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Information for Parents



Last Friday saw us hold a leavers party in the grounds of Russell House. Pupils families were invited and we enjoyed a visit from an ice cream van, face painting, circus skills, games and dancing as well as a barbecue. A big thank you to the Friends of Wyre Forest for helping to organise and run the event. It was such a lovely afternoon and the feedback from pupils and families was that it was an overwhelming success and will become a fixture to the school calendar.

We have had four Parents requesting navy blue polo shirts instead of white. We are happy for Parents to have navy blue polo shirts but we are unable to get them from our uniform supplier at the moment - we will work on it. Tesco, Sainsburys etc sell navy blue polo shirts so it might be worth looking there. Please remember you do not have to have the logo uniform and with the cost of living rising, we are well aware that a navy-blue school jumper from a supermarket is much cheaper than our school branded one, and is absolutely fine. The main thing is that they wash and wear well. Remember, many of our children leave school at the end of the day having had a very busy day - often involving sensory play or playing outside so this is crucial.

I am becoming increasingly concerned and fed up of sorting out the online abuse between pupils that has occurred in the evening or at a weekend. We are liaising with the Police to come and provide further information, including the fact that the pupils can be prosecuted for online abuse. We will be running some workshops in the Autumn Term for Parents and their children to show how to put in measures to prevent this awful online abuse and the implications of being a perpetrator. If your child has a mobile phone or access to devices where they are able to access social media, then I would strongly urge you to come to the workshops. Pupils seem to be always one step ahead of the adults where technology and social media is concerned but we need to take control. I am looking forward to learning more about this too.

I am delighted to say that we have once again been awarded the ICan Award at specialist level. A massive thank you to Bev Thorne and her Communication Team for all her hard work, as well as the pupils and Parents that came to talk to the assessor. We are one of a very small number of schools that hold the communication award at specialist level and we now hold it for another three years. Well done everyone, a fabulous achievement.

Do you shop at Tesco?



Tesco are including Wyre Forest School in their token scheme. We are hoping to win in order to get money towards an Inclusive Playground for Children with Special Needs. An Inclusive playground will allow all pupils, regardless of need or disability, access to an outdoor play area where they can access every piece of equipment. The vote will run from the first week of July until 31st September 2022. Please vote for us when you are shopping!

Friends of Wyre Forest School – School Fayre!

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated towards our Summer Fayre this morning. Your generosity is very much appreciated. The Summer Fayre will be taking place on the afternoon of Friday 15th July at Russell House and we can't wait to see you all there. We have lots of fun stalls and games planned, which we're sure our children and young people will enjoy.



Children will be attending with their class teams only between 1.30 and 2.45, and Parents are welcome to attend after 3pm with their children / siblings / Grandparents etc.

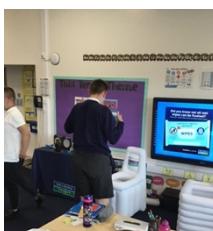
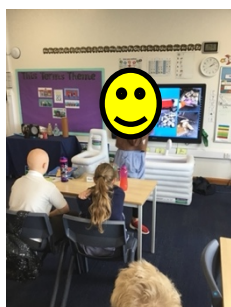
If you are collecting your child at 3pm and taking them to the fayre, and they usually go on transport, please ensure you let your transport operator know, thank you.



Did you know that you can also support our school through AmazonSmile and it won't cost you anything? Simply do your Amazon shopping through the AmazonSmile website (smile.amazon.co.uk) or activate AmazonSmile in your Amazon app and select 'Friends of Wyre Forest School' as your chosen charity. Amazon will then donate 0.5% of eligible purchases. If you would like to get in touch or have any questions, please contact friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com

A visit from Severn Trent!

Severn Trent visited our Post 14 classes this week. Pupils were taught about the water cycle, waste, what shouldn't be flushed, fats and oils, hydration and dehydration, and the water journey. All classes responded very positively and we are hoping for another visit next year.

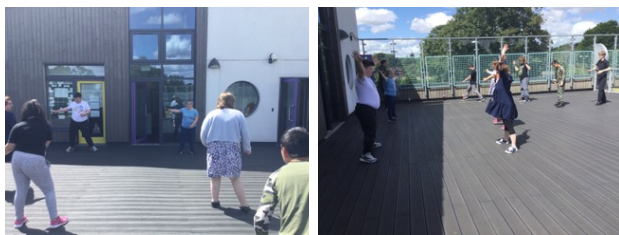


BEECH Class

This week we have had lots of fun turn taking and playing alongside our peers. We also used our pecs and ALDS to choose different coloured water to pour down pipes at forest school.



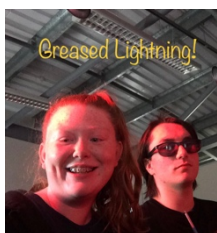
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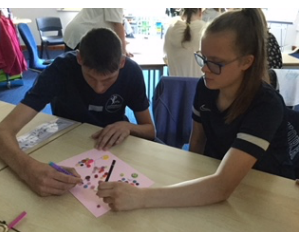
Class 13B had a dance off on the balcony this week. It was so fabulous to see Finlay and Freya take the lead - they stood at the front and demonstrated! Watch out Rosie - your Dance Teacher job is under threat! It was lovely to see the confidence they have now.



Carrie from The Red Cross led an interesting and worthwhile Zoom workshop on First Aid for Sixth Form students. Many students participated, with some great questions, and I think we all went away feeling better informed!"



A small group of sixth form students had the pleasure of visiting Kidderminster College to enjoy a very cool performance of Grease the Musical! Our ears were blasted, but everyone had a fabulous time... and we were delighted to bear witness to the musical and dramatic talents of some of our ex-students!



