



Newsletter Friday 13th May 2022

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Information for Parents



Don't forget: Half Term is Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June, there is no holiday club during this time.

Children return to school on TUESDAY 7th June 2022
(Monday 6th is a Professional Development Day for staff)

As from Monday 16th May, the school office will only be staffed until 4pm Monday – Thursday and until 3.30pm on Fridays.

On Thursday 26th 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 23rd 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 10th June. The annual reports will be emailed home 15th 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 7th, Russell House will remain closed until Monday 12th September.

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: friendsofwyreforestschool@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.

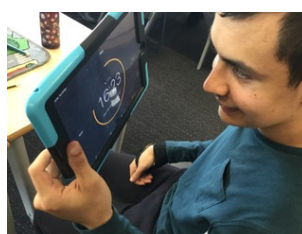
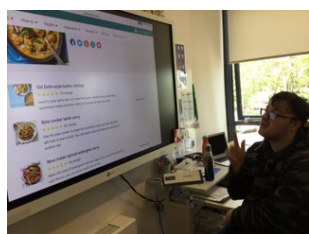


SIXTH FORM News

Sixth Form's Creative Enterprise group, 'Dancing Leaves', had a visit from Bewdley artist, Pam French! The group engaged with Pam in discussion about her practice, then each had a go at painting their own version of one of Pam's "wood mouse" pieces with acrylics. All students enthusiastically participated in the workshop, and we would like to extend our thanks to Pam for sharing her knowledge and love of art!



Class 13B have been looking at timing in their ILS / Functional Skills sessions. This week all the pupils found a recipe for their favourite foods and then set the timer on the iPads for the time it took to cook their food.



Class 13B in sixth form have been finding their Chi by undergoing 10 mins of yoga before lesson time begins on 2 mornings of the week. Results have been rather positive indeed... pupils have been focussed, happy and ready to learn.



12K had a visitor, Amy, who has worked at Morrisons and Hogarths Stone Manor. She answered some great questions from the students, as part of their vocational learning studies. Students also talked with Amy about Sixth Form enterprise projects



On Monday PC Neil Sharpe came in to talk to some of the sixth-formers about staying safe online. The group learnt about the law, ages of consent, what sexting means, how to report somebody online, the consequences of people who get involved and how to spot danger signs. They also learnt about Hate Crime and Mate Crime.

On Wednesday Class 10H came into Sixth Form to learn about what we do, lessons, free time and learning outside the classroom. We made them welcome and also made drinks for them!

Class 12S have been socialising and contributing around the Wyre Forest community. They've been hard at work at the allotment preparing for this seasons fruit and veg, planting new crops and selling at WFS. Alongside this 12S have been taking part in playing bowls at the Wyre Forest Leisure Centre where they have been meeting new friends and owning their skills at this legendary sport. A great leap of independence and courage in everyday tasks which helps their life beyond school.



FIR Class

FIR Class have been learning all about keeping our bodies healthy this half term. We have been searching out delicious healthy foods in food magazines to create our ideal healthy plates. We have been food label detectives to see which foods have healthy green food labels and which ones have red and orange labels. We even conducted an experiment to find out which drinks are not healthy for our teeth. We predicted that coke would be the least healthy, but watch this space to see our final results. We grew some healthy cress seeds as part of last week's Earth day and did some swimming, which is very good exercise for keeping us healthy too.



Class 10P



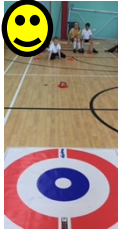
In 10P, we are really enjoying our topic. We are learning about a play script that uses flashback and monologue techniques and we have been reading the different characters' parts, using our incredible reading and intonation skills! We are also encouraging our independent living skills and asking our pupils who bring packed lunches, to have a go at making their own lunches. You can do it 10P!



Class 10H

10H visited the Sixth Form with questions they had prepared prior. The Sixth Form were fantastic hosts, making our class drinks and giving us a presentation all about Sixth Form life. Pupils then asked a range of questions to which they were excellently answered by our current Sixth Form students. A huge thank you to them for being so welcoming!





