

Newsletter Friday 30th September 2022

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Information for Parents



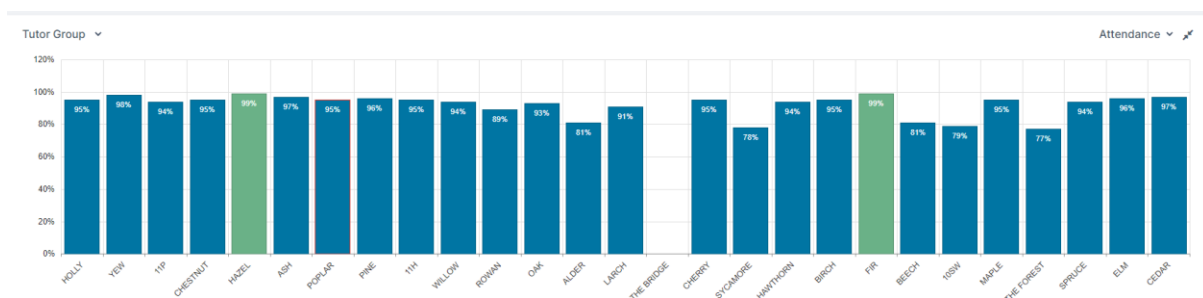
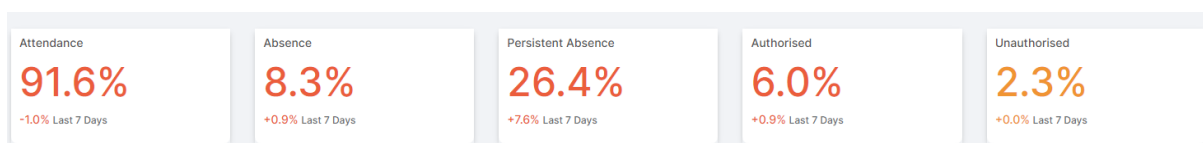
The children have had another super week and have been doing some great learning. As you may have seen in the media, we are currently having a staffing crisis in schools, and although WFS hasn't been hit as badly as other schools, it continues to be a challenge.

If you have an issue or a problem, please ask to talk to a member of staff so we can try and rectify it. We will not tolerate being shouted at or verbally abused face to face or via the telephone. It certainly isn't the way we operate at WFS, nor the way to keep hard working and committed staff.

We really look forward to welcoming you at parents evening on Wednesday 5th October. If you come to the main entrance you will be given a map that will direct you to the correct class. Early Years staff will be in the dining hall, but come to the main entrance and we will direct you. There will also be refreshments, second hand uniform and a raffle so bring your purses!

Just a reminder to parents that we do not have a swimming pool at WFS, we have a hydropool. The hydropool is used by children who require hydrotherapy as part of their EHCP. When appropriate we take classes offsite to the leisure centre for swimming lessons, as they would at a mainstream school.

Our target for attendance is 95% but unfortunately stands at 91.6%. What is concerning is the number of Persistent Absence 26.4% this is where a child attendance is 80% or less.



OAK Class

This week in Oak we have been focusing on our cooperative play skills. We are working hard to share our toys and resources with one another. We have practised this outside on the playground, playing harmoniously and sharing two seater bikes, and also in class too.

We are becoming more aware of one another and beginning to develop some lovely friendships, which makes our grown ups very proud!



11P News

We are so proud of Sam. He took part in a Rubik's Cube competition last week and he thoroughly enjoyed it. He spent his own time practising his skills and ensured that he was ready for three different rounds of the competition. He enjoyed it so much that he is entering another one very soon. Well done Sam- our Rubik Cube whizz!



Pathway 4

Pathway 4 have started their new topic, Moon Zoom which is all about space! We have been reading the book 'The Jamie Drake equation' which we are all really enjoying. We have learnt about various aspects of space such as the order of the planets, people who are famous for their space missions and we have even begun designing our very own moon buggies.



SPRUCE Class

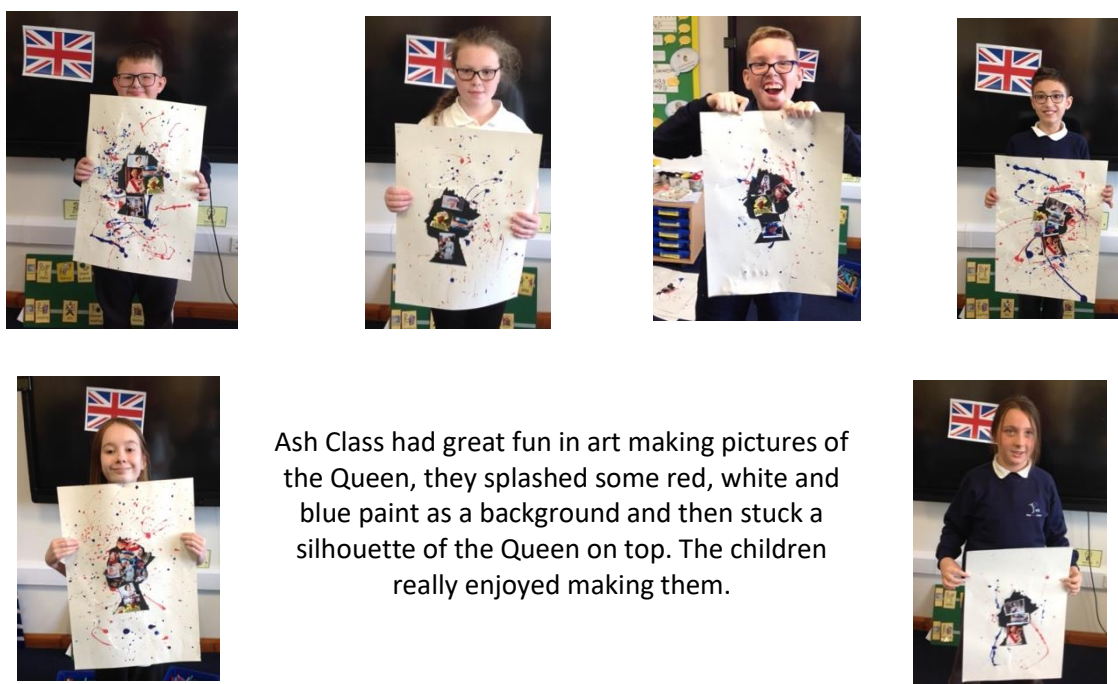
Spruce Class have been eating their lunch in the dinner hall for the first time. They have all worked really hard to listen to what is expected of them and have all coped really well. It has been really lovely to see the pupils socialise with their peers in a different environment to the classroom and the playground. Well done Spruce.

