

Newsletter Friday 18th November 2022

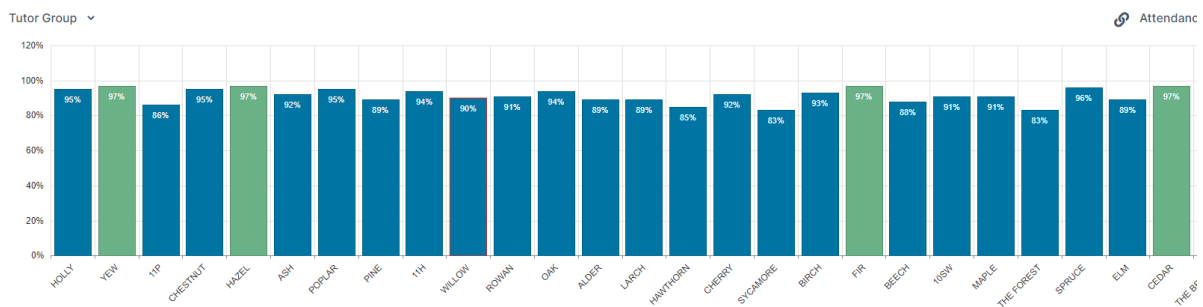
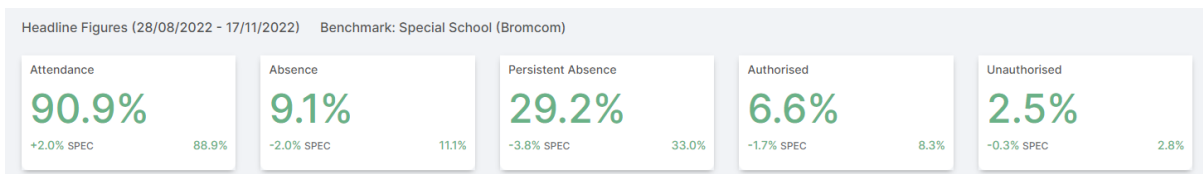
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Information for Parents



A massive thank you for those families who have tried really hard with attendance – our persistent absenteeism has now improved and we are now slightly above the national average for special schools. When Ofsted visit schools, including special schools, they will judge us on our attendance figures – particularly after COVID and that we are following DfE procedures. Our figures now are looking really good – THANK YOU.



On Tuesday night I was fortunate to get a glimpse of the Peace Bee at Kidderminster Police Station. We walked over with Russell House and was amazed at the sculpture. All the weapons had been seized from Manchester.



I was so proud of some of the children in Holly class last week when we took Molly the dog for our walk and talk session in Wyre Forest School. Children show great resilience and determination to overcome their fear of travelling on a bus and being around other dogs, not just Molly. WELL DONE everyone, I am so proud of you.

I am sorry that we have had to close Chestnut this week (it won't affect the attendance). Three key members of the staff team were unfortunately off work and due to the needs of this class we were unable to cover with agency staff.

Remember next week (23.11.22) is school photo day.

OAK Class

This week Oak Class have been celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week which we launched by dressing up as our favourite Nursery Rhyme Characters. We have been singing and exploring a range of rhymes, rehearsing the words and actions to Old Mac Donald, Incy Wincey Spider, Wheels on the Bus, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and Five Currant Buns. We also searched for Incy Wincey Spider out at Forest School, when our very wet session allowed us to have great fun splashing in muddy puddles!



ROWAN Class

Rowan Class started the week by leading the Pathway Assembly and what a fantastic job they did. In the assembly, which focused on Children in Need in preparation for Fridays event, Rowan Class confidently told everyone about some of the fun activities that we will be doing, as well explaining some of the reasons why we take part, to raise money to help other children. We finished by leading everyone in a seated Zumba dance in preparation for Friday, when we will all take part in a National Children In Need Zumba-thon. It was very exciting and the children did a fantastic job.

We also enjoyed a session in the outdoor learning area, despite the rain! Using drumsticks, everyone explored ways of making long and short sounds in the natural environment, with some of the children being very creative, as well as very noisy!

Well done Rowan Class another great week.



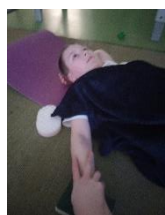
11H News

11H participated in a charity event on Wednesday afternoon. We aimed to complete 1500 laps of the playground. And the results are in... we didn't manage to reach 1500 but we managed to walk a whopping 987 laps of the playground in animal fancy dress!!!

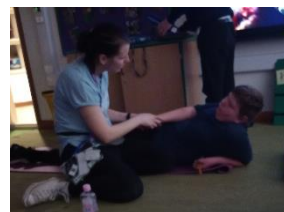
I couldn't be more proud of the class. It was only the end of the school day that stopped us from completing more. Thank you for any sponsorship money given. We will be purchasing animal homes for around our school such as hedgehog, bat, and bird homes!



FIR Class



Fir class have enjoyed some relaxation sessions, exploring in textures and using pecs and ALDs to communicate about colours.



10SW

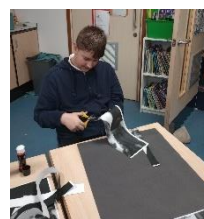
"As part of their John Muir Award, 10SW have been getting into nature! We had our first visit to the Wyre Forest on Monday, where we identified and measured the circumferences of trees, to find out their age. We are planning on future visits to look at animal habitats, as part of our work on native and non-native UK species. We are hoping the weather will remain amenable over the coming weeks, so we can continue on our quest of communing with the forest!"



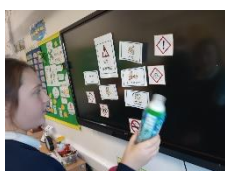
ASH Class



Ash class have been really busy again this week, In Art we have still been looking at “Photo montage”. The children enjoyed cutting up a photo of themselves and then rearranging back together.