HOLLY Class

This week in P.E, HOLLY Class turned their hands to curling. The children showed some good skills especially considering it was their first attempt.



ELM Class

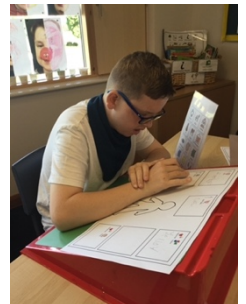


In this terms PE lessons, ELM Class have been working on body control and balance. The children have responded really well to instructions and have demonstrated some excellent static balances. They also had the opportunity to take part in a Rebound taster session with Ann-Marie. The children blew us away with their skills of following the instructions and completing movements. Well done Elm class!



ASH Class

ASH Class have had a very busy week, in literacy they have been practicing their pronouns. The children have also been working on being independent, they have learnt how to make themselves a hot drink safely. They have also had great fun using charcoal in our art activities.



BEECH Class

This week BEECH Class have been working on sharing space with peers and turn taking. We also enjoyed exploring in soft play and joining in with new activities.



SPRUCE Class

This week in SPRUCE class we have continued with our topic and have carried on with our measurement skills. We have solved some maths problems looking at balancing scales and electric scales.

The class made their own version of a George's Marvellous Medicine recipe this week too. They chose some really disgusting ingredients to make some terrible medicines and potions! They were amazing! We then shared them with the class and listened to each other's ideas.

During our art lesson, we made a thaumatrope which creates the illusion of a moving image by spinning. We drew our images on pieces of circular paper and twisted them with wool or on a pencil. They were brilliant.

In humanities we have also been looking at global warming. We completed a footprint on how to reduce our carbon footprint and make better changes to help our world.

Look how much more our plants have grown this week too! We are going a very good job at watering them to help them grow.



OAK Class

This week OAK Class have continued to enjoy our topic, Helping Hands, by role playing doctors and vets. We have explored lots of different ways that doctors and vets can help people and animals and cured our friends of a range of different ailments!



PINE Class

Our topic this term has been about 'People that help us', we have looked at the stories 'Ness the nurse' and 'Vicky the Vet' and linked these to PSED by setting up a role play area so we could explore real life experiences associated with this topic.

