



Newsletter Friday 1st April 2022

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Information for Parents



What another busy and exciting week at WFS, with the ongoing challenge of poorly staff and pupils. The staff have all tried to keep as many classes open as possible and worked tirelessly to do this for which I am very grateful. Where it is just not safe to open, we have had to make the very difficult decision to close. The staff and children have been quite brilliant this term with the inconsistencies we have had to endure.

As we look towards the Governments 'Living with COVID-19' plan we will no longer be wearing masks in school and there is no need to test twice weekly for COVID. Once we have distributed the last few testing kits we have, we will not be getting any more kits. The advice is if your child is unwell to keep them off school until they are well again. If we have an outbreak, we may be advised by the Local Outbreak Response Team (LORT) to bring in more measures again. We will continue with the hand and respiratory hygiene and ventilation.

Unfortunately, we have some children who have mobile phones and, out of school hours, are using them inappropriately. We talk to these pupils and their parents but as you can imagine we are unable to police their actions all day, every day. Please regularly check and monitor your child's phone, and if there is inappropriate content let us know and we can follow it up with the parents of the child who is sending it. Please also block the numbers so they cannot receive anything from that child again. Children at WFS DO NOT have their phones on their person during school hours and if they do will have them confiscated and parents will be required to collect them in person. Where we have repeat offenders and we have exhausted all our powers, we will be passing this onto the police as harassment. We are getting extremely fed up with this ongoing problem and would appreciate the support from everyone to try and stop it escalating even further.



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...

SPRUCE Class



SPRUCE Class have been exploring the seasons of the year. They have explored clothing that may be suitable for a specific season. Can you guess what season each pupil has dressed for?



SIXTH FORM News

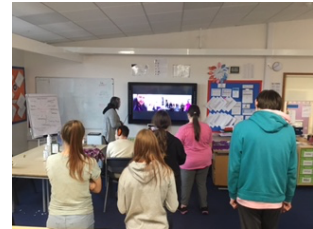


A group of students from Sixth-Form had an amazing time taking part in the SEND dance festival on Zoom, organised by Dancefest.

This year the festival theme was water and the students performed two dances. They were brilliant! We enjoyed watching other local special schools performing too and we all did a warm up and cool down together.



This week Sixth formers in 'Signalong Self Development' signed the song Hot Cross Buns to Cherry Class over zoom. Cherry Class really enjoyed it.

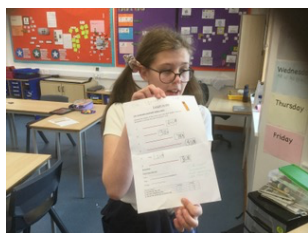


WFS Allotment – Classes 13B 12S 12K

All classes have been busy working hard this term showing lots of great team work. Students have been getting WFS Allotment plots ready for planting. Each class group has been following instructions showing they can work independently sowing different varieties of seeds. Tomato, cucumber, courgette, pumpkins, and potatoes growing in containers.



News from Class 10P



Emma, in Class 10P, has been working very hard in all lessons and she has engaged really well and has been completing work at home. The quality of her work has been so brilliant, that Emma has moved up an accreditation level! Well done Emma, we are very proud of you!

BEECH Class

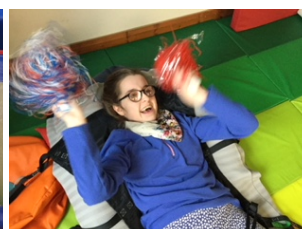


This week BEECH Class had great fun at Forest School, using cups of water and pouring them down the pipes and watching it empty into the buckets. We have also been focusing on following two key word instructions and working alongside peers. We also enjoyed some mark making.



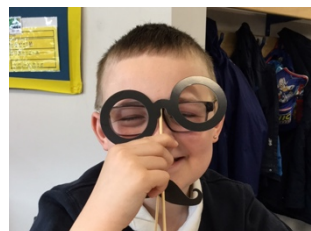
CEDAR Class

CEDAR Class have been enjoying floor time sessions this term. We have been working on individual physiotherapy targets, as well as developing body awareness and social communication. We have enjoyed the different props and resources and been remembering how to move them to the music.



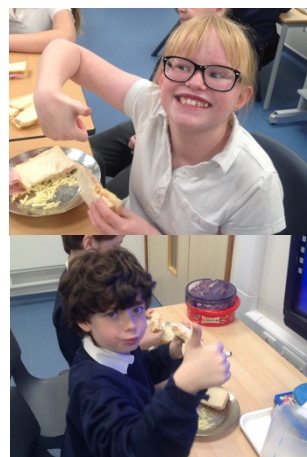
ASH Class

This week ASH Class have had great fun talking about what they think they will look like when they are older. In maths they have enjoyed programming directions (right, left, forwards and backwards) into a car and seeing if it went the correct way.



POPLAR Class

This week in our cooking lesson, POPLAR Class followed instructions for how to make a sandwich. We collected all the items we would need and then read our instructions carefully. The children really enjoyed making their own sandwich and at the end were so independent at cleaning the equipment and tidying the room.



CHERRY Class

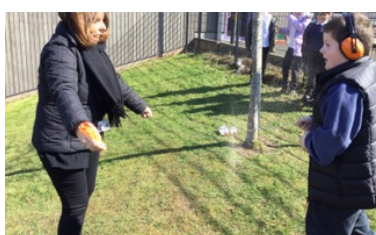
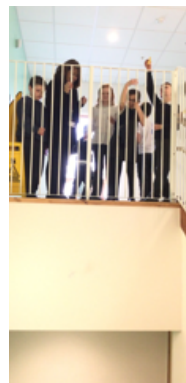
On Wednesday, we zoomed with Sixth Form who had learnt the songs and signs to Hot Cross Buns. Sixth Form did a fantastic job at teaching us the signs. It was great learning new signs and it was lovely to see two classes collaborating so well together. Thank you to Bev from the Communication Team, for organising this.



ROWAN Class



ROWAN Class have been having lots of fun finding out about plants and trees. The class have been labelling parts of plants and trees and finding out what each part does. The life cycle of flowers and trees has also been explored and the pupils each made their own animations to show this cycle. Exploring different ways that seeds disperse and travel has been our favourite activity. The pupils put seeds into balloons to make exploding seed pods, made helicopter flying seeds and experimented with ways to move seeds using water. When we popped the seed pod balloons it was exciting to see how far the seeds travelled from the explosion and on the wind. We dropped our helicopter seeds from the top of the stairs and watched them spin to the ground floor and everyone was excited to have a go at moving the seeds (balls) using squeezezy water bottles. Lots of fun and great learning. Well done Rowan!



RUSSELL HOUSE News

This week we have been swimming and visited The Sycamore Centre. We also enjoyed a sports afternoon.





**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!!!!