

# Newsletter Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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## Information for Parents



We are very keen to find out your views of 'Parent/Teacher Meetings' at WFS. Please could you spend 5 minutes completing this survey so we can ascertain your views and make any necessary changes. Please click on the link.

<https://forms.office.com/r/p8xVJGW2Qg>

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 14<sup>th</sup> February will be Week 1.



## COMMUNICATION TEAM News

Hi everyone,

Just letting you know we now have a set of WFS core signs that we are encouraging everyone to use. You will find videos of these signs on our WFS website in Our Learning/Communication/WFS Core Signs or just follow the link. We hope you find them useful!

<https://www.wfs.worcs.sch.uk/page/?title=WFS+Core+Signs&pid=258>



## Vaccination Information

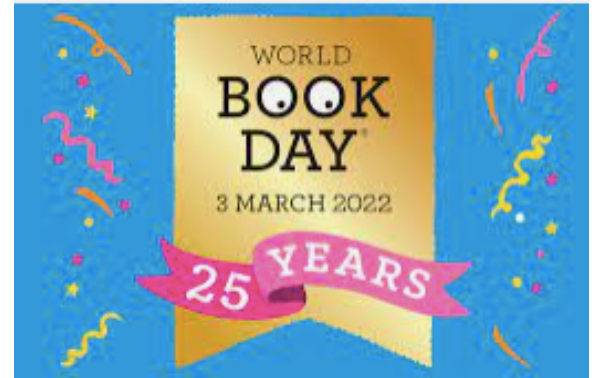
### Year 9 DTP/MEN ACWY Vaccination

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 today 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.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY!

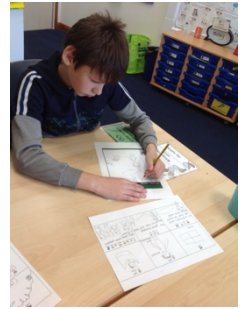


World Book Day 2022 is on **Thursday 3rd March** and we need your help! For one of our activities on World Book Day, we need clean, clear, empty plastic drinks bottles please. We don't mind what size and if they do not have a label on, that's even better! Please send them into your child's class teacher. Many thanks.



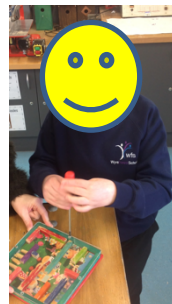
### ASH Class

This week ASH class have enjoyed doing different activities about keeping safe while using the internet. They have also work hard practicing their letter formation in phonics, they practised writing their letters in the rice and shaving foam.



### FOREST Class

Children in FOREST Class have been busy working hard to create their own wooden toys in their DT lessons in the vocational hub. The pupils have been in the workshop learning to use different tools to make their moving toys.





## SPRUCE Class

As part of their work about plants, pupils in SPRUCE Class have produced some wonderful collages.



## BEECH Class



This week BEECH Class have been developing their turn taking skills and peer interactions, they also enjoyed exploring at Forest School and making tree decorations.

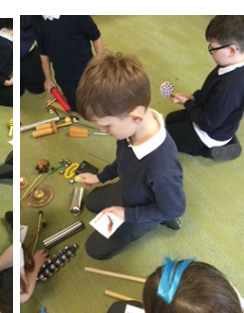
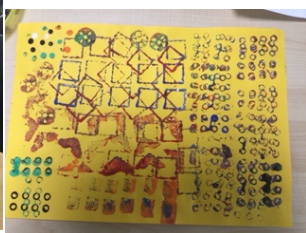
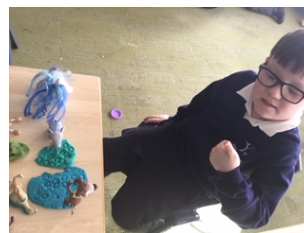
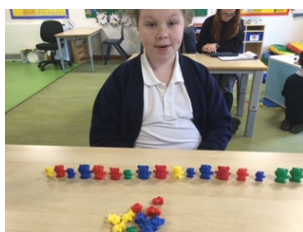




