



# Newsletter Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

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## Information for Parents



We are still battling staff and pupil absence from COVID and continue to have the same rigorous practices we have always had. Due to the large numbers of COVID, we are keeping masks in communal areas until our risk assessment changes. We have also received four air cleaning systems from the Government and we are placing these in rooms where there are/have been high levels of COVID. Staff are testing daily and those that have tested positive are testing day 5 and day 6 and if negative on both days, are returning on day 6. The staff have been amazing and those at home are desperate to get back to work.

Thank you to the families who are keeping us up to date about covid cases in your household and keeping their child at home if there is covid in the household. I think this is helping us immensely.

We were due to have face to face Parents Evening on 16th February, but due to the high levels of cases in school and in the Wyre Forest area generally, we have been advised to do this virtually. Class Teachers will contact you next week and arrange a convenient time/date to hold a parent meeting either by zoom or telephone. As long as we can ensure all parents have had a meeting by 18th February, we can be relatively flexible. Please remember that staff have families and elderly relatives to look after too so the meeting will be at a reasonable time.

Also, on the 16th February we were due to have our Life Beyond School Event. The last time we were able to do this person was February 2020 and it was absolutely brilliant. Mrs Thompson is working hard with all the external providers to produce a video to help parents to make some informed decisions about life after WFS. I really hope next year we can do this in person.

Advance Warning - Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and increased Bank Holidays, we will not be operating Holiday Club during May half term this year.

Please note, we are only allowed to supply Lateral Flow Tests to our Secondary aged pupils and above i.e., those in Years 7 – 14 only.

**School Uniform Update:** School Uniform can now ONLY be ordered through the School Trends Website <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/> and no longer via the School Finance Office.

The menu for week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 will be Week 2. They are offering a special Chinese New Year menu on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, please activate your Parent Pay and Relish account if you haven't already and would like your child to join in and you pay for school meals.



**Polite Notice; The School office will only have skeleton staff from 2 – 3.30pm Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan**

## Vaccination Information

### Covid Vaccination – Phase 2, 12 – 15 Year Olds.

We have been advised by The Vaccination Team that they will be in school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, to give the second dose of the Covid vaccination for pupils aged 12-15, who have had their first dose. This is also now been opened to all children aged between 12-15 years, who didn't receive the first dose of this vaccine (this may be due to not being in the age bracket at the time) and now wish to consent. **An email has been sent to all relevant Parents with a letter and a link to consent to the vaccine. The link to give consent expires on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021** Please ensure you complete the form before this date, thank you.

### Year 9 DTP/MEN ACWY Vaccination

The Vaccination Team will be in school on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> to deliver this vaccine to all Year 9's. They are no longer sending out paper copies of consent forms, all Year 9 Parents will be emailed the letter with the link to click on to give / not give consent. The link will expire on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, so please respond before that date. **Please click on the link even if you DO NOT give consent, thank you.**

### OAK Class



OAK Class have been reading the story The Sun and the Wind this week as part of our topic Whatever the Weather. We have enjoyed experimenting with wind using a fan, feeling the wind in our hair and watching it blow paper and streamers.



### PINE Class

Let's get physical! PINE Class participate in Sensory circuit on a Thursday morning - it's using our senses to make us aware of our bodies e.g. help us move in a variety of ways, how we balance and how we can then calm and regulate.



### ACORNS - Reception

In ACORNS Class we have been continuing our learning about colours, looking at the colour blue. We made some blueberry scones in class, they were delicious!! We mixed them, moulded them, washed up and then the best part, we tasted them. Some of us tried blueberries for the first time, they made us feel super strong and healthy.





## SYCAMORE Class



In our topic we have been looking at around the world in 80 days. We have looked at America and learnt all about the food, culture, landmarks and weather. We have now travelled to Egypt where we have so far learnt about the Pharaoh's. We have made our very own Egyptian Head dresses!



## WILLOW Class

Two boys worked really hard this week! They found the animal box and the train track and independently designed their own safari park! Great work boys! In personal hygiene this half term we have been busy talking about how to look after our teeth and how to keep clean! We have had lots of fun cleaning our teeth and know which foods are healthy for our teeth too! Great work WILLOW Class, you are all superstars!



## ELM Class

This week for 'word aware' we have been learning about empty. We have been looking at the quantity in pots and talked about them being empty or not empty in both water and sensory trays.



## HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class had a great time Forest School this week searching for natural materials to make a Mouse House and a Bug hotel in their teams.





## ASH Class



This week, ASH class have been learning about "Be bright. Be safe. Be seen". So, the children have done lots of activities, about being bright to keep safe.



## FIR Class

This week in FIR Class we have been tasting some traditional Chinese foods ready for Chinese New Year. We tried sauces, vegetables and the very popular prawn crackers. The noodles were our favourite but one of the sauces were a bit too spicy for most of us. Logan loved the crunchy water chestnuts!



