

Newsletter Friday 18th March 2022

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Information for Parents



Well we thought that pesky COVID was going but some classes have had the whole staff team wiped out by it and several of the pupils too! It's very hard when we're keeping all our COVID safety measures in place but they've completely gone, outside WFS. Hopefully the better weather will help us - fingers crossed.

We've had a wonderful Comic Relief week and a big thank you to Rosie (ACORNS Class Teacher) for organising it. Seeing the children taking part in all of the activities and cheering each other on has been fabulous. Well done team WFS. **Photos will follow next week.**

Some of our pupils have also been interviewing candidates for the new Worcestershire Children First All Age Disability Director. Some of the questions that were asked by our pupils were

"What things are you good at in your job?" "Do you like going high on a swing?"

"What are you scared of?" "Have you visited the Blossom tree café?" "What improvements will help young people in Kidderminster?"

They also offered her the job there and then!

Next week I am part of the final, formal interview panel at County Hall but I can guarantee the questions won't be as good.

Monday 21st March it is World Down Syndrome Day

Please wear odd socks or brightly coloured socks to highlight this day if you want to! <https://lotsofsocks.worlddownsyndromeday.org/>



Wyre Forest School Staff (and others!) raised

£799.63 towards the DEC Ukraine

Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to everyone who contributed, including Hot Toppings and Blossom Tree Cafe, who generously donated all of their takings last week.

We also had donations from the congregation of St James Church in Hartlebury and also one of our pupils' grandparents.

Meet our new chef in the school kitchen!!

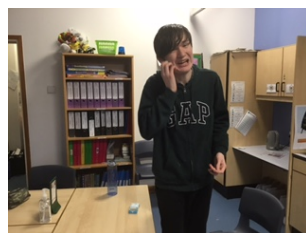
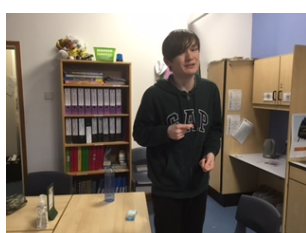
James is a highly qualified chef with more than 20 years' experience, he has spent a number of years in the armed forces cooking thousands of meals all over the world. Since leaving James trained at Birmingham Children's hospital as a specialist Dietitian and nutritionists which is fantastic when dealing with our unique requirements within our school setting. Since starting with Relish James has supported Wyre Forest with securing additional funding for free breakfast provisions. James is very much looking forward to developing the catering service to make it the best that it can be.



The menu for week commencing Monday 21st March will be Week 2

Sixth Form News

As part of self-development lessons on a Wednesday, the Sixth Form students are learning sign language. We are hoping to develop this at Blossom Tree Café and teach the customers some simple signs. Alex is telling us he wants sugar and milk in his coffee.

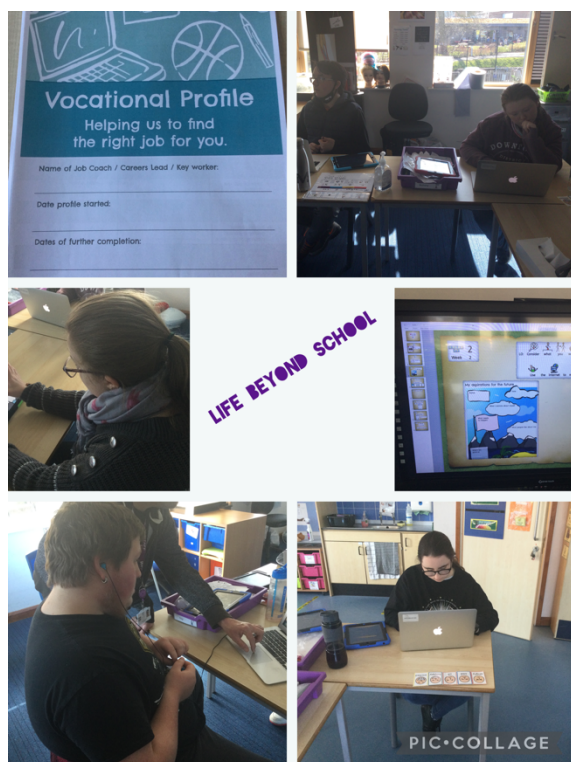


Hot Toppings pizza group
raised over £39 pounds for
the Ukraine fund by
donating all the profits from
our pizza service this week.





The students who work at Blossom Tree Café wanted to help the people of Ukraine. They gave their weekly takings of £217 towards the School contribution for the DEC Humanitarian Fund for Ukraine.



This term, Class 12S are working on completing a personalised vocational profile in our life beyond school lessons. This week we have started to input our personal detail and focus on our aspirations for the future.

This week 12K have had the opportunity to visit a local hotel - Stone Manor. The students watched demo's on how to lay a table and make a bed, then got to try these skills themselves! They gained a fantastic insight in the Hospitality sector and enjoyed meeting the staff.