## ROWAN Class



This week ROWAN Class have been exploring ideas to make a jungle soundscape in music by choosing and playing instruments to represent their favourite jungle animals. The pupils will then work together to produce a musical version of our story Monkey Puzzle. In maths we have been learning about patterns in our world, as well as copying, continuing and making quite complex patterns using everyday objects, shapes colours and items of differing size. We have been amazed at how good everyone is at pattern work. Patterns have been further explored in art lessons, where we have experimented with printing techniques to make patterns and press prints as well as designing and making our own printing blocks to use in the next lesson. For mental health week the pupils have experienced different mindfulness activities, before deciding which activities help them to feel most relaxed and on Safer Internet Day we found out about how to stay safe when we use the internet, producing posters for our classroom to remind us of the rules. Well done Rowan Class. What a busy week we've had!



## ACORNS – Reception

Is anyone able to send in any old/unusable cameras or toy cameras and old/unusable telephones and mobile phones that ACORNS children can use as role play please? We would be really grateful!

In ACORNS we have been learning all about our feelings; happy, sad, angry, fear and calm in our story 'The Colour Monster'. We rolled a dice to see the different ways to make us feel better when we are sad, and we shook a bottle of cola until it exploded and talked all about what makes us angry. We have had great fun doing angry dancing by stomping and crossing our arms and happy dancing when we jumped and waved our arms.

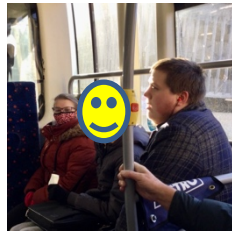


## SIXTH FORM News

We have a budding musician. Tom was really taken with a piece of flute music he had listened to. So, we decided to locate some pan-pipes and he has been practising.  
Hopefully we will be able to listen to some tunes on it soon!

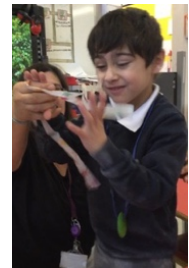
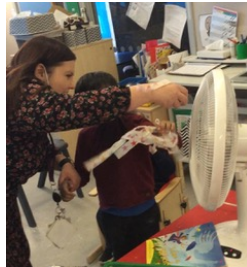


Over the past few weeks, Class 12S students have been doing 'travel training' in class, which has so far culminated in two bus trips to Our Way in Kidderminster!



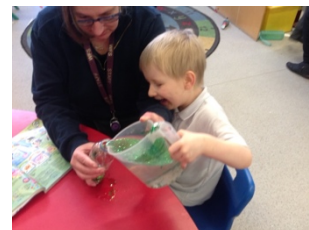
## PINE Class

This week, PINE Class have been reading *Like a Windy Day* by Frank Asch as part of our topic about weather. We explored wind both outside in the fresh air and in the classroom using a fan to blow streamers across the room. We then made junk model boats and as part of a boat race, used a water tray to sail them and straws to blow them! It was lots of fun learning about the effects of wind and exploring how things move in the breeze.



## OAK Class

This week we have continued to explore our emotions, looking at what we can do to help us feel calm. We have been blowing bubbles to relax our breathing and also made calming oil bottles to add to our calm boxes.

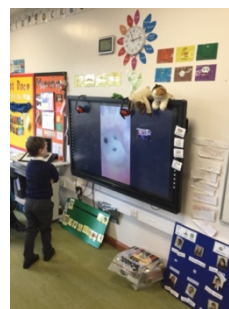




## HOLLY Class



This week HOLLY Class have made posters for internet safety day. We also had a zoom call from a very naughty monkey named Gina who was asking lots of very silly personal questions - luckily our sensible pupils knew to keep themselves safe and refused to answer.



## CHERRY Class

CHERRY Class had an amazing time at their last forest school on the term with Mr Liggitt doing fire lighting. You can see by the pictures how much they enjoyed it!

