provision\\_planning/90/education\\_reviews\\_and\\_consultations/21](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20585/school_organisation_and_provision_planning/90/education_reviews_and_consultations/21)

A four-week representation period is required following such a notice. The formal representation period will run from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to **noon on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021**.

Anyone wishing to comment must do so in writing by the closing date of the representation period. Details on how to comment are available at the above link.

## Communication Team News

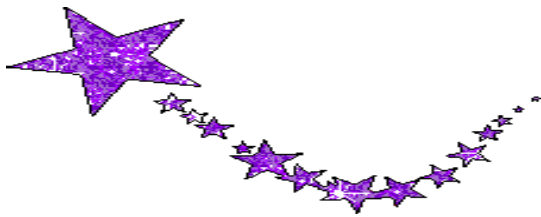
This week, sign of the week is SUN. Please follow the link.

<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>





**Wear something sparkly to school....**

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June** is National Thank a Teacher Day.....at WFS we could not just thank our teachers, as it is all the staff in the school that make WFS the great place it is from the admin team, to the site managers to the TAs, to the teachers – everyone has a role in providing the very best we can for our pupils. Therefore, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, we would like to say thank you to all our staff. We would like everyone to wear something sparkly, or if that's not their thing to wear funky sunglasses. If the pupils would like to bring in some cakes/biscuits, in a wipeable container, to have for afternoon tea in their classrooms, they can do this too.

Some of you will be aware that Mrs Garratt has been nominated for a National Teaching Award in the category of The Lockdown Award for Learner and Community Support, on this day, we will find out if she has won an award. It doesn't matter to us if she does or not, she's already our Lockdown Hero.

Looking forward to seeing everyone sparkle. Jo Kehoe & Brian Thomas

Some of you might know me as I am a Class Teacher currently in YEW Class.

I am about to embark on a fabulous adventure... Next week I will be heading down to Dover to join a relay team swimming the channel!

I am swimming in a team of 5 ladies called 'Cinq au Swim'. We will be swimming in one-hour rotations until we clear the water and stand on French soil. The swim will take around 16 hours.

I am really excited to have this opportunity and it acts as the perfect opportunity to raise some much-needed funds for equipment for our outdoor play space.

I have set up a 'just giving' page and have been blown away by the support I have received so far but any additional donations would be gratefully received!

Fingers crossed the next picture of me will be celebrating our crossing!

Thank you for your support

Justine



[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/justine-ledwith?utm\\_id=1&utm\\_term=aRdZjdzWX](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/justine-ledwith?utm_id=1&utm_term=aRdZjdzWX)

## Kidderminster College Transition Days



Kidderminster College are putting on transition events for all young people who have been offered a place to start in September 2021. We encourage you to take your child along to these events, they are a great way to look around college, meet course tutors and ask questions.

For young people starting the Progression Course, the taster day will take place on 7th July.  
For young people starting the Access to FE or other courses, the taster day will take place on 24th June.

Please lookout for an email from Kidderminster College giving you further information.

## Children with Disabilities (CWD) Register

We have re-launched our co-produced Children with Disabilities (CWD) register and are keen to get as many families signed up as possible. To do this we ask that you share the information below with families you come into contact with and encourage them to sign up. On signing up to the register the child will receive a certificate stating that they are on the register. This may be able to be used to get discounts at local attractions.

### What is the register?

All Local Authorities have a statutory responsibility to maintain a register of children and young people with disabilities who live in their area.

The CWD register is an information database designed to collate the contact details of all disabled children and young people within Worcestershire. The register is voluntary, and information provided cannot be verified.

### What we will use the information for?

By registering, families can be kept up to date on service and support within Worcestershire, email addresses obtained via the online form will be used to communicate news and updates with those parent/carers and young people who gave consent to be contacted.

Additionally, the Register is used for statistical information and also helps to keep families involved in the development of new services. It will help us as a Local Authority make better decisions when we are planning and developing services for all families and children.

### Why we want people to sign up

Families signed up to the register will receive monthly news and updates from WCF, WCC and partner agencies specifically around SEN/D. This gives us an opportunity to communicate with families, involve them in workshops or focus groups we have planned and get their feedback through surveys. Better communication and involvement of our families and children and young people will strengthen our relationships with them.

For more information watch our [short animation video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft-olaREHaw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ft-olaREHaw) or visit our [Local Offer website https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/send)

## Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Class 12S have been working on making hot drinks. This week pupils got the chance to pick from a selection of coffee, teas, and lattes to make. Pupils were amazing and enjoyed their drinks very much.



