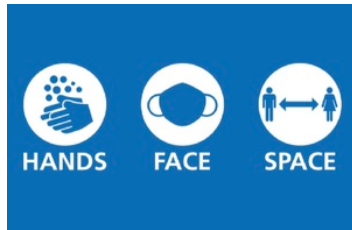




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Information for Parents

- Please remember **term ends Wednesday 21st July** and **starts Monday 6th September** and **Russell House reopens Monday 13th September**. Pupils new to our school in Years 1 to 14 will start on Tuesday 7th September.
- Several parents have been asking if they can send gifts in for school staff at the end of term. We obviously don't want people to go to the expense of buying gifts but appreciate it very much if you do want to express your thanks. If you could refrain from sending gifts in for school staff until after 19th July so that we know what the Prime Minister is going to say about COVID restrictions we would really appreciate it. As ever thank you for your kind words and gestures.
- If you are waiting to collect your child from school, please do not shout to pupils or staff. It really is not appropriate and I know many of you would not like it if your child was being shouted to or at by another parent. We will have to look at screening the fence if this continues.
- Please make sure you check your child's phone/devices daily to make sure they are not accessing or sending inappropriate material. Harassment and bullying using phones/devices outside of school can be and will be referred to the police.
- Sorry parents but..... The Year 11 leavers event was the best yet! It was outside, very relaxed and not having parents there reduced anxieties immensely. Many of our Year 11 pupils have left for different colleges and we wish them all the luck in the world. Those that are staying on in Sixth Form will continue to work extremely hard to achieve their very best.

- Classroom closures. Unfortunately, we have had to close some classes due to lack of staffing (poorly staff who have had to go for COVID tests and then self-isolate before getting the result which, thankfully, are coming back negative). As we cannot cross bubbles etc this is putting pressure on staffing and the safety of the children. We apologise for this but until the rules in schools on testing changes our hands are tied.
- We are currently waiting to see how life in the Autumn term will be different (or not) regarding COVID restrictions. As soon as we know I will let you know.
- There are some end of term activities taking place in classes/bubbles eg: sports activities etc Unfortunately, there will be no parent events this year - fingers crossed next year we can hold some.



Communication Team News

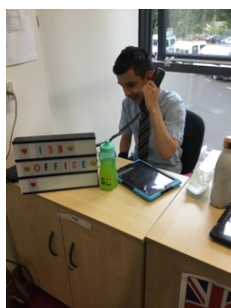
This week, sign of the week is SUN CREAM. Please follow the link.

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Sixth Form News

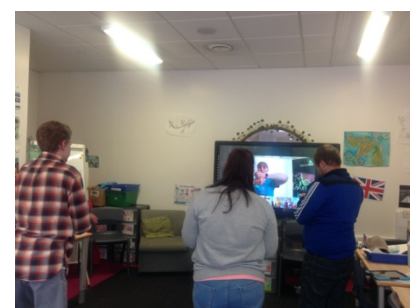
Sam from Class 12S has been designing and making his stage set back drop for the 6th Form's Got Talent Show. Sam has done a super job for such a large-scale painting!



This weeks' 13B Office Assistant has been Shareef – and what a Super Star he's been, comments from the WFS Office Team have been "superb", "amazing", "a joy to telephone"

He has arrived dressed for the part too. He has a different shirt and tie every day!

Classes 12S and 13B took part in a SEND dance festival organised by 'Dancefest.' We danced with staff and students from Fort Royal and Chadsgrove Schools. It was amazing to see everyone on Zoom and take part in a warm-up, learn a dance and create our own moves!
Well-done everyone - Rosie



JOHN MUIR AWARD



Older pupils at Wyre Forest School have been working towards their John Muir Award. They have been conserving and improving areas of the school grounds for wildlife.

11P have worked incredibly hard to make a wildlife pond, they added pond plants and tadpoles. With an additional frog home for next year's froglets. They also planted a large number of trees to increase diversity.



11MFA have been busy installing a mini beast home using old pallets, bricks, sticks and bamboo canes. They also added different kind of bird feeders and constructed an impressive compost heap to make leaf mulch for future years.



