

# Newsletter Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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## Information for Parents



Another busy week at WFS and we're all hoping the weather gets better soon! The latest COVID guidance is if a child tests positive for COVID they need to remain at home for 3 days and then if they are well in themselves, can return to school.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 we will be celebrating all the staff that work in school by having a 'Sparkle Day'. Staff and children are invited to wear something that sparkles or shines as a way of celebrating the fabulous staff at WFS.

We are holding a week of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May by having street parties at lunchtime. Different Pathways will be having their street parties at some point during that week and you will be notified closer to the date. All week, staff and children can wear suitably royal coloured clothes if they want to, so plenty of opportunities for red, white and blue all week.

As I have previously said, classes will not be announced until 10<sup>th</sup> June. The annual reports will be emailed home 15<sup>th</sup> July as we are working to reduce our carbon footprint and photocopying at WFS. It also helps with our ever-increasing budget issues and not sending paper home means the difference between paper letters etc being sent home and two additional Teaching Assistants to support our children. I certainly know which one is more beneficial to our pupils. This is also the same for home-school books - the cost saving of not having home-school books is huge and does not take staff away from the pupils during the school day writing them up. Please let your class team know if you prefer email, telephone or face to face communication and the frequency of that communication.

When the pupils return to school in September, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>, Russell House will remain closed until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

This week we say goodbye to Gemma Shaw and Lyn Cole. Both of which have contributed significantly to the operation and administrative side of our school and have played a huge part in the WFS journey. I would like to take this opportunity to wish them both the very best of luck, but to also thank them personally to their dedication and commitment to WFS, the families and the children.

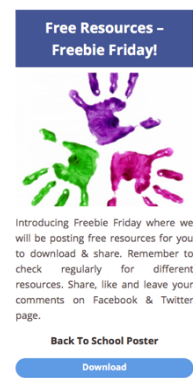
## Communication Team News

Fantastic news .....just to let you know as proud supporters of Signalong and our commitment to providing a signing friendly environment we are delighted to announce we have given a Silver award by Signalong. Well done to everyone who has made this happen.

Best wishes

Beverley Thorne

Communication Lead



## Friends of Wyre Forest School

**\*\*SAVE THE DATE - FRIDAY 15TH JULY\*\***

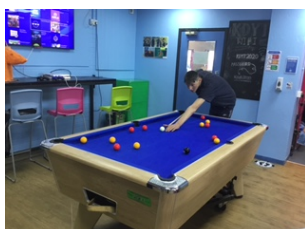
The Friends are delighted to announce that our Summer Fair will be taking place on Friday 15th July. If you would like to get involved in the planning or help out on the day, please contact: [friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com)

For those of you who don't already know us, we're a friendly group of parents and carers who fundraise throughout the year for our school community. We'd love to hear from you and all support is gratefully received.



## SIXTH FORM News

On Tuesday, 12K visited KDYT in Kidderminster. They took part in some activities including making pancakes and playing pool. We are hoping to make it a weekly session and encourage students to attend. Monday's carers can attend with their child. For further information visit <https://www.kdyt.org.uk/>



Also, some members from 12S & 12K took part in an online workshop from the Red Cross. They learnt about how the Red Cross supports the community both nationally and internationally. In particular how they support refugees. The students found out about empathy, migration and refugees. They found it very interesting and asked lots of questions.

12K have started travel training. We now catch the bus to and from Tesco for our ILS a shopping. We worked on confidence building, students had to ask for their bus fares and Alex asked a bus driver which stop we had to wait at to get in the number 8 bus to Habberley Road.



## 13B 'Josh's Challenge'

He has decided to help get the school 'back to normal' by single-handedly starting to peel off all the footprints. What a star!



## CHESTNUT Class

CHESTNUT Class has worked so well this week using their preferred mode of communication communicating their wants and needs. Great work Chestnut class!



## Class 11SG

This week Class 11SG have been creating props for our home role play area. Maisy and Aimee painted hobs for the cooker, one young person painted the items in our pantry and Nathan really concentrated on carefully painting our fireplace.

We have also been developing our independence skills in learning to tie our shoelaces.



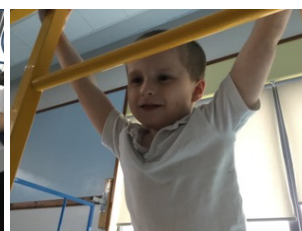
## CEDAR Class

CEDAR Class have been enjoying our new dinosaur themed topic. We have been exploring finding dinosaurs in different tactile media, and enjoying our 'Jurassic Park' sensory story.



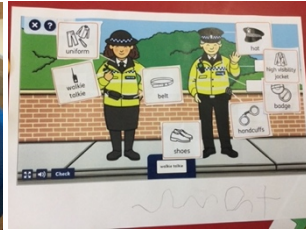
## ACORNS Reception

This week in ACORNS Reception Class, we have celebrated Eid by tasting rice and poppadum's with mango chutney and yoghurt dip. We have also had a session using the big climbing apparatus in school, we had lots of fun exploring and climbing.



## OAK Class

OAK Class began our topic on 'Helping Hands' with a week learning about the Police. We enjoyed developing our role play skills in the police station, singing rhymes about police officers and labelling their uniform. We are very excited to see which people who help us that we will learn about next week!