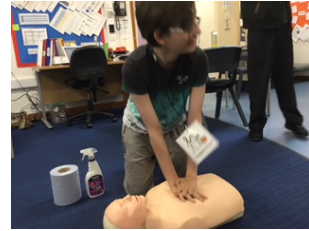
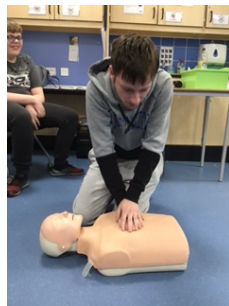
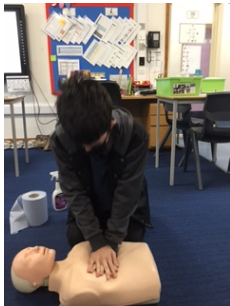
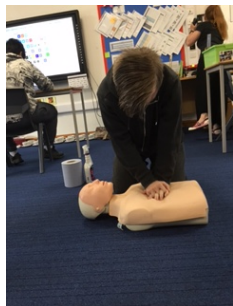
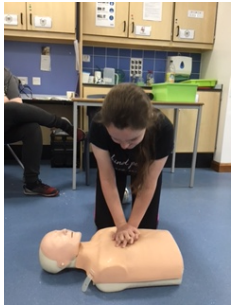
Sixth Form Students took part in a car wash to raise money for the leavers party. Pupils were very responsible and took their jobs very seriously.

## 6th form car wash





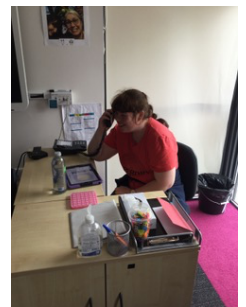
13K have been practicing First Aid skills in PSHCE. They gave compressions to 'The Resuscitation Annie' Doll and were interviewed by Wyre Forest Schools very own First Aider!



13B

This week's class secretary in 13B has been Chelsea!

Chelsea has been practicing answering the phone and asking who is calling.



## CHERRY Class

What a lovely time CHERRY Class had on their Molly walk this week.

A very excited Cherry Class, children and staff, joined Mrs Garrett and Molly for a walk on the school field. We spent an hour in the sunshine, learning how to stroke and be kind and caring to animals, as well as safely feeding Molly her favourite reward treats. Some of the children were a little nervous at first, but by the end of the session everyone was relaxed and we discovered some natural dog training experts.

With Molly safely back in school, we enjoyed a picnic lunch under our favourite tree. It really was a lovely day. Well done Cherry Class for being superstars and thank you to Molly and Mrs Garrett for a wonderful time. We can't wait to walk Molly again.



## Class 9W

In Literacy Class 9W have been designing and writing their own recipes. They have had lots of fun making their final product.



## BIRCH Class

Oh Help! Oh No! It's the BIRCH Class Gruffalo's!!!

This half term in Birch class we are focusing on our favourite stories! We have so many we like to read that it is a bit tricky to pick, but a story we all love is the Gruffalo! This week we have turned our role play corner into the deep dark woods that the Gruffalo lives in and have been very busy acting out the story! We have also used small characters in our small world play and used communication pages to share what is happening in the story. We have even made delicious Gruffalo Crumble in the tuff tray and learnt a song about the Gruffalo in a music session too. We have also used some tricky words to describe the characters from the story; Ryan told us that the 'Gruffalo was big and scary' and Riley said that 'The Gruffalo has yellow eyes'! Imogen has even been reading the story to her friends at the front of the classroom by herself. Fantastic work Birch Class, you are all superstars and we are very proud of you!



## HAZEL Class

In HAZEL Class this week we have started our Geography and Science topic about our planet, exploring what we have on planet Earth that we would miss on other planets. Everyone had lots of fun with these inflatable planets! Riley was very excited to see that Elissa had the whole world in her hands and Maddi was amazed by the size of the sun! Rebecca loved the colours of Mars.

Maddi and Riley have been working hard on the bikes this week. Maddi is really confident to ride without stabilisers and Riley really enjoys using the trike to feel safe. Well done for great bike riding both of you. Happy birthday to Maddi who is going to be 10 on Sunday! Love from all of your friends & teachers in Hazel class.







HAZEL class also had great fun pond dipping in forest school, we found lots of tadpoles, froglets, pond skaters, eggs, and lots of different pond insects! Everyone collected a small amount of water in a tub, then used nets to see what we could find! Well done everyone!

## Holiday Club

It was fantastic being able to get out and about again. We went to the Wyre Forest, Habberley Trail, Safari Park and Top Barn. Bring on the Summer Holidays so we can do it all -and more again. Look out for the email / text with the dates coming soon!



## Russell House News

Student of the week for Russell house is Mackenzie for having a positive attitude. Students in Russell House enjoyed a trip to the Severn Valley Country Park with Mrs Garratt and Molly. They enjoyed going on the play equipment, having a Picnic and interacting with Molly. Great fun was had by all!!