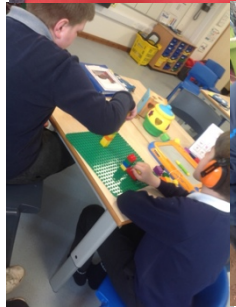
MAPLE Class

In our creative session we all created the stickman! We junk modelled and used symbols to help with our requesting. We had lots of different coloured pipe cleaners for our legs and arms and used googly eyes which made us laugh. Maple class were so proud of our creations, as we should be!



BEECH Class

This week BEECH Class have been exploring lots of different activities and developing their interests in different environments.



CHERRY Class

In CHERRY Class this term our topic is bugs life, children have loved exploring in our bug role play area, learning new facts about many different bugs. In world about us, we are learning all about the life cycle of a Butterfly and we all enjoy looking at what stage our butterflies are at - they are currently caterpillars. Brilliant work Cherry class!



Class 10H

Class 10H had a visit from Severn Trent Water and took part in a Wonderful Water Assembly.

We learnt how to use water wisely and how water is cleaned and comes back into our taps for us to use again! We will be using our water very wisely from now on!



ELM Class

This week was Elm classes assembly. We talked about Red Nose Day and Tom Daley's homecoming challenge that we are going to take part with classes running, rowing, cycling and swimming. We also talked about Red Nose Day being a time to have fun and make each other laugh.

Elm class have shared pictures of us making each other laugh!



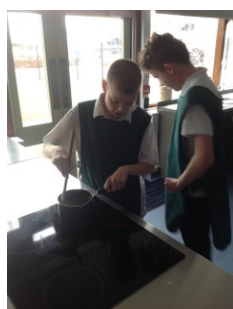
YEW Class Pupil News

Coby from YEW Class has been chosen as Star Mini Kicker this week at his football group. It's only his second week going and he gave everything a go and put 100% into it! Well done Coby, we are really proud of you!



SYCAMORE Class

Over the past 2 weeks sycamore have been learning all about Brazil. We have made some brigadeiro truffles, made some fantastic carnival masks and learnt some samba moves!



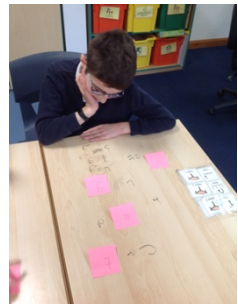
POPLAR Class

This week in POPLAR Class the children have started their cooking unit of work. We began the week by looking at different items in the kitchen and sorting those that were clean and those that were dirty. In our next lesson we looked at how to use and carry a knife safely by making some fruit kebabs. The children were all very sensible and made some delicious looking kebabs to take home. After the kebabs were finished the children all worked together to clean up the big mess they had made. Well done Poplar class!



ASH Class

ASH Class have had another busy week; in Maths they have been working on identifying different positions in maths. Then in phonics we have continued practicing our "CVC" words. Ash class have also had some new friends arrive this week, we have Caterpillars 🐛 which we are hoping will turn into beautiful butterflies before we break up.



ROWAN Class

This week ROWAN Class have been caring for their plants and making sure they get lots of sun, water and fresh air to help them to grow. We are capturing each stage of growth on our iPads as we are making time lapse videos of how our seeds grow and it is so exciting when we watch these and see how much they have grown already! Everyone was sad to see Cosy Joes Cafe close, but very quickly a new venture opened...a potting shed ...where everyone likes to work together to pretend to plant and care for everything that we are "growing".



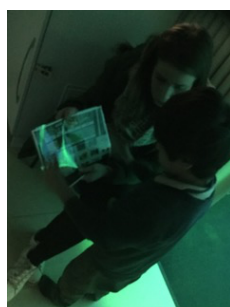
HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class enjoyed making cheerio bird feeders and accessing the rope swing in Forest School this week :)



PINE Class

This week, PINE class have been working hard with our communication. Finley and AJ have been working hard with learning how to use ALDs to make requests and Hari has been using visuals to ask for his favourite activities in the Multi-Sensory Rooms.



Russell House News

This week we have had a lovely time celebrating Jonathan's 18th



Last week, with the newsletter, everyone received an email about the Free School Meals Self Service and the changes that Worcestershire have made. If you have any queries please email freeschoolmeals@worchschildrenfirst.org.uk

For anyone who is currently eligible and receives free school meals, there will be no changes or loss of eligibility until at least July 2023 even if your personal circumstances have changed



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MARCH 2022	
21	World Down's Syndrome Day
30	Send dance festival 30/03/22 on Zoom - Group of Sixth Form students. Organised by Dancefest.

APRIL 2022	
Sat 2	World Autism Day
4	World Autism Week Early Years Easter Egg Hunt Week
6	Some Year 11 & Sixth Form students to visit Kidderminster College for a Taster Day. Pathway 3 Easter Performance Apologies, -CANCELLED
11 - 22	EASTER HOLIDAY