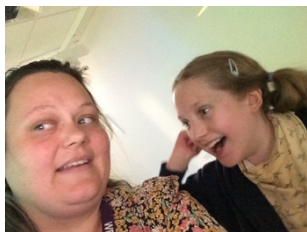
## HOLLY Class

HOLLY Class really enjoyed exploring with real fruit and vegetables to extend their understanding of what part of the food they can eat and what part they cannot eat. They explored by cutting the food up, peeling and trying the food. They talked about the skin, core, pips and seeds. They had so much fun!



## BIRCH Class

In BIRCH Class we have been looking at photos of ourselves having fun in the light room.



## YEW Class

In our cognition and learning sessions this week, YEW class have been learning about size. We have been learning to use the word 'medium' to think about items that are not big or small. We have also been reading the symbols for size and sorting into groups.



## ASH Class



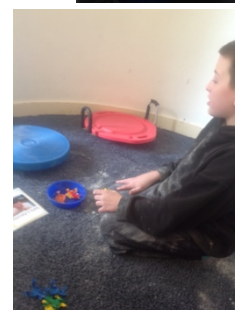
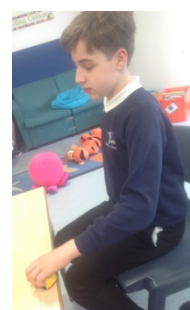
This week in ASH Class the children have used number tracks to count back from a given number. Some children began to count back in multiples of 10, 5 and 2. During our 'World About Us' lessons we have been talking about how to make hot drinks. The children have identified what items they will need and chosen which drink they would like to make before we begin to our skills into practise.



## BEECH Class



This week in BEECH class we have been using our problem-solving skills to work out how things work and how to open containers. We have been listening to and learning creative verbs. We have also been working on turn taking and sharing resources. We also enjoyed swimming too.



## MAPLE Class



In MAPLE Class we have put our chopping skills that we have been practising to great use by making a fruit salad. We were super sensible with our knives as we chopped our fruit. Our fruit included strawberries, nectarines, bananas and apples. After we had finished chopping, we scraped the fruit into a tub and this was our fruit salad. We waited and then ate our fruit. Some of us tried fruits that we have never tried before. Great and tasty work Maple class, we are so proud of you all!

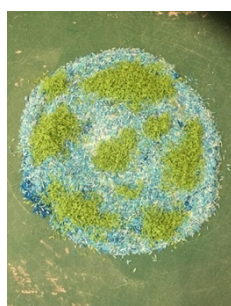


## PINE Class



PINE Class have had a very busy week and really enjoyed getting involved with Earth Day, we set up a variety of activities that everyone could get involved with. We can't wait to see our cress pots grow.

We also had the opportunity to have our first Rebound session in big school, children had an amazing time and did not want it to end.



## POPLAR Class

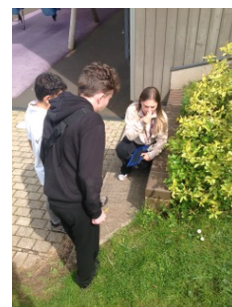
This week in POPLAR Class the children have been looking at different geographical locations. We have studied the seaside, city and countryside and looked at the differences for both. We also listened to the sounds of each location and thought hard about what each sound could be. In our last lesson we all split into teams and made our own city, country side and seaside from different materials and objects. Well done Poplar class.



## SYCAMORE Class

We have been very busy in SYCAMORE Class. We have been looking at recipes in English and weighing in maths. We decided to combine the two and use our weighing skills to follow a recipe and we made rocky road. We needed to measure out all of our ingredients, follow the method and use our independence skills to use the microwave. We even had to wash up independently!

As part of our scented garden topic we took part in a scavenger hunt around the school finding plants that are edible. This means that we can eat them. We found sage, rosemary, blackberries and even garlic mustard flower. We also found out that some people eat nettles and dandelions in soups and tea!



## SPRUCE Class

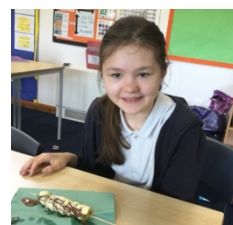


This week in SPRUCE Class we have continued to work on measuring in Maths and started recipes in English. We have combined the two lessons and followed a recipe to create fruit kebabs. We had to carefully measure out the ingredients on the electronic scales and placed them on our skewer sticks. We melted some chocolate and put this on our fruit - it was very yummy.

In English, we looked at how important it was to make our instructions on a recipe clear. Lyndsey made a terrible jam sandwich and forgot to use a knife (because it wasn't on our list of equipment). We corrected her mistakes and made sure they were clear to make the perfect jam sandwich.

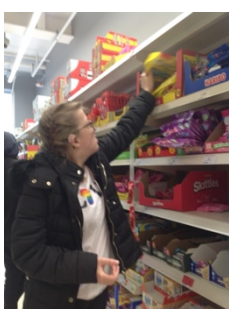
During our art lesson, we looked at primary and secondary colours and painted a colour wheel. We also started some wool weaving on our sticks we found in outdoor learning to create patterns.

Some of our seeds that we sowed last week have already started to grow. We are making sure we're watering them regularly and giving them lots of sunlight. I wonder how much they will grow before the summer holidays?



## RUSSELL HOUSE News

Russell House residents have been shopping and visited the Sycamore Centre this week!



## EARTH DAY Photos



Please could all Parents ensure they have their Transport Operator / Escort contact details (if applicable), because if you collect your child from school early for some reason and transport isn't required, you will need to let them know as we are unable to do this on your behalf. Many Thanks.

Please ensure you always update the school office with any change of contact / address details, Many Thanks!