11H



11H have returned to police station for our volunteering scheme. In the nice weather all our students have been working hard, filling buckets, using sponges, brushes and lots of team work to keep the police cars and vans sparkling clean.

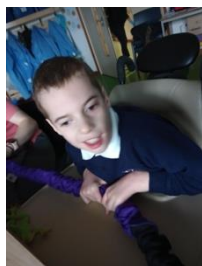
ASH Class



Ash Class had great fun in art making pictures of the Queen, they splashed some red, white and blue paint as a background and then stuck a silhouette of the Queen on top. The children really enjoyed making them.

CEDAR Class

In Cedar class we have been busy with our physio program and using equipment. We have also enjoyed our music session where we tracked sounds and explored holding different percussion instruments.



Horse Riding

We have started riding at Country Treks Equestrian Centre. All the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first session and are looking forward to going back. The staff were fantastic with our pupils and made it such a positive afternoon.



CHERRY Class

We have had another great week in Cherry class. We have focused on instruction sequencing in literacy, shapes in Maths and the four seasons in World About Us! Everyone has worked really hard and made some lovely new friendships.



HAWTHORN Class

We have been thoroughly enjoying our Moon Zoom topic where we have learned about significant people in space exploration. This week we have started to design and make our own moon buggies. We have evaluated them to see what we can do to improve them and how we can make them move!

Here's Callum, Raf, and Willow creating their buggies.



FIR Class

This week fir class have been working hard using their PECS and ALDs with attributes to request. They have also been developing their problem solving skills and their relationships.



ROWAN Class

Rowan Class have been having lots of fun in art lessons this week. We have been learning about different styles of painting that artists use. After taking care to use the right colours for our portraits last week, we have been exploring using different colours and colours that we would not usually use. The pupils loved painting green faces, yellow teeth, blue mouths and multicoloured hair. They used any colours they wanted and the results were fantastic as you can see. In World About Us lessons we have been learning about different food groups, starting with fruit and vegetables. In our next art lesson we will be exploring using different colours to paint fruit and vegetables, again using colours that are different such as blue bananas, purple apples and black oranges!



FRIENDS OF WYRE FOREST SCHOOL

We're really looking forward to seeing everyone at Parents' Evening next week. We'll be in the foyer raffling a hamper, selling good quality second hand uniform and helping with refreshments.

If you'd like to know more about the Friends of Wyre Forest School, please come and have a chat with us. We have lots of exciting fundraising plans for the year and are always looking for new volunteers.

Please feel free to get in touch with us anytime via friendsofwyreforestschoo@gmail.com



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Our Next Group Dates Are:

Dates: Tuesday 27th September — Tuesday 31st January 2023

Time: 12:30pm — 2:30pm

Venue: Half Crown Wood Family Hub

For more information, or to book a place please call –
 Brookside family Hub – 01562 827207
 Half Crown Wood Family Hub – 01299 877920

LARCH Class

Larch class have been having lots of fun learning all about the Stone Age. We have had so much fun creating our very own Stone Age dances where we move like hunters, mammoths and deer and combine the movements with spins and waves to make our dances beautiful. This week we worked on adding and start and end position to make our dance look very professional. We listened to different pieces of music and chose the one that made us think of how life would be so long ago. Finding about where people lived, and made clothes and food in the Stone Age has been so interesting. We are very grateful that we can pop to the shops when we need something.



| OCTOBER 2022 | |
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| 5 | Parents Evening (3.10pm – 6.10pm) |
| 14 | Early Years Stay and Play – 1.30pm – Apologies, CANCELLED |
| 20 | Post 14 Coffee Morning – 9.30 |
| 23-28 | HALF TERM |

RUSSELL HOUSE

This week we have been doing some autumnal Arts and crafts, been swimming, shopping, cricket, and went to the park.



I am pleased to share information regarding Queen Alexandra College's upcoming open day events that may be of benefit to some of your learners who are exploring post 16/19 options.

QAC open days provide potential students, families and carers with the opportunity to meet our staff and students, plus discover more about QAC including our 16-25 curriculum, student support services, residential and supported living provision.

We would be grateful if you could please share the attached flyer with your students and their parents/carers.

Please note visitors will need to book a place by calling 0121 803 5484.

In addition to our open day events, we also welcome school group visits. These visits can be personalised to suit the abilities and needs of your learner groups. They provide students with the opportunity to explore our campus and get a feel for the QAC environment. If you would like to book a school group visit, please do get in touch by emailing: lreid@qac.ac.uk or call **0121 803 5484**.