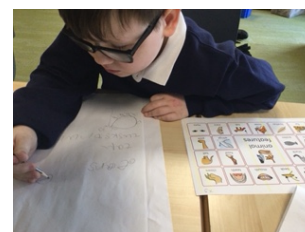
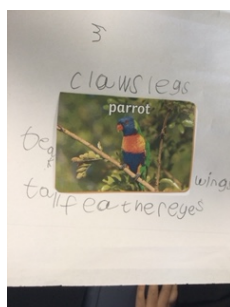
## ROWAN Class

ROWAN Class have been busy learning about describing words this half term and are now so good at describing jungle animals, that we have been using them to make a jungle animal riddles quiz. The children chose some of their favourite animals and wrote their own riddles e.g. I am grey and big and rough. What am I? We used these for our jungle quiz, which the children all enjoyed. It became very competitive between the two teams!

We have also been learning about the features of different groups of animals and using this information to sort animals into groups e.g. mammals, birds, insects etc as well as playing animal features I spy and Bingo and of course having a game of Beetle Drive. For the less mature readers (in years), you may need to look that up!

After watching how jungle animals move, the class all participated in a game of animal charades for part of our drama lesson.

Well done Rowan Class what a super week we have had.



## Class 10H

The Young Adventurers Club have been visiting 10H this term. So far, we have made shelters, hunted for insects, made insect hotels, and took part in orienteering! We even found a mouse in its cosy nest!



## Year 11 & Sixth Form News



Some Year 11 and sixth-form students took part in a workshop with Crimestoppers last week to learn more about County Lines and what it means.

It was really important for students to spot the signs and know how to keep themselves and others safe.

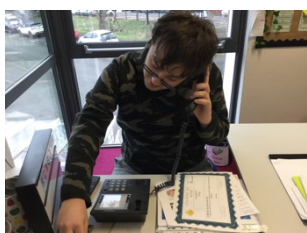
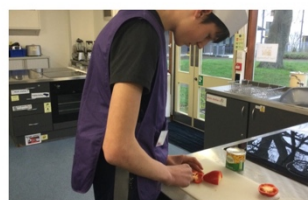
More information about County Lines and how to report crimes anonymously, can be found on the Fearless website <https://www.fearless.org>

Students also took part in a Zoom meeting with Wendy from 'Stop Loan Sharks' to learn about what a loan shark is, the dangers of borrowing money from a loan shark and how to get help.

We learnt that Loan Sharks are criminals and should be reported.



The Hot Topping enterprise business opened its doors last Friday to staff. We have been very lucky and have been given lots of freebies from Pizza Express. We have been given, massive cans of pizza express sauce, pizza cutters, pizza boxes and hats. We feel very lucky to have made such wonderful links with Pizza Express and hope to be able to visit them in the future to develop our vocational learning. Many thanks to Pizza Express.



This is Joshua from Class 13B being our office assistant this week. I have to say that he has listened carefully to feedback and improved his skills throughout the week. Well done Josh.

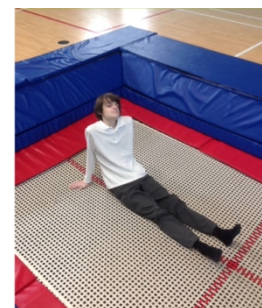
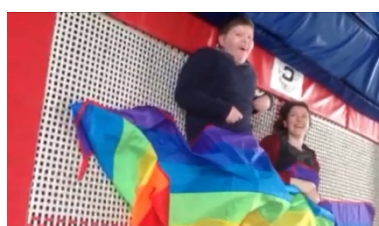
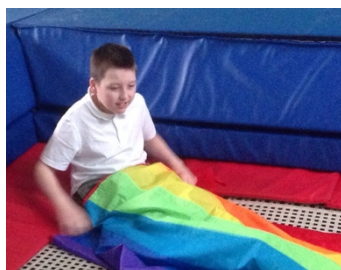
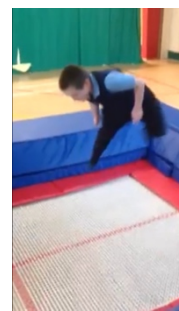
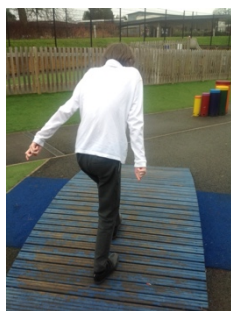


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## BEECH Class

This week BEECH Class have been developing their interests through exploring both indoors and outdoors. They have also been enjoying their rebound sessions.



**Well Done Tilly in Class 10H!**



All of Class 10H are very proud of Tilly this week! She got a certificate and a rose for her drama performance. Tilly had to learn and remember her lines and performed with very little prompting. She made her family and classmates very proud of her. Well done Tilly!

FEBRUARY 2022	
8	Safer Internet Day
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10	2pm — Early Years Stay and Play – Apologies, cancelled.
14	Fly2Help airport in school, post-14 pupils only
16	<b>VIRTUAL</b> - Parents Evening and Life Beyond School 3.30pm – 5.30pm
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