

Newsletter Friday 25th March 2022

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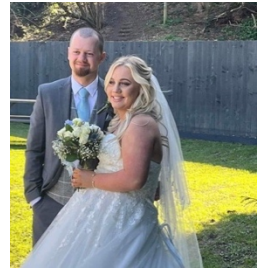
Information for Parents



Thank you yet again for your patience and understanding regarding COVID. It's been two years and still we are blighted by it! We've had another busy week at school and on Tuesday we welcomed back Lyndsey. We are delighted that she is back after maternity leave. Lyndsey will be the new teacher in Spruce class because after Easter Sian will be taking up a new post as Assistant Headteacher at a mainstream school in Malvern. We obviously wish Sian all the very best and thank her for her time at WFS.

Molly and I enjoyed a lovely day in school on Tuesday and had a wonderful walk with the residents at Russell House on the evening. Russell House is going from strength to strength and currently we do not have any beds available - the ones that will be available in September due to pupils going off to college have already been taken. If you are interested in Russell House either now or possibly in the future please let us know. We can start talking and planning for if, and when, we can make it happen.

Congratulations to Kiah and Jake, two members of our WFS family, who after moving their wedding three times have finally been able to get married. We wish them all the very best in the next exciting stage of their lives together. we're claiming it as our first WFS wedding!!



As parents will now be aware, we have employed the services of Relish School Food in the delivery of our catering service, Relish are a local fresh food company and are working with the school on the bigger project of re-instating our school kitchen, this will allow us to offer a range of fresh, wholesome and tasty food cooked by our own catering team.

Currently Relish have introduced a new host kitchen where our food is prepared, cooked and transported, over the last few weeks we have seen a significant increase in the numbers of children choosing to eat the school lunch which we think is down to the improved quality.

Due to this increase in children eating school meals Relish are looking to recruit additional help to join the team to help prepare, serve, clear and clean - if you are interested please either contact the school office or contact helenpountain@relishschoolfood.co.uk

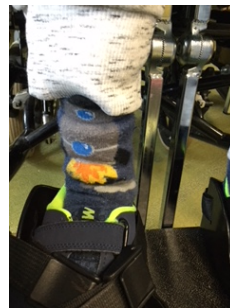
- ***Days – Mon to Fri***
- ***Hours - 9.00am to 2.00pm***
- ***Pay - National Living Wage***

This is a great opportunity to help enrich the health and well-being of our children....

We celebrated World Down Syndrome Day in school on 21st March!!



CEDAR Class joined in by decorating and wearing odd socks!



YEW Class tried lots of pairs of different socks on, decorated odd socks and used the socks in our maths activities!

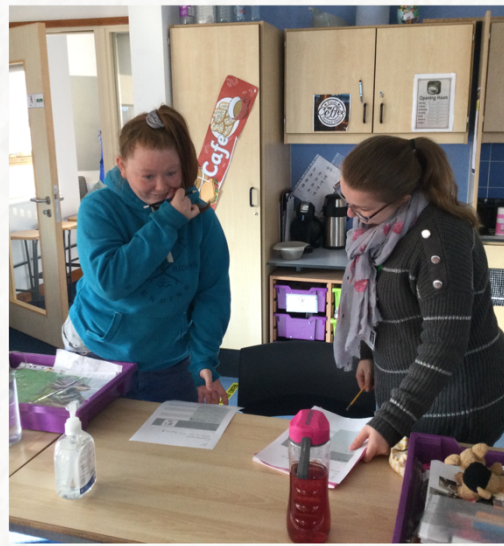


HAZEL Class

This week HAZEL Class have been exploring painting using a salad spinner, we used gross motor skills to spin the handle and were excited to see how the paint looked after being spun



Sixth Form News



This half term in Functional Skills we are working on our OCR module (data collection) pupils enjoyed creating tally charts and going around the 6th form carrying out their surveys.





We are very proud of Freya from Class 13B who was invited to Birmingham GEN 22 last weekend to receive a certificate!!



Dancing Leaves are selling Easter items in our second pop up shop! We open on Friday 1st and 8th April in the atrium at morning break time and we will sell items like hanging bunnies and charms.

This term a new sixth form group has started, called Harmony. This is our LGBTQ+ and allies' group, which has been set up as a safe space for students to help raise awareness, promote relevant issues and explore LGBTQ+ culture. So far, we have been making a music playlist and creating a display board in sixth form.