10PWG have also been using their skills to make a rather enchanting wildflower area that bees and butterflies will love. As well as some vegetable planters made from pieces of a disused shed.

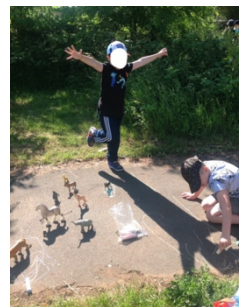
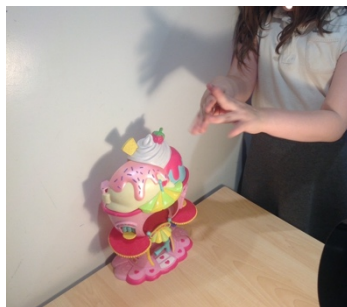


Kyle in Year 8 has received his Kestrel Award from the Worcester Wildlife Trust.

He has been working hard to study wildlife in the school grounds. He has been feeding the birds, building a bee home, planting flowers and vegetables, making items out of natural materials and writing a poem about nature. Then he gave a presentation to the rest of his class. The whole award took over a year due to COVID but he persevered throughout.

YEW Class

YEW class have been focusing on Shadows, the shadows we make ourselves and the shadows of objects. We investigated how shadows are made with the sun outside and even used a source of light to make our shadows in side with different resources.



PINE Class

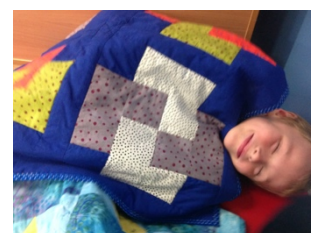
Over the past few weeks we have working hard on our own Transition Booklets for our pupils to take with them to show their new teachers. We have talked about ourselves, our families and friends, what we are good at and may need help with, our favourite things and what makes us happy and sad.

Our pupils have also shown us some wow moments this week with Freddy making playdough numbers independently and Tade and Sonaz doing some lovely small world play.



OAK Class

OAK Class have had a great time this week in their camping role play area, taking it in turns to cook breakfast and hot dogs on the campfire, sleeping in their tent and making shadow puppets with their camping torch.



BIRCH Class

This week in BIRCH class we have loved spending time with our friends. We have been doing lots of amazing sharing and interacting with each other! Particularly when we played with the books and the dressing up clothes.



HAZEL Class

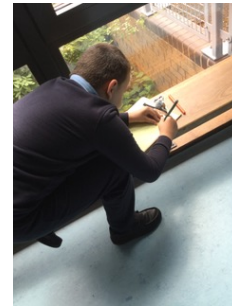
The children in HAZEL class have been busy this week with celebrating Children's Art Week. We have explored the importance of creativity and how this can make us feel happy because we have the chance to do something fun and express ourselves through using our imaginations. The children have been finding unusual places around school to draw their favourite pictures and use their imaginations.



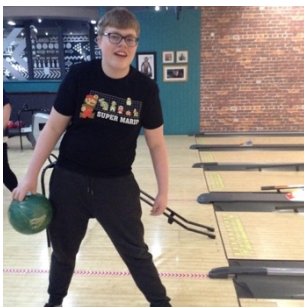
To continue our exploration of Children's Art Week, we have been exploring a very unique artist's work, Pablo Picasso, we chose an abstract picture, and carefully painted them, or we used felt tips. Well done everyone! They painted beautifully using cubism like Picasso and there are two other examples from their class peers. Can you guess what animals are hidden in their pictures?



Hazel class have also been offered the chance to do a Signalong signing session with St John's Primary School via Zoom which is very exciting! We have been asked to sign a special prayer and have been working hard to learn some tricky key-word signs. Catch up with us next week to see how our signing practice is going.



Russell House – Student of The Week



Johnathan is student of the week or having a positive and mature attitude at Russell House.

Appledown Art



One of our fabulous Parents has written a book "View from a cherry tree when I was only three", which is a children's book about growing up on Hoarstone Farm in Worcestershire. You can buy it from her new web page www.appledownart.co.uk, her Facebook page AppledownArt or by emailing appledownArt@gmail.com





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