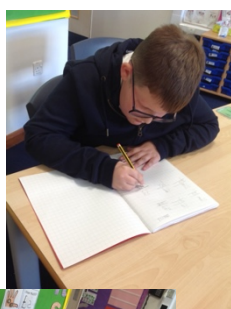
Each Wednesday, 12K have been enjoying a workshop run by Barnardo's, called 'Understanding Yourself'. This week we learnt how the baby's brain develops through stimulation (looking at colours, shapes, listening to sounds, hearing family members talking to them, seeing their mother/fathers face etc) We learnt that the babies' brain can make 1 million connections every second! Here the students are trying to make as many connections as they can in 60 seconds to learn just how incredible that is!



ASH Class

ASH Class have been busy again in maths this week, they have been working on repeat addition, column addition, and addition.

Then in our lesson "The world about us" we have been talking about making a worry box to help us with our worries. The children have talked about what different things they could pop in their box to help them if they are feeling worried.



ELM Class

ELM Class have been continuing this terms pirate fun through a range of fun activities. They have been enjoying dressing as pirates and listening to a selection of pirate stories.



10H

Class 10H spent a morning this week at the Police Station cleaning the cars. We had our snacks in the police canteen, met a police dog and we all behaved very well. We are looking forward to going back to help next week.

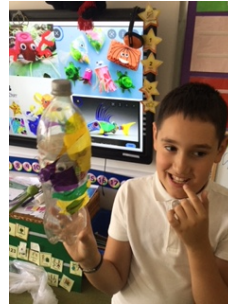
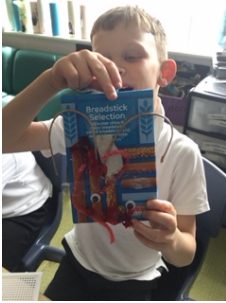


ROWAN Class

ROWAN Class have been learning about how rubbish and litter are spoiling our world, especially our beaches and the sea. We enjoyed listening to "Somebody Swallowed Stanley", which tells the story of Stanley a plastic bag who is dropped into the sea and swallowed by different sea creatures, who think that he is a jellyfish and eat him!

Using rubbish and litter the children planned and made their own sea creatures for our beautiful display. They designed and made them all on their own, after searching images of their favourite sea creatures for ideas. We all think that they look fantastic.

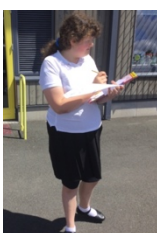
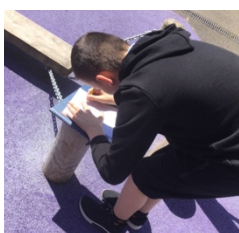
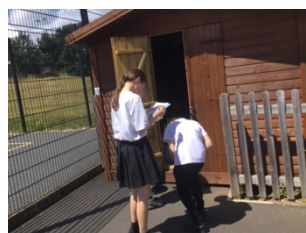
Next week we will be going litter picking, designing our own litter superheroes, making posters and short animations to spread the word about putting litter in the bin and looking after our beautiful world. Well done Rowan.



SPRUCE Class

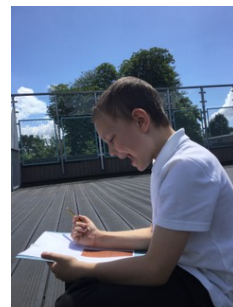
Over this week in SPRUCE class, we have been working on our independent cooking skills. We made roasted rosemary potatoes and use the claw grip to cut our potatoes sensibly and safely. We washed and dried up our equipment when we were finished and most of us loved the potatoes! They even wanted to take the recipes home.

We also spent an afternoon orienteering. We used a map of the school playground to follow and find the images and complete our grid with the answers.



FIR Class

This week FIR Class have been learning all about our local environment, and our school in particular. We investigated the different buildings, vehicles and living things we could see from our bike track, looking at things that are close and things that are far away. We used our binoculars to help us with this job. We followed a map of the school to move to different places and even worked out where we were on the map. We have some future orienteering enthusiasts in Fir class. We also visited the Sixth Form balcony to see what we could see and draw our own maps of the school grounds.



PINE Class

Our story this week was 'The Sunny Day', PINE class have really enjoyed engaging with this book and its props. We made (my favourite) Sunshine pizzas, our very own sun catchers which involved a lot of sequins and glitter and made sun sensory trays for everyone to explore.



RUSSELL HOUSE News

Our residents helped staff paint and decorate our new sensory garden. We planted flowers and herbs with different smells and colours.



This week we also said “Goodbye” to Mac and we wish him all the best for his future at College.

Well done to our stars of the day this week, Caitlyn, Rio, Lincoln, Alex, Jonathan, Chloe, Kyle, you have all been fantastic.



| July 2022 | |
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| 5 th | 1.30pm Pathway 1 Sports Day |
| 6 th | (NEW) Sixth Form Parents Coffee Morning (letters have gone home) Pathway 3 Sports Day with Picnic Lunch Forest Pathway – Sports Day with Picnic Lunch |
| 7 th | Pathway 2 Sports Day |
| 8 th | Early Years Sports Day - Afternoon |
| 11 th | 'New' Reception Parents Meeting 1.30pm (letters are going home) |
| 14 th | Pathway 4 – Sports Day |
| 15 th | Post 14 & Post 16 Sports Day (am) Friends of WFS Summer Fayre (pm) Reports home to Parents |
| 20 th | Pathway 3 – Awards in Classes |
| 21 st | End of Year Awards in Classes (not Pathway 3) LAST DAY OF TERM. – School finishes at 3pm |

More details regarding Sports Days will come home directly from classes.

Please note all of the above dates / times are subject to change.