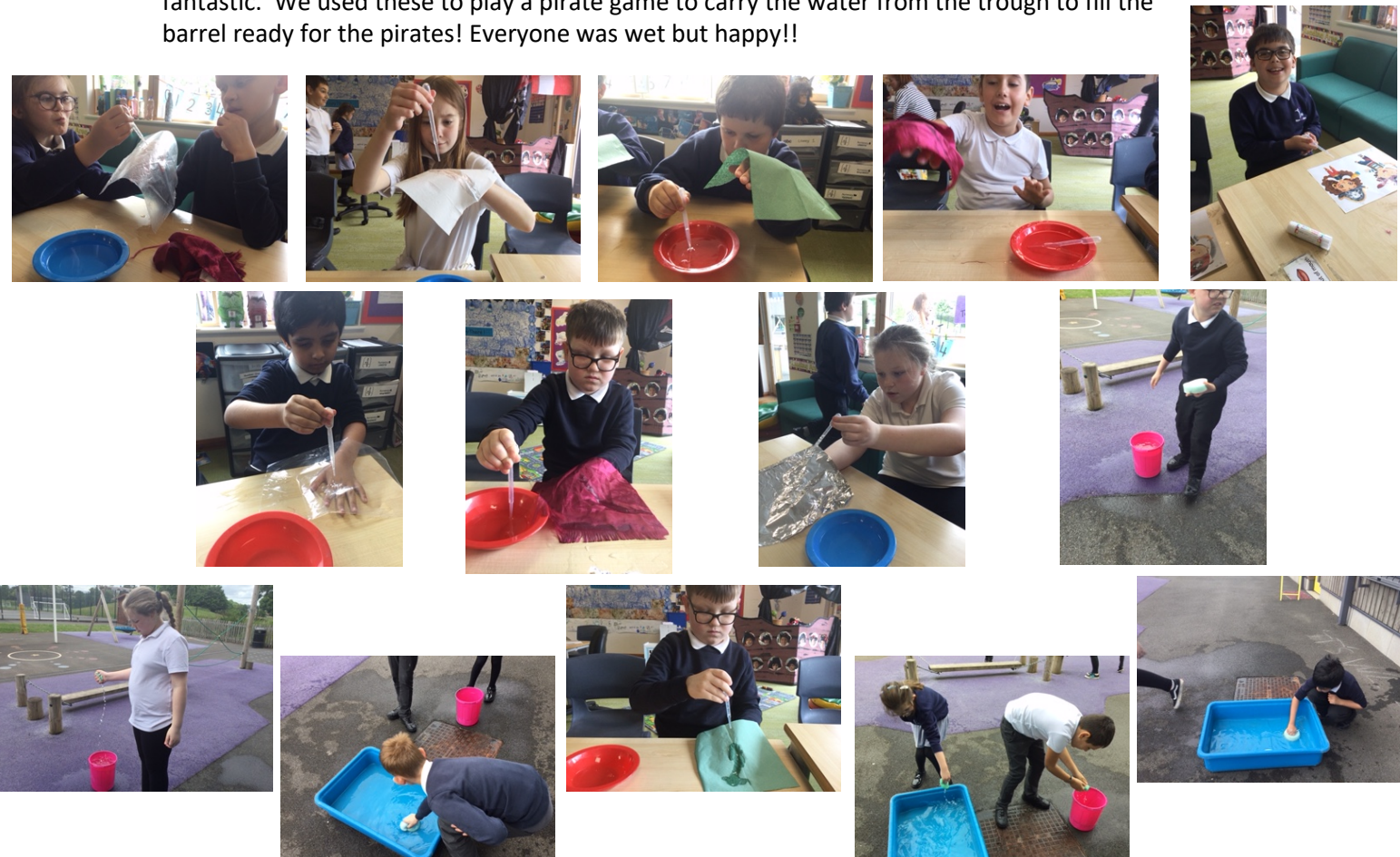
PINE Class now have their very own Doctor AJ, Nurse Isla and Finley and Vet Savannah.



ROWAN Class

ROWAN Class have been finding out about water this week. We have been mixing lots of things with water to see what happens to them and our favourites were sand and cornflour because we could play with these too!

We also found out which material was best to make a hat to keep the pirates dry in the rain. We chose different materials to cover our hands and then dripped water on them, like the rain, waiting to see if the material stopped us from getting wet. We found that foil and plastic were the best materials to make hats. Finding out about materials that absorb water was great fun too. We tried lots of materials to see which ones sucked up the most water and found out that sponges were fantastic. We used these to play a pirate game to carry the water from the trough to fill the barrel ready for the pirates! Everyone was wet but happy!!



CHERRY Class

CHERRY Class have been working on gaining independence by using a kettle to make a hot drink! Some super cups of tea enjoyed by all! And lots of biscuits eaten! They have also enjoyed frog hunting at Forest School and learning some amazing facts about the different stages of a frog's life cycle.



ALDER Class

This week ALDER Class have been exploring our theme Dinosaur, by looking and manipulate different sized/textured dinosaurs and hiding and finding dinosaurs in a range of different media. We have also been exploring different sensory materials that have been wet and dry and making marks to different songs.



RUSSELL HOUSE News

This week the residents of Russell House have enjoyed cricket, swimming, park, Sycamore centre and soft play!



Russell House Star of the day.



Recycling

10P and 11WD are continuing to learn about food waste, composting, and the effect to the planet on food waste going to landfill and recycling.

We have been using the this site: www.recyclenow.com to find out where you can go to recycle food wrappers, packing and more, that can't be put in our green recycle bins. You might like to look at what else you can recycle and where. If we all do our bit, we will be helping save the planet.

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