

Newsletter Friday 27th January 2023

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Information for Parents



The light mornings and evenings are making us all feel better, and we have had another busy week at Wyre Forest School.

As you may have heard in the media the NEU have planned strike action on 1st February, March 1st and 15th & 16th March. We currently have three classes that are affected by strike action and parents of the children in these classes have already been notified and informed. Attached to the newsletter is a leaflet for parents explaining the strike action from the NEU.

On a Monday and Wednesday after school, staff are in training and class meetings to continue to ensure we are developing quality teaching and learning. You will therefore not be put through to class at these times if you telephone, but staff will be emailed that you have called with the message.

Next week we will be holding a tour of our school for prospective reception children for September 2023. WCF carry out our admissions, but if you know of anyone interested in a reception place for September 2023 and requiring special education, please contact the school office to book a place on the tour. Wednesday 1st February 9.30am.

Week beginning 6th February is Children's Mental Health Week and Tuesday 7th is Safer Internet Day. Please can all parents ensure they are checking their children's mobile devices as we have had yet another incident of inappropriate usage. If you are unsure how to put different locks and security measures in place on mobile devices, please let school know and we will help.

Wednesday 15th February is an important date for your diaries - it is not only parents evening but also our Life Beyond School Event where we welcome almost 20 providers who will have stalls to share what is out there after life at WFS. It's never too early to have a look.

Another date for your diary and one I always look forward to is World Book Day. Watch this space for more information soon.

When we advertised previously for casual TA's in the newsletter, we had an amazing response, and the successful people are now checked and working in school. If you would like more information on becoming a casual Teaching Assistant or know of someone who would, please contact Tracey Birch TBirch@wfs.worcs.sch.uk for more information.

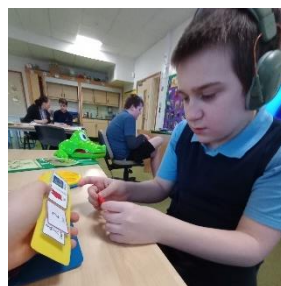
POPLAR Class

This week we have been continuing our topic 'A Bug's Life' by learning about the features and habitats of various insects. We made some super collages of ladybirds to display in the classroom, trying really hard to choose appropriate materials for the different parts of the insect. Then we made a habitat for our chosen mini beast using a shoebox, having researched where our animal might live on our iPads.



FIR Class

This week we have been looking at physical development and problem-solving situations.

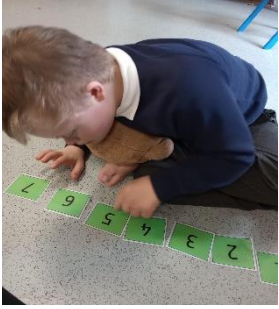


CHERRY Class

This week in Cherry Class, we have continued our focus on jungle animals and labelled some of their features! We have sorted books and sentences into fiction and non-fiction in literacy and we made some fantastic marble prints in Art, ready to be cut into snakes! We also made some delicious fresh lemonade in our independence session!



WILLOW Class



Another fun and busy week in Willow class! We have continued to work on our jungle topic and enjoyed using binoculars around class to find different animals hiding around the room! We have worked hard on our number skills in maths and have confidently been ordering numbers, adding more and some of us have been working out tens and units too! Great progress has been made by some pupils following key word instructions in communication, super listening! And we have all enjoyed a boogie in creative where we have been listening to jungle themed music to create our own dances.



ASH Class



Ash class have had a really good week again, in "Maths" they have continued to work with "tens" and "ones". They were given different numbers and then had to work out what the number would be if it was "one less" "one more" or "ten less" or "ten more". They all really enjoyed it and worked extremely hard.



In Art we have continued to work on different printing techniques, this week the children filled trays with shaving foam and added different coloured paint. They then pressed a piece of paper on the top and ended up with some beautiful, patterned paper.





In Literacy they have been talking about the difference between “non-Fiction” and “Fiction” books, we have shared the story “Monkey Puzzle” with them. They have worked really hard describing the different character to their friends.



PINE Class



Pizza making and muddy puddles, what could be better!! Pine class have shown amazing skills when making muffin pizzas, the children thoroughly enjoyed making them and eating them!! Yummy!

Our story this week has been very popular Peppa's Big Muddy Puddles.

Due to the weather being so cold we had to make our own mud puddles, it was very messy but great fun! We even made wellie prints with our mud.



11P News

This week, 11P enjoyed a visit to Severn Valley Country Park. As part of our John Muir Award, we have been learning about different British birds and we used the bird hides in the Park to view them. Despite it being Winter, we saw bluetits, great tits and robins. We used our iPads to photograph them as part of our work. We had a brilliant time and we cannot wait to go back.



Russell House News

This week we celebrated Chinese New Year, we made a chicken curry with spring rolls and samosas. We visited the supermarket where the students chose Chinese desserts, they were a big hit. We also enjoyed going to youth club, cricket, swimming, shopping, and getting messy during sensory play.



Vaccinations for Year 9's – DTP/MEN ACWY

On Monday 30th January we will be emailing out the electronic link to all Parents of Year 9 pupils ONLY regarding the DTP/MEN and ACWY Vaccinations in school. Vaccinations will be on Wednesday 1st March, please respond before Friday 17th February 2023 and please fill in the electronic form, **even if you do not give consent**, thank you.

If you have any queries, please call the Vaccination team on 01527 390030

Life Beyond School Event

Wednesday 15th February 2023

This event is accessible to parents from 3.30 – 5.00pm.

There will be local colleges, social care provisions and advocacy charities as well as the YAT team, WCC Transport, SENDIASS and more!



JANUARY 2023

27	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception
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FEBRUARY 2023

3	Early Years Family Support Group 1.30pm at Russell House for Parents of children in ACORNS Nursery & Reception
7	Safer Internet Day
10	EYFS – Stay & Play – 1.30pm Reception Class 'Valentines' Stay & Play from 1.30pm
15	Parents Evening 3.10 – 6.10 Life Beyond School Event
16	Pathway 3 – Holi Celebration at 1.30pm
20 - 24	HALF 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