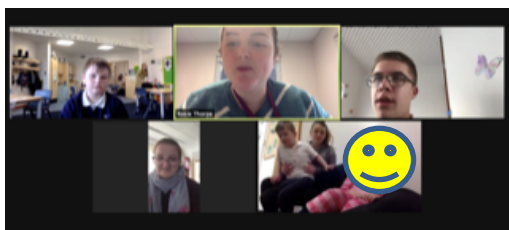
Tate also found that it was naughty Nigel who had stolen his picture from Cherry Class!

What a super afternoon. Thank you, Mr Liggitt



## ECO Club

On Friday we held our first ever Wyre Forest School Eco Club Meeting via zoom. We listened to each other sharing ideas, and we made a vote on our 'eco focus'. Our unanimous vote concluded that we will be collecting crisp packets to be recycled, and the class that collects the most will win a prize! Keep your eyes peeled for more 'eco updates'.



## RUSSELL HOUSE News

Please meet this weeks' Stars of the Day!!



## SENDIASS News



Information, Advice  
and Support Service  
Herefordshire &  
Worcestershire

We recently recruited a Training and Development Officer. This is a brand-new role within the Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS team and the successful candidate, Sally, joined us at the start of January. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience and she will be responsible for developing and delivering training workshops, both face to face and online, on a variety of different SEND subjects to parent carers, young people and professionals across Herefordshire and Worcestershire.

As part of her role, Sally, is looking to gather the views of parents/carers of children with SEND in Herefordshire and Worcestershire, on the training that will be of benefit to them. To let us know the areas that you would value training in, and how you would like it to be delivered, please take part in our survey here: <https://forms.office.com/r/xWmxcrkXAU>  
We really appreciate your support with this, thank you.

Please remember to always keep the office updated with any change of contact details, either by phone on 01562 827785 or via email [office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk) Thank you.

## Friends of Wyre Forest School



We are holding the AGM for the Friends of Wyre Forest School on Wednesday March 2nd at 9.30, at Russell House, please wear a face mask and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to join our friendly bunch, please see the letter below as we would really like to welcome new members to join our Team!



### **Please will you join the Friends of Wyre Forest School?**

The Friends of Wyre Forest School is a friendly group of parents, carers and school staff, who have created a charity to help fund the purchase of toys and equipment and days out for the pupils of Wyre Forest School.

In the past we have funded the purchase of:

- bicycles and bike equipment (helmets etc).
- An all weather gazebo for outdoor schooling
- Seed boxes for outdoor schooling
- An electronic till for the sixth form to use while learning life skills at Blossom Tree Cafe in Springfield Park.
- Christmas crackers for Christmas lunch
- Chocolate selection boxes for pupil Christmas presents

We have also provided gifts, cards and wrapping materials, and ourselves for some very successful Christmas, Mothers' and Fathers' Day events which gave our pupils the opportunity to choose, buy and wrap gifts in a safe environment - an experience so many of them have been unable to enjoy before. Staff are able to approach us with requests for items they need and days out via a Request Form.

Our main fundraisers have been a Christmas and a Summer Fair, with lots of activities such as Throw Wet Sponges at the Teachers and Go-karting.

We also fundraise via Bags to School, and are always looking at other ways to raise funds which are safe to do.

We struggled greatly throughout the lockdown, but hope we have come out the other side now, and are looking forward to welcoming new members as a matter of urgency, as the children of some of our committee members are going to be leaving WFS this summer. Without new members we will be forced to fold.

Everyone who is a parent or carer or a staff member is already a member of Friends of Wyre Forest School. What we need is people who are prepared to attend meetings and help out with our events - all this requires is a DBS check that the school will arrange and pay for.

If you can spare a few hours a term to help out with Friends of Wyre Forest School, you will make an enormous difference to the lives of our pupils, and they really deserve that. You will have fun, too!

Please show your interest by contacting Chloe Smith on [chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chloejsmith@hotmail.co.uk) , or via the school office. See you soon!