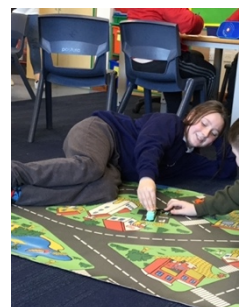
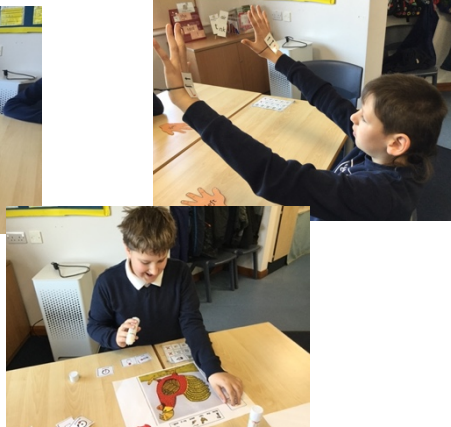
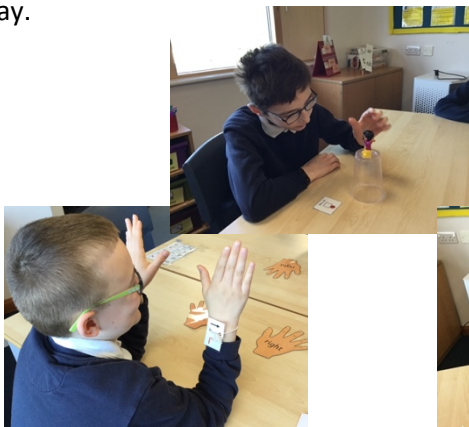
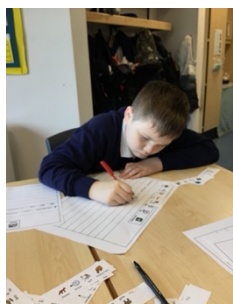


Jonathan from Class 12K is Front of House at Blossom Tree Café on a Thursday. He knows all the customers names, checks that they are ok throughout their visit with us and wishes them a good day when they leave. He chatted to PCSO Andy Stevens today and charmed his way into the police car, put the lights on and the siren which was very loud. Jonathan will do very well in the Hospitality sector if he chooses that way as a career path.



ASH Class

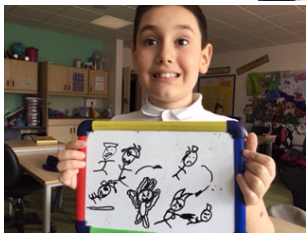
ASH Class have had a very busy week again; we have still been Working on positions and directions in maths. Literacy -they have been doing some more work looking at sorting story sentences and information sentences Finn really enjoyed using the car mat to talk about different directions through play.



ROWAN Class

This week ROWAN Class have been learning more about foods that are healthy or not healthy and have enjoyed using the cooking room to make a healthy fruit kebab. Each child collected the equipment they needed before following their own instructions to prepare and assemble a tasty fruit kebab, focusing on working hygienically and using a knife safely. They even washed and dried everything they used before putting things away. This week we will be making a salad. It was fantastic to see everyone busily cooking and working with as much independence as possible.

Back in the classroom, the pupils were excited to explore our very own Foggy Foggy Forest, which grew overnight, thanks to the magic touch of Wendy! The pupils love to role play the story and create their own stories in this exciting new environment. They have also enjoyed thinking of new endings to familiar stories, which they have illustrated and shared with their peers, as we have been exploring ideas for what happens next in stories, films and silly photographs. Lots of fun this week and lots of wonderful imagination. Well done Rowan Class!



YEW Class

YEW Class had a fantastic time at forest school this week. They really enjoyed playing with the water shoots and experimenting with making sticks and stones go down into the bucket. We also practiced being a team to empty the bucket and save the water so that we could use it again! Great job Yew Class!



CEDAR Class

CEDAR Class made the most of the sun on Wednesday afternoon, and took their parachute session outside! We had lots of fun, but also practised communication skills: asking for 'more', making choices of songs and making requests, as well as social communication such as enjoying being together, turn-taking and developing eye contact.



FIR Class

FIR class have thoroughly enjoyed learning about African music and dance, learning new movements and routines. We have been developing our sense of rhythm in our drumming sessions and practise our call and response drumming. We can even change our speed and volume. Playing fast and loud is easy, but playing fast and quiet is a bit tricky. Have a listen to this BBC schools dance lesson today and check out our moves!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/ks1-dance/zdmnjhv>



OAK Class

OAK Class having been getting to know our new class pet stick insects! We are learning to handle them carefully, and also how to feed and to care for them. All of the children were very interested in them and some were braver than others when handling them or observing them from a distance in their habitat.