In “mental and well-being” we have continued to talk about different risks, and this week we have looked at different symbols on items that could let us know if items are dangerous or not.



In “ The world about us” the children have enjoyed talking about the different seasons, and doing different activities relating to each season.

PINE Class



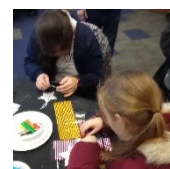
On Remembrance Day we acknowledged the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country. In Pine class we made this appropriate for our learners in a variety of ways including using red playdough. We watched a video and made our own sensory story. Children were amazing at making their very own collage and fingerpaint poppy's. We also made our very own Poppy biscuits which the children really enjoyed making.



11H News



On Tuesday, 11H went to the life beyond school event at Worcester rugby club. We met lots of people from colleges, careers, apprenticeships, and other provisions. We asked lots of questions and found out lots of information.



Russell House News

In aid of Children in Need we all took part in a dance competition 3rd Lily 2nd Olivia 1st Rio, who danced for 35 minutes This week we have also visited youth club been swimming, had a pamper evening and went to cricket.



Curriculum

As you are aware over the last year, we have been implementing and developing a new approach to the curriculum, matching needs within pathways, rather than a more mainstream primary/secondary model. To support understanding with this, we have created the **WFS Curriculum & Progression Handbook**. This explains our approach and reasoning behind the curriculum and assessment model that we follow. We have attached the handbook for you to read and we will be offering parent workshops in the spring term to develop further understanding. As our pupils' needs continue to develop we will continue to develop our curriculum offer.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact you're your pathway leader or Jo Kehoe (Deputy Headteacher – Teaching, Learning & Curriculum via office@wfs.worcs.sch.uk)



This week we have received a very kind donation from our local Kidderminster Tesco. As part of their community grant scheme, the shoppers have donated their blue tokens and raised £1000 for Wyre Forest School!

The money has been allocated to Elm and Yew Class, to develop our outdoor area. On Thursday, a representative from Tesco came into class to present both classes with the cheque. Here are some of the pupils that were here to receive it.



We are very grateful and would like to thank Tesco for their generosity and making a difference in the community. Keep a look out for our before and after photos!



🔔 🔔 ANNOUNCEMENT 🔔 🔔

We have been working really hard to find somewhere suitable for the SEN exclusive area at the Kidderminster Town Hall's Christmas Light Switch On and....

Rowland Hill Shopping Centre have kindly donated the use of their units for the event! 🙏

We would like to announce that we will be in the old BODYCARE Unit from 2pm-5:30pm For the SEN families that can't make the event, don't worry! We will LIVE STREAMING this through our Facebook page as well as in the shop so this will truly be an all inclusive event! 🎄 ❤️

www.facebook.com/senstationevents

We will also have some things available such as lights, sweet cones and some of our other products available on the day to purchase.



FLU Vaccinations

Flu Vaccinations forms have been emailed home to **ALL** children in Years **Reception to Year 14**. Any students 18 or over do not qualify for the nasal spray however so they will have to have the flu injection. If 18 or over, Parents will need to decline the nasal option which will then bring up the injection consent for them to complete.

Please complete the consent form for your child, ***even if you do not give consent.***

Vaccinations will be held in school on **Thursday 8th December 2022.**

If any parents do have issues with the E-consent link, please contact the Vaccination UK Worcestershire office on 01527 390030.

Please ensure you have sent your e-consent response by Friday 25th November, thank you.

Autism Sensory Pack

Please see the link below to apply for an Autism Sensory Pack, conditions apply.

https://www.caudwellchildren.com/autism-sensory-packs/?fbclid=IwAR1so8f_KnrgIHZT2gzwkRGeinFHA5R2-xOvQaJXU6MZH-3bftFP5inXWDo



Friends of Wyre Forest School



A huge thank you to everyone who kindly donated to our Christmas Fair this morning, your generosity is very much appreciated.

We're really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December between 11:30am and 2:30pm. Father Christmas will be there and we have lots of fun stalls and activities planned for all the family.

From hot turkey baps and biscuit decorating to tombolas, raffles and even glitter tattoos. We also have a huge selection of Christmas cards, decorations and gift wrap to choose from and don't forget to pick up some Christmas Eve essentials while you're there, such as reindeer food and hot chocolate cones with marshmallows.

If you'd like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch via friendsofwyreforestschool@gmail.com.

Finally, for those students who took part, please remember to order your Christmas Card Designs by Friday 25th November.

School Photo Day is Wednesday 23rd November 2022

Tempest Photographers will email all Parents a link after Wednesday 23rd November to purchase photos – please ensure we have your correct email addresses, thank you.



NOVEMBER 2022	
18	Children in Need
21	OAK & PINE Hearing Screen in School
23	School Photo Day
26	Friends of WFS Christmas Fayre – POSTPONED to 3rd December

DECEMBER 2022	
3	*** Friends of WFS Christmas Fayre ***
5	Christmas Gift Wrap for students with Friends of WFS
6	Reception Christmas Trip – Apologies - Cancelled
7	Pathway 3 – Christmas Craft Workshop – 1.30pm
8	Nasal Flu – Years R-11 – details in newsletter
9	9.30am EYFS Nativity
12	2pm – EYFS Nativity
13	Pathway 2 – Carols & Christmas Craft – 1.30pm
14	Pathway 4 – Christmas Quiz – 1.30pm
15	Christmas Dinner for pupils
15	Pathway 1 Christmas Stay & Play – 1.30pm
16	Last Day of Term

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

Please can we remind all Parents & Carers to keep the school office updated with any change of details, i.e, telephone numbers, addresses, list of contacts. Thank you