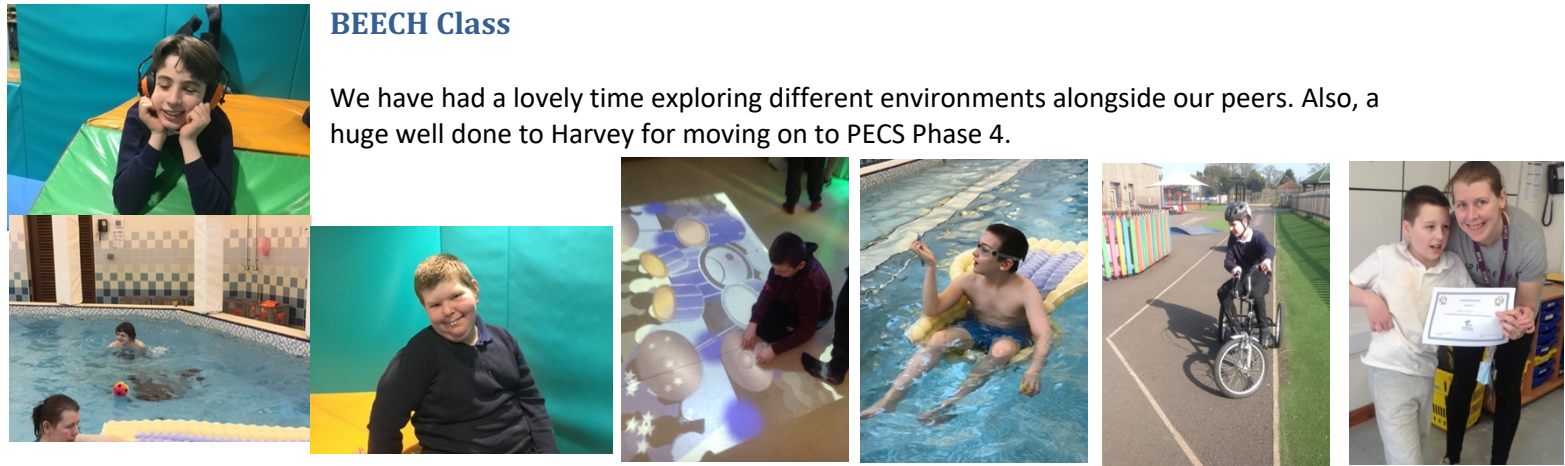
PINE Class

Pine class have become so confident in exploring our Forest School area, it really is one of our favourite sessions in the week. It felt extra special this week as it was warm and sunny! Loki showed lovely skills holding the swing and smiled as he went back and forth. Savannah joined in with her peers making bird feeders. AJ showed amazing skills with balancing on the wall. Jasper took himself to the hammock to relax. Finn found the sensory and enjoyed shaking the bottles.



BEECH Class

We have had a lovely time exploring different environments alongside our peers. Also, a huge well done to Harvey for moving on to PECS Phase 4.



POPLAR Class

This week in POPLAR Class the children practised the printing skills they have learned to make their own card for someone special at home. The children decorated the inside of the card with a leaf rubbing and then created their own flower by finger painting on the outside. We hope all the grown-ups at home enjoy them!



RUSSELL HOUSE News

This week we have done lots of activities, we have been to cricket, been to the park, swimming, youth club and done some Mother's Day crafts!





**World Autism Acceptance Week at Wyre Forest School will be held
4th to 7th April 2022**

This year it is the 60th Anniversary of the NAS and instead of Autism Awareness Week they are promoting Autism Acceptance Week, which I think fits our school ethos beautifully.

At WFS we will be

**Joining in the NAS 60th Anniversary Celebrations by participating in the Super
60 Challenge**

This will be familiar to many of you, as last year we joined the Super 7 challenge, so as last year, we will be challenging ourselves to complete any of the following ideas individually or as class groups 6 times, 60 times 600 times 6000 times etc

Super 60 Challenge Ideas...

Here are some activities for you to choose from or you can think of your own, as remember, different is good!

- Walk, run or cycle 6 / 60 laps / klms or mins - play area / bike track etc
- Try a 6 or 60-mins silence
- Read 6 stories in the week or sing / sign 6 songs
- Make 6 meals, cakes or biscuits
- Do 6 workouts, exercises or yoga poses
- Take part in a 6 round, 60 questions quiz
- Build 6 towers, paint 6 pictures, line up 6 cars or teddies
- Find 6 things beginning with a letter or find 6 things for each colour of the rainbow
- Walk 600/ 6000 steps
- Paint 6/ 60/ 600 spots
- Join a drumming session for 6 mins
- Draw 6 things that you like about yourself or a friend

The list is